



HUNTER JUNIOR HIGH
2024-2025 SELECTION MATERIAL
8TH GRADE EDITION

Time to Start Thinking of Your Future!

Class Selection Information

Class selection is an important step in your secondary education experience. Your 8th grade experiences will help you prepare for the work you will do in high school. These classes will help you learn skills for future success in the classroom, in the workplace, and for life in general. If you have not done so already, now is the time to start taking your education seriously and for making the most of it!

You will have seven (7) classes. Four full-year core classes, Physical Education or Dance, and College and Career Awareness are required. You will need to choose a combination of semester elective classes and full-year elective classes to fill out your entire schedule.

Required Full Year Classes

United States History: The course concentrates on the 18th and 19th centuries. Topics include exploration, colonization, Revolutionary War, development of the U.S. Constitution and its importance today, building of the nation, Civil War, Reconstruction, and westward movement. **Honors United States History** is a more rigorous class that requires students to be able to read at grade level and complete homework.

Science: 8th Grade Science is focused on matter and energy in the physical world. Students will use the scientific method and engineering design process to develop models, plan and conduct investigations, and create solutions as they delve into the interactions between matter and energy. **Honors Science** is a more rigorous class. Students at Hunter Jr. have the option to do a STEM Fair project through an after-school program.

English: 8th grade English classes will follow the Utah Common Core for Language Arts. Students will improve their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Informational and literary texts will be used for reading. Students will write narrative, expository, and argumentative texts. As part of the writing experience, students will begin to use proper citation sources. Critical thinking and public speaking will also be emphasized. English as a Second Language (ESL) and English Language Development (ELD) focus on English acquisition. **Honors English** is a much more rigorous class.

Mathematics: In Math 8, students extend their understanding from 7th grade to include representing, analyzing, and solving linear equations, including systems of linear equations. It introduces the concept of a function as a rule, exploring lines of “best fit” and continues two and three-dimensional geometry concepts. **Honors Mathematics 8** will cover the same concepts but will go into more depth and be more rigorous.

College and Career Awareness: This course offers exploration and preparation in college and career pathways focusing on jobs that are high skill and high demand, as well as satisfying and financially rewarding. It is designed to help students identify their interests, abilities, and skills. Students will begin to make college and career goals for the future. This class is designed to acquaint students with the Utah labor market and the employment opportunities for which they can prepare by defining a College and Career Ready Plan. **Class fee \$15**

Reading

Reading classes will be determined by test scores.

Reading Skills (semester class): This class is required for students who read 2 grade levels below their current grade level.

Reading Fundamentals (full-year class): This class is required for students who read 2 or more grade levels below their grade level.

Required PE or Dance Semester (1/2 Year) Class (Choose from one of the following):

Physical Education: P.E. students participate in a variety of physical activities including, but not limited to, running and fitness activities, games, modified games, and full or partial sport activities. Students practice skills individually in small and large groups. This class focuses on accountability, sportsmanship and offers experiences that are increasingly complex in concept, context, and skill development. Activity and attendance are key to success for each student. **Class fee \$10**

Weight Training: This course is designed to give students the opportunity to learn weight training concepts and techniques used to improve physical fitness. Students will benefit from comprehensive weight training and cardiorespiratory endurance activities that will help them progress towards earning the Presidential Fitness Award. **Class fee \$10**

Beginning Dance 1: This is a beginning level dance course which builds dance knowledge and skill in technique, improvisation, dance theory, and performance. Students are encouraged to participate in an evening dance concert. *No prerequisite course is required.* **Class fee \$15**

Beginning Dance 2: This is a beginning level dance course which continues to build on the dance knowledge and skills learned in Beginning Dance 1. Students will learn to identify and apply the dance elements of time and energy while deepening their technical proficiency. Students are encouraged to participate in an evening dance concert. *The prerequisite for this course is Beginning Dance 1 or by audition.* **Class fee \$15**

Intermediate Dance 1: This is an intermediate level dance course which builds dance knowledge and technique while focusing on various genres of dance. Students will gain a foundation in choreography by applying the knowledge gained from the beginning level courses to dance creation. Participation in an evening dance concert is highly recommended. *The prerequisite for this course is Beginning Dance 2 or by audition.* **Class Fee \$15**

Intermediate Dance 2: This is an intermediate level dance course which builds upon the dance knowledge gained in Intermediate Dance 1. Students will choreograph, teach, and learn from other students in order to prepare for performance in an evening dance concert. Participation in the evening dance concert is required. *The prerequisite for this course is Intermediate Dance 1.* **Class fee \$15**

