

Redding School of the Arts
 Elective Schedule 2008-2009, Selection and Policy
Grades 5 through 8

The elective program is an enrichment opportunity for children who are successful in the regular academic program, including home study/independent study students. Its purpose is to allow students to experience and explore different aspects of Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) and/or focus on a particular interest.

Course descriptions are available online at rsarts.com or in hard copy in the rack above the volunteer log book table. Please keep in mind that many elective programs require a monetary commitment by parents, or specific dance clothing and shoes. Classes are offered on the basis of the enrollment of 15 or more students. Some electives will require teacher approval before enrolling.

To maximize learning within the elective program, the following expectations must be met.

1. Maintain a passing grade in all classes.
2. Maintain school wide citizenship standards.
3. Materials fee classes must be paid before the end of that trimester. Alternate arrangements may be made at the discretion of the administration.
4. No changes in the elective schedule during the first week of the new trimester. Students will not be allowed changes after the second week for the trimester.

2008-2009 Electives at a Glance

1st Trimester

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	Thursday, Friday
Studio Art (\$35.00 fee) (2 trimester course) Instructor approval required	Drawing from the Right Side of the Brain (\$15.00 material fee)
Computer Literacy	Computer Literacy
Beginning/Intermediate Fiddle	Advanced Fiddle/Blue Grass Instructor Approval Required
Study Skills (Instructor/Admin Approval required)	Scrapbooking (\$15.00 material fee)
PE	PE
Beginning Guitar	Intermediate/Advance Guitar Instructor Approval Required
Spring Musical Classes 2 Trimesters are required ** By Audition Only **	
Drama II (\$25.00 one time material fee) ** Instructor Approval Required	Drama 1
Show Choir ** (\$25.00 one time material fee)	Music Explosion
Musical Theater Dance ** (Dance attire & \$25.00 one time material fee)	Set Design
Orffestra	Ballet & Contemporary/Modern Dance (\$15.00 materials fee)

2nd Trimester's "Elective at a Glance" on the reverse side

2008-2009 Electives at a Glance

2nd Trimester

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	Thursday, Friday
Studio Art (\$35.00 fee) (continuation from 1 st tri) Instructor approval required	Ceramics (\$35.00 material fee)
	Computer Literacy
Beginning/Intermediate Fiddle	Advanced Fiddle/Blue Grass Instructor Approval Required
Study Skills (Instructor/Admin Approval required)	Scrapbooking (\$15.00 material fee)
PE	PE
Beginning Guitar	Intermediate/Advance Guitar Instructor Approval Required
Spring Musical Classes 2 Trimesters are required Not available for this trimester	
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Please fill out the ATTACHED first & second trimester selection sheet and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, June 6th.

Visual Arts

Scrapbooking:

This class will be an introduction to crafting and scrapbooking, with other thematic projects. The trimester would begin with a scrapbooking section. This section would include learning creative writing techniques, page layout, photograph placement and page design. The remainder of the trimester would be learning various craft techniques. There is a \$15 materials fee for this class.

Ceramics: Explore the three basic hand building techniques in pinch, coil and slab. Experience different clay; glaze your finished pieces. There is a \$25.00 materials fee for this class.

Studio Art (Instructor Approval Required)

Beginning, intermediate and advanced oil, pastel painters, drawing, and mixed media artists join us for an adventurous art experience. Work in any media you choose. Go beyond the technical application from creative expression and exploration to development of personal expression and style. It is in your best interest to purchase oil brushes, saran wrap, rags, foil paper, etc. Media includes but is not limited to: oil/soft pastel, pen & ink, oil painting, water media painting, mixed media, all graphite and colored pencil media, charcoal, and more. Materials list will be provided once class list is determined. There is a \$35 studio fee.

Drawing from the Right Side of the Brain:

Do you think you can't draw? You can! Everyone can. This class explores a new way to draw that encourages students to perceive what they are "seeing" in a new way. We will use lessons and exercises inspired by Dr. B. Edwards's book, *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*. Her system of drawing has improved students drawing skills radically in a very short period of time. We will use a variety of pencils, charcoal, watercolor and oil pastels. There is a \$15.00 materials fee for this class. All skill levels welcome!

Drama I (Mrs. Olson)

Students will use body, voice and imagination to create characters, animals, and objects that they have observed. They will role-play adult professions using creative dramatics. Students will write monologues, scenes or short one-act plays that include dialogue action and scenic elements. Students will participate in a performance utilizing a notated script containing standard blocking symbols. Students will also gain an understanding of running the stage including front of house, back stage, lighting and sets. 1 semester of stagecraft, show choir, and drama I, as well as instructor approval, are required to enroll in Drama II. Parent participation is expected for the spring performance and parents are encouraged to participate in the Theater Booster Club. A costume fee will be collected at the time of the performance.

