



8th Grade Elective Descriptions 2026-2027

Theatre: Fine Arts

This class will help students to develop awareness and understanding of the arts in an historical context and their effects on society in their power to move us. It will also give the students the ability to acknowledge and distinguish a full awareness of the world of arts. This course will allow students to appreciate art through aesthetic perspective, creative expression, art heritage, and critical analysis.

Theatre: Public Speaking/Communication

Students will compose their thoughts into a presentation for fellow classmates to enjoy and learn from. Body language, tone, organization, preparation, evidence, eye contact and delivery are all aspects we strive to perfect as we speak to our classmates. Topics include demonstration speeches, informative speeches, creative thinking topics, and persuasive as well. Students will end the course with a more enhanced ability in the art of conversation and public speaking.

Theatre: 8th grade Jr. Broadway Play (Starring Roles ONLY)

In a matter of about 8 weeks, the 8th grade class at AEP successfully puts on a full Broadway Jr. performance at the Dixie Theatre. This is an amazing opportunity for students to learn teamwork, stage presence and build confidence. Students that obtained a starring role will use this time to practice in a small group setting before being thrust into the 4th Nine Weeks of the 8th Grade play

Theatre: Advanced Art

This class encourages personal expression, while developing creativity through exploring different art materials, methods, and techniques. The students will use a variety of media through drawing, painting, printmaking, and perspective drawing. Students will learn principles of color theory, 3D art form, and art history. This class will also focus on composition and critical thinking skills. The end of the year will consist of an art show for students to display their work.

Theatre: Music Theory and 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.

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Theatre: 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! This course is for 7th and 8th grade students.