

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS: This information varies from what is in the Middle School Registration Guide. This is the correct information for Brooklyn Middle School.**

☉ **Art 8** – 1 Trimester (**daily**) 1.0 credit (Course ID – 041000)

Students in this course focus on the processes behind the creation of art using knowledge and skills developed through the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. Students use both two and three dimensional media to develop their artistic voice through taking creative risks and experimenting with new techniques in drawing, clay/pottery, painting, printmaking, digital art, calligraphy and collage. The goal is to provide students with the foundation and confidence for a lifelong appreciation in the visual arts.

☉ **Ceramics 8** – 1 Trimester (**daily**) 1.0 credits (Course ID – 040800)

Do you want to learn how to create art out of clay? In Ceramics 8, you will learn a variety of skills to work clay. This course is open to students of all skill levels.

☉ **Drawing 8** – 1 Trimester (**daily**) 1.0 credits (Course ID – 040900)

This class will teach you the fundamentals of drawing using a variety of media including computer art. If you would like to learn how to draw or refine skills you already have, this class is for you! This course is open to all skill levels.

☉ **Painting 8**– 1 Trimester (**daily**) 1.0 credits (Course ID – 041300) Explore the world through color and brush! This course will teach you the fundamentals of color theory and painting techniques. This course is open to students of all skill levels.

☉ **Band 8** – 3 Trimesters (**Meets Daily**) 3 credits (Course ID –053201, 053202, & 053203)

As your skills develop, so does the satisfaction you gain from playing your instrument! In daily band rehearsals, you will be learning more advanced playing techniques and expanding your knowledge of music and music theory. The band performs several evening concerts throughout the year and your participation in these concerts is required. **Prerequisite: Completion of Band 7, Intro to Band 7 or audition with the band director.**

☉ **Choir 8**– 3 Trimesters (**Meets Daily**) 3 credits (Course ID – 053101, 053102, & 053103)

As your vocal skills develop, so does the satisfaction you from singing in an ensemble. This choir is for all students who enjoy singing! In daily rehearsals, you will be exposed to a variety of music. You will continue to develop your performance skills, and expand your knowledge of music and music theory. The choir performs several evening concerts throughout the year and your participation in these concerts is required.

☉ **Orchestra 8** – 3 Trimesters (**Meets Daily**) 3 credits (Course ID – 053001, 053002, & 053003)

As your skills develop, so does the satisfaction you gain from playing your instrument! In daily orchestra rehearsals, you will be learning more advanced playing techniques and expanding your knowledge of music and music theory. The orchestra performs several evening concerts throughout the year and your participation in these concerts is required. **Prerequisite: Completion of Orchestra 7, Intro to Orchestra 7 or audition with the orchestra director.**

☉ **Physical Education 8** – 1 Trimester (**daily**). 1.0 credit (Course ID – 061000),

This course promotes an active lifestyle for all students. Our program provides each student with skill, knowledge and attitudes that promote an active lifestyle. Our goal is to introduce students to as many activities as possible so they will remain active and healthy throughout their lifetime. Examples may include basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, badminton, table tennis, fitness training, swimming and other indoor/outdoor activities. Students may sign up for multiple trimesters.

⦿ **French 1** – 3 Trimesters (**Meets Daily**) 3 credits (Course ID – 132701, 132702, 132703)

French 1 introduces students to communicating in French and becoming familiar with French-speaking cultures. Students receive instruction in all French Level 1 standards. The main linguistic goal is to achieve some degree of comfort with spoken French. The course also includes an initial familiarization with French written materials. Students explore the role of culture by learning about themselves and others as cultural beings. **Prerequisite: C average or higher.**

⦿ **Spanish 1** – 3 Trimesters (**Meets Daily**) 3 credits (Course ID – 136201, 136202, 136203)

Spanish 1 introduces students to communicating in Spanish and becoming familiar with Spanish-speaking cultures. Students receive instruction in all Spanish Level 1 standards. The main linguistic goal is to achieve some degree of comfort with spoken Spanish. The course also includes an initial familiarization with Spanish written materials. Students explore the role of culture by learning about themselves and others as cultural beings. **Prerequisite: C average or higher.**

⦿ **Spanish 2** – 3 Trimesters (**Meets Daily**) 3 credits (Course ID – 136401, 136402, 136403)

Spanish 2 continues on from Spanish 1. Students will focus on increasing the size of their vocabulary and using more complex sentence structures. Students spend time in class reading and writing, speaking and listening Spanish. Students will be able to communicate more easily with native speakers. **Prerequisite: pass Spanish 1 with a grade of C or higher.**

**Important note:** Students planning on attending a post-secondary institution are strongly encouraged to continue the Spanish/French course sequence by participating in Spanish/French 2, 3, 4, and beyond during their high school experience. Students who elect to participate in Spanish 1, Spanish 2 or French 1 can earn high school credit. This is an academic course with homework. Strong study skills are recommended.

⦿ **STEM Gateway to Tech 8 – 1 Trimester (daily)** 1.0 credits (Course ID – 011000)

In this hands-on, lab-based, Project Lead the Way course, students deepen an understanding of engineering technologies. Students gain knowledge and skills to experience industry standard production technologies through hands on experiences. Students use tools and machines and practice using the principles of design. The course curriculum meets national standards and integrates age-appropriate knowledge with developing STEAM awareness.

⦿ **Creative Technology 8 – 1 Trimester (daily)** 1.0 credits (Course ID – 001300)

Creative Technology: Design & Problem Solving explores the principles of design through the design cycle. Students will engage in different activities using digital technologies in order to create solutions to complex problems. In addition to developing specialist skills, students will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with your peers in other creative and technical areas. The goal of this course requires project-based work across core subject areas, leading students to develop flexible creative and technical skills which will prepare them for their future.

⦿ **Intro to Culinary Arts – 1 Trimester (daily)** 1.0 credits (Course ID – 024100)

Do you love food? Do you imagine yourself working one day as a chef? This introductory class will introduce you to different cooking techniques and the other aspects of the restaurant industry.