

ELD English Reading

This is a beginning English reading course for students who score Pre-Emergent or Emergent on the AZELLA. Students will develop reading skills in four areas: word analysis, fluency and vocabulary, comprehension, and basic literary analysis and response. Students use sequential reading instructional materials at their level to establish a base for further content area and narrative reading tasks. Students develop a sight word vocabulary as well as receive explicit phonics and decoding skills instruction. ***Basic or Intermediate students will be looked at on a case by case basis.**

ELD English Writing

This course is designed to provide students with a foundation to English writing. Students in the course receive direct instruction in grammar, sentence expansion and writing forms (paragraphs, essay descriptive, narrative, and first person). Students will learn specific skills for pre-writing, draft composition, and editing using a process writing format.

***Schools with twenty or more ELLs spread over three grade levels have four hours of ELD in which case students will also be required to take ELD English Writing.**

Arts

Visual Arts

These classes, which are based on the Arizona State and District Standards, provides an environment for students to grow both perceptually and cognitively, increasing their knowledge and skills in Creating Art, Art in Context, and Art as Inquiry. Students will explore drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics and sculpture integrating cultural and historical concepts while applying the Elements and Principals of Design.

Computers

Middle level computer courses prepare students for academic success and continuous learning. Computer courses reinforce the skills students need to analyze, learn and explore resources as digital learners, allowing students to develop as 21st century learners for their future in a competitive global job market. Computer courses inspire and motivate students to study and pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Elective computer course offerings vary by site.

Computers (1 Semester 6th, 7th & 8th Grades)

The curriculum is aligned with Arizona State Technology Standards and SUSD core curriculum performance objectives. Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) is the instructional software program. Learning to use computers will prepare students to be successful in the future.

Introduction to Computers/Keyboarding

Emphasis is placed on building keyboard skills. This class is intended for sixth grade students as an introduction to basic Microsoft Office skills and the use of the Internet as a research tool.

Computer Basics

In this course, students will learn to use the computer as an academic resource tool. Word Processing, Drawing, Spreadsheet data entry (using formulas and functions), Graphs, PowerPoint, Internet research and Digital Citizenship are the focus areas. Students will build keyboarding skills with a goal of 30 words per minute.

Advanced Computers-Prerequisite: Computer Basics

Advanced computer course availability and the curriculum for these courses vary at each site. Where offered, the curriculum is aligned with the Arizona State Technology Standards and builds on students' basic computer knowledge to ensure proficient digital learners.

Music

Band

Students will have the opportunity to experience the joy of creating and performing music while learning to play an instrument. Students learn basic to advanced rhythmic patterns, music theory and history, intonation, performance etiquette and teamwork. Students perform in winter and spring concerts and festivals.