Social/Ballroom Dance: This class offers students an introduction to various dance genres that are historically danced with a partner/group (e.g., Swing, Waltz, Cha-Cha, etc.). We will study dance from many perspectives; social, ethnic, historical, as entertainment and as performance art. Students will participate, practice, and develop specific movement skills as a foundation for dance as a creative and performing art. This is a movement participation and performance class. Students are encouraged to participate in an evening dance concert. *No prerequisite course is required.* **Class fee \$15**

***Dance Placement Auditions for the 2024-2025 school year will be held in the afternoon on March 5-6 from 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm at Hunter Jr. Those wishing to be placed above Beginning Dance 1 should participate.**

Full Year Elective Courses

Spanish 1: This is an introduction to both the Spanish language and to the many cultures of Spanish speaking countries. Students focus primarily on writing, reading, listening, and speaking activities that have been proven to help language learners learn a second language at an accelerated rate. **Spanish 1 will carry onto your high school transcript.**

Spanish 2: This class is a continuation of in-depth language acquisition. Students continue to build language skills through reading, writing, speaking, and listening exercises. Students are encouraged to use the language in the community. Students use internet resources to further their understanding and will explore careers for those who have bilingual skills. **Spanish 2 will carry onto your high school transcript.**

Spanish for Native Speakers 1: This is a Spanish class taught exclusively in Spanish to those already comfortable in the Spanish language. Students will learn to speak and write clear, organized paragraphs, with connectors, in all time frames; compare & contrast, support an opinion and persuade; and use extensive vocabulary to communicate ideas on a wide range of topics. **Spanish for Native Speakers will carry onto your high school transcript.**

Spanish for Native Speakers 2: This class is a continuation of Spanish for Native Speakers 1, in which students are taught exclusively in the Spanish language. Students will learn to speak, read, and write using advanced grammar and vocabulary by discussing topics such as heritage, society and rights, and sports and recreation. This class will prepare students to take AP Spanish in high school. **Spanish for Native Speakers 2 will carry onto your high school transcript.**

Beginning Band (trumpet/trombone/euphonium/tuba/French horn/flute/clarinet/saxophone & percussion): This class is for beginning brass, woodwinds, and percussion students. **Class fee \$25**

Concert Band: This class is for band students who have played for longer than one year. Students perform at concerts, assemblies, and festivals. **Class fee \$25**

Beginning Orchestra: (violin/viola/cello/string bass): This class is for students who have little or no experience on the violin, viola, cello, or string bass and would like to learn these instruments. **Class fee \$25**

Concert Orchestra: This class is for orchestra students who have played for longer than one year. Students perform at concerts, assemblies, and festivals. **Class fee \$25**

Concert Choir: Concert Choir is for advanced and intermediate choir students and focuses on singing beautiful tones with and without accompaniment. Students perform at concerts, assemblies, and festivals. **Class Fee \$25**

Semester Elective Courses

Creative Coding: This course is an introduction to programming for a diverse range of students who may never have considered programming. Students learn how to code by working in a real software development environment to design, program and publish mobile apps and games. Learning to code by creating real products, students discover how to make amazing things and have an impact on their world. **Class fee \$15**

Mixed Chorus/Choir: Do you want to learn how to sing? This class is for beginning choir students and focuses on voice and breath techniques to produce a beautiful vocal tone. Students will sing at concerts and school assemblies. **Class fee \$15**

Piano: This course is designed to explore music through the piano. You will learn to read music and play basic songs. This class is geared for the beginning piano student. **Class fee \$15**

Guitar: You will learn how to read music as well as tablature and learn the strings on a guitar. You will learn to play simple songs on the guitar, along with basic chords. This class is geared for the beginning guitar student. **Class fee \$25**

Art 1: This course is a pre-requisite for all other art classes. It is designed to provide an overview of Visual Arts while studying a broad variety of art tools and materials such as drawing, painting, and printmaking. With an emphasis on studio production, this course is designed to develop higher-level thinking, art-related technology skills, art criticism, art history, and aesthetics. **Class fee \$20**

Art 2: This class expands the concepts learned in Art 1. With a focus on drawing, painting, and design using a broad variety of art tools and materials. With an emphasis in studio production, this course is designed to develop higher-level thinking, art-related technology skills, art criticism, art history, and aesthetic.