Fiddle Beginning:

Students will work on correct hold of a violin and bow with good posture, understanding use of bow to create rhythm, and fingering to create different pitches. Students will learn tune versions, and an introduction to fiddle improvisation. This class does not include music reading. Students must have their own violin and are expected to practice at home

Advanced Fiddle/Blue Grass (Instructor Approval Required)

Continue working on correct hold of violin and bow with good posture, understanding use of bow to create rhythm, and fingering to create different pitches. Students will learn advanced tune versions, and an introduction to fiddle improvisation. Blue Grass is traditional and blue grass music play acoustically. Students for Blue Grass need to be auditioned. This class does not include music reading. Prerequisite: Students must have their own violin and have permission by the instructor to transfer into this class. Students are expected to practice at home.

Advanced Guitar (Instructor Approval Required)

Basic guitar knowledge is a prerequisite for this Advanced Guitar class. This class will focus on performance with some note taking and studying for tests. Different styles of music will be taught.

Beginning Guitar

Students will learn three and four-chord folk songs. A minimum of 6 chords will be introduced. Tuning the guitar and strumming will be taught. Each student must provide his own guitar, preferably the appropriate size for the student. After the first class, students must bring their guitars to class already tuned. Electronic tuners are helpful but not required. Music with chords and words will be provided.

Physical Education

Multi-age games for all abilities will be taught. A foundation in physical fitness and knowledge of the rules will be stressed. Students will be asked to dress appropriately, participate, show sportsmanship, and learn the rules for all of the activities.

Computer Literacy:

Students will learn key boarding skills (goal of typing 20 words per minute), power point, web search, formatting for reports and letters as well as other skills needed to be successful in the classroom. The class will be designed to assist 8th graders in completing their computer proficiency skills for graduation. At least 1 trimester will be required for 8th graders.

Music Explosion:

Pop to rock, Broadway to classical, students will get to sing and perform many musical masterpieces in an exciting atmosphere of energetic choral exploration all while increasing vocal strengths and techniques. Become a better vocalist and sing the music that makes your toes tap and your feelings soar! Two, three and four part harmonies will be used as we sing some of the best songs from Bach to Rock! Soprano, alto, tenor, bass — you'll feel great when you've found your place!

Ballet and Contemporary/Modern Dance:

This class is designed to give students technical training in classical ballet and contemporary/modern dance. The class will focus on technique, philosophy, and terminology as related to ballet and contemporary dance training. This class will consist of barre work, corner combinations, and centre floor technique. Focus will be on building a solid classical dance foundation while also incorporating contemporary movement techniques to further enhance learning through student creativity and self-expression. Students will be given performance opportunities through school assemblies and concerts. Students are required to wear pink tights, pink ballet slippers, solid black leotard, and hair up (girls), solid white T-shirt, black ballet slippers, and black sweat pants (boys). Girls may wear a solid black ballet skirt upon instructor approval. (\$15.00 materials fee).

Spring Musical Classes (2 Trimesters are required)

Drama II: ** Audition only class

Students will incorporate skills learned from Drama I in addition to participating in thematic arts activities, which create scripts reflecting a particular historical period of time. Students will perform, design, and create character costuming and makeup for their character. Students will experience drama from selected theatre forms such as comedy, tragedy, and melodrama. Parent participation is required with 20 hours volunteered for the Theater Booster Club. Prerequisite: Completion of drama I, stage craft, show choir and/or instructor approval. There is a \$25.00 materials fee.

Show Choir: ** Audition only class

Show Choir is a year-long elective to allow participation in area performances such as the RAVES show choir competition. Show choir will also have a significant roll in the RSA spring musical. This course is designed for strengthening the singer's voice in musical theater, choral singing, solos, small ensembles, and show choir. Emphasis will be on good singing techniques, part-singing, choreography, and stage presence. Several performance opportunities in the community will be available. (Required for Drama I students intending to take Drama II) There is a \$25.00 materials fee for this class.

Musical Theater Dance: ** Audition only class

This class is designed to give students instruction in drama, dance, and vocal techniques as related to musical theater. Class time will be used to work toward the RSA spring musical theater production. Audition and two trimester sign up is required. \$25.00 materials fee (Dance shoes may be also be required).

Orffestra:

This class is designed to be the musical instruments for the spring musical. Lessons will focus on ensemble work composition, and performance skills. A variety of instruments will be used. Student will rotate to different instruments. In addition to the spring musical other performance may be scheduled. (Black pants, shoes & shirt necessary for performance)

Set Design:

Work together as a team with your class mates to create and paint props & scenery for RSA's spring musical. Student may assist with backstage for spring musical.

Please fill out the elective selection sheet on the REVERSE SIDE of this page and return it to your child's teacher by Thursday, June 5

**Elective Course Selection Sheet
Grade 5 – 8**

Name: _____ 08/09 Grade: _____

Instructions: Please number the elective class in the order of your choice 1 – 4 for each section, Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, and Thursday/Friday. Number columns are located at the left of the schedule. Please fill out your child's selection for the first and second trimesters.

Electives are assigned from grades oldest to youngest. Choices received on or before June 5th will be processed first, then each day following.

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I agree to follow the student expectations that are listed on the front page

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature