



Elite Performance Academy

Program Overview

Curriculum

Students in all grade levels receive rigorous instruction from highly qualified content area teachers in four core areas: Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. In addition, students receive a 30 minute exploratory elective which rotates quarterly. In first quarter, students are scheduled to take the *Drawing and Pastels* elective.

Advanced Curriculum

Elite Performance Academy will be using the Galileo Online Instructional Assessment System to provide teachers with student data. This information will be used to assist with placing and instructing students in the appropriate level of classes throughout the year. Our students will have the opportunity to receive advanced curriculum or placed in above grade level classes.

Blended learning options are also available for students who demonstrate a need for higher level instruction beyond 8th Grade Honors

classes. Students are able to take online classes through Chandler Online Academy while enrolled at Elite Performance Academy.

Electives

In Grades 7 and 8, students are required to take one online elective class. Below, is a sample list of available electives through Chandler Online Academy. You may also go to the COA webpage to view a complete list of elective offerings:

- Art in World Cultures
- Astronomy
- Computing for College and Careers
- Creative Writing
- Criminology
- Digital Photography I, II
- Music Appreciation
- Spanish I, II, III
- Sports and Entertainment Marketing

Homework

Our faculty works together to make sure each grade level is assigned an appropriate amount of homework that is relevant to the content they are learning in class. We believe the rigor of learning takes place in the engaging instruction students receive in the classroom. The district guideline for assigning homework is as follows:

Grades 3 and 4..... 20-30 minutes
Grades 5 and 6..... 30-50 minutes
Grades 7 and 8..... 50+ minutes

Homework will not be assigned more than four times a week, over weekends, or before a holiday.

Student Absences

We understand that our talented students have unique opportunities to compete at competitions and events throughout the school year. When students are absent from class, teachers will make the content, materials, and assignments available to students to complete and turn in through our online assignment submission system. In addition, all students will have access to digital materials and resources which will be utilized

during this time. It is our top priority that all students continue to progress in all of their classes by being kept up to date with the content and material taught in class.

Tutoring

EPA's Faculty is committed to student success. Each teacher will have specific days when students are able to come in for additional help and support. Please check the *Tutoring* tab on our webpage for the tutoring schedule.

Transportation

At the end of the academic school day at 12:30 p.m., students start their lunch time and also begin to depart to local area practice facilities where they are enrolled. EPA will also have supervision for students who need to remain on campus on non-practice days until 3:15 p.m. without a fee. Parents can also choose to pick their student up from campus after the last class of the day at 12:30 p.m.