Pre-requisite: Art Foundations 1. Class fee \$20

3-D Design: This class provides an overview and introduction to fine crafts, their media, and the cultures they represent. With an emphasis in studio production, this course is designed to develop higher-level thinking, art-related technology skills, art criticism, art history, and aesthetic. Structural concepts are emphasized while students work with a variety of materials and processes including clay, papier-mâché, and sculpture. **Pre-requisite: Art Foundations 1 or 2. Class fee \$30**

Ceramics/Pottery: Introduction to working with clay, ceramics and pottery making. Explore hand-building techniques like; pinch pots, coil and slab building as well as basic wheel-throwing pottery.

Pre-requisite: Art Foundations 1 or 2. Class fee \$30

Beginning Theater: This beginning level class for students wanting to develop or improve their performance skills. Students will gain experience and self-confidence by speaking and acting in front of their classmates and receive feedback on their performance. Students will see improvement in their class presentations, speeches and performances while gaining a better appreciation for theater as an art form.

Class fee: \$10

Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Model A: Interior Design, Sewing, Textiles and Free

Enterprise: This class provides students the opportunity to learn essential life skills. During this class, students will learn basic skills in interior design, sewing, textiles, consumerism, free-enterprise, and job-related tasks. **Class fee: \$30**

Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Model B: Childcare, Food and Nutrition, Interpersonal Relationships, and Free-Enterprise: This class provides students an opportunity to learn essential life skills. It allows the students to develop skills in childcare, food and nutrition, family relationships, personal responsibility, consumerism, free-enterprise, and job-related tasks. Be prepared to eat what you make!

Class fee: \$30

Robotics: This class is an introductory course focused on robotic technologies and what it means to be living in an automated world. Students will gain an understanding of how robotic technologies impact the environment, society, and the economy. Students will develop a foundation in essential abilities and attitudes in connection with math and science skills that will in turn expand their opportunities in the world of automation. **Class fee \$30**

Construction/Woodworking (Houses and Bridges): This class involves the building of a structure on site. This activity-oriented course explores the technology of the construction industry and related careers. Instructional units include hand-tool and machine processes, measurement, architecture drafting and orthographic projection, model house project, truss construction, bridge construction and steel geodesic dome construction. **Class fee \$30**

Application or Audition Classes

Dance Company (full year class): This is an advanced level performance-based dance course which builds dance knowledge and skill. During the year, students will choreograph, teach, and learn dances that will be performed in the evening dance concerts. There are also many opportunities to perform in various school assemblies throughout the year. **Participation in evening dance concerts is required.** **Placement by audition only. Workshop/Audition: March 5-6 from 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm at Hunter Jr. Class fee \$150**

Yearbook: This is a class where you will learn about photography, reporting and journalism. You will help design the school's yearbook. **Placement by application only.**

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination): AVID is a college preparation course. Students will be required to take at least two honors classes and maintain a 2.5 average in classes. Students will learn and develop skills in notetaking, writing, public speaking, and collaboration. Students will learn about preparing for college by investigating potential career opportunities and researching different colleges. Other potential opportunities include cultural and college field trips, classroom guest speakers, and community building. Students will have opportunities for academic support from adult tutors who come into class to help students with questions they have from other academic classes. If you are motivated to succeed, but need a little extra support, this class is for you. **Placement by application only. Class fee \$20**

Peer Leadership: Peer Leadership is an organization conducted by students and supervised by adults. In this class, students develop leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the peer leaders are the voice of the student body. They help share students' ideas, interests, and concerns with the school wide community. Any student that is interested in leadership, organizational behavior, project planning or becoming more involved in the school are welcome to apply. **Placement by application only. Class fee \$10**

AVID, Yearbook, Peer Leadership and Dance Company Applications are available online at <http://hunterjrcounseling.weebly.com/8th-grade-course-selection-2024-2025.html> or scan the QR code below:



School fees: The basic school fees for 8th grade are as follows:

- Basic fees (book rental, activity fee, technology, planner) \$40
- Yearbook (optional) \$20

Any additional fees charged for electives or workbooks will be collected once the classes begin. **All fees are subject to change.**

Payment for the 2024-2025 school year will be made at the time of online registration through the Parent Portal. Online registration will begin the first week of August 2024. Fee waiver forms will only be online. Parents will need to submit the fee waiver form with financial documentation in the form of a tax return, last two paycheck stubs, or proof of SSI or AFCD. Apply for *Free & Reduced* lunch online in August 2024 at: www.myschoolapps.com.