



7th Grade Elective Descriptions 2026-2027

Journalism

In this course, students will step into the world of journalism and graphic design as they prepare and publish the Bullpup Bulletin, our middle school newsletter. Students will write articles and gather photos and graphics to include in the newsletter, using Canva to help produce a visually appealing product. Each nine weeks students will visit the Ruston Daily Leader to meet the editors, journalists, and graphic designers. This class is a great opportunity for students to get creative and have fun while writing the Bullpup Bulletin for their peers to enjoy.

The Study Of US History

Students will explore and dig deeper into the United States history and its documents. While using a variety of sources, students will dissect history documents and important events that occurred concurrently. This course will involve students analyzing documents, political cartoons, letters, and other primary sources through project based learning and group discussions. Students will also take a field trip to the North Louisiana Military Museum and the Chennault Military Museum in Monroe, Louisiana, to observe artifacts from the Civil War to the present day.

****This class will require a field trip fee****

8th Grade Play Set Design

7th grade students will step into the role of a set designer. This class will aid the 8th grade play by creating and/or designing props. They will explore color, texture, and space through their artistic design. No prior experience needed- just a love for art and theatre.

Intermediate Art

The 7th grade students will develop an understanding of how to incorporate the elements and principles of design into their artwork. They will also be taught more advanced skills using color theory, mixing colors, along with shading and highlighting. More advanced drawing skills will be developed through drawing with direction and direct observation, such as a still life. This class will also encourage creativity and personal expression while focusing on basic skills and techniques. The end of the year will consist of an art show to display their work.

Bullpup Broadcast

This high level course is designed to give students hands-on experience with producing a school news show for broadcast on a bi-weekly basis. Students are responsible for visual and technical aspects of news broadcasting and journalism. As well as reporting on news, entertainment, campus news, sports, weather and school interviews featuring the personalities of our AEP Bullpups. Welcome to the new AEP Bullpup Channel!

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Yearbook

Yearbook elective is a class where students help build the AEP yearbook. Students must be driven and willing to help with the inclusion of all classes in the yearbook. As the yearbook is built, everyone will learn how to use templates and insert and edit photos.

Mathcounts

Some students love math. Others fear math. Mathcounts is a place for both. A fun and challenging middle school math program that is used by schools across the US. Mathcounts builds math skills, promotes logical thinking, and sharpens students' analytical abilities. Students will have the opportunity to compete in several math competitions during the year and learn from LA Tech Math professors.

Statistics

Statistics are the sets of mathematical equations that we use to analyze things. Stats keep us informed about what is happening in the world around us. In this course you will take an in depth look at 7th grade statistics which are required by the Louisiana Department of Education. Topics include an in depth look at measures of central tendency, probability and random sampling.

Next Level 7th Pre-Algebra

In Next Level Pre-Algebra, students master computation and problem solving with rational numbers, i.e., fractions, decimals, and percents, as part of the process of algebra readiness—preparing for 7th Grade Math. This creates a solid mathematical foundation for future subjects such as 8th Grade math, Algebra I and Geometry.

Financial Literacy

This course equips students with essential money management skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. Students will explore topics such as budgeting, saving, spending, credit, debt, and goal setting. Through engaging activities and real-world applications, they will learn how to make informed financial decisions, develop healthy money habits, and plan for their future. The course encourages personal responsibility, wise stewardship, and practical financial confidence.

Geometry

This course is designed to take an in depth look at scale drawings, drawing geometrical shapes, area and circumference of circles. Students will be able to also better understand basic aspects of angles using rulers and protractor, physical models, transparencies, and/or geometry software.

Bullpup Book Club

A middle school book club is a magnificent way for students to explore different genres, share reading experiences, connect with other readers, and motivate an even larger love of literature. Our time together will be fun and engaging as we dive deep into various authors' works. Benefits of this class include the following: improved reading comprehension, expanded vocabulary, increased reading motivation, stronger communication skills, broader perspectives, and community building.

Music Theory & Songwriting

In this course, students will be working on building their music theory knowledge. We will learn how to read music, what basic chord structures look and sound like, as well as song writing fundamentals. At the end of the 9 weeks, students will have written their own song and will be able to understand how the song writing process works and the theory behind it. This course is for 7th and 8th grade students.