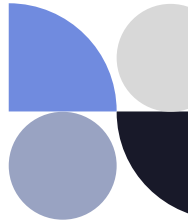




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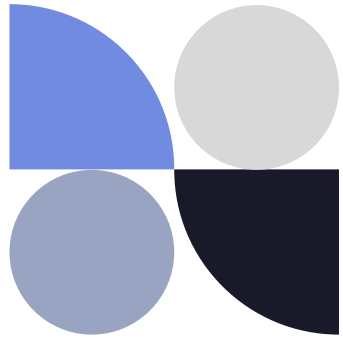
Course Descriptions

2026-2027



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Required Courses



7th Grade

- Math 7 (1.0)
- Science 7 (1.0)
- English 7 (1.0)
- College and Career Readiness (1.0)
- Utah Studies (0.5)
- Fine Art (0.5)
- PE (0.5)*

8th Grade

- Math 8 (1.0)
- Science 8 (1.0)
- English 8 (1.0)
- US History (1.0)
- Health (0.5)
- Digital Literacy (0.5)
- Fine Art (0.5)
- PE (0.5)*

*PE may be taken in *either* 7th or 8th grade

**DLI students must take German Culture and German 3 / 4
in addition to the above requirements**

Core Subjects

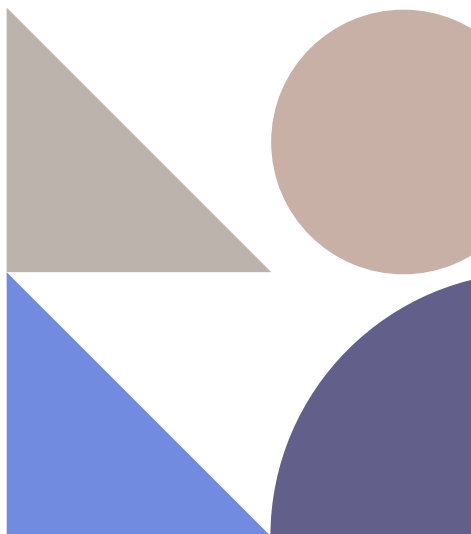
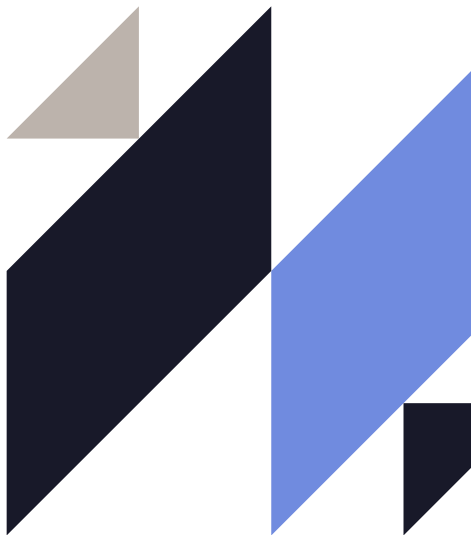
Math

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English

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Math

Mathematics builds problem-solving and analytical thinking skills essential for daily life and future studies. Math at Summit emphasizes practical applications of math concepts, empowering students to approach challenges logically and confidently.



Courses:

1. Math 7 Foundations (2001F)
2. Math 7 (2001)
3. Math 7 Honors (2003)
4. Math 8 Foundations (2004F)
5. Math 8 (2004)
6. Math 8 Honors (2006)
7. Secondary Math 1 (2013)

Science

Science sparks curiosity about the natural world, encouraging exploration and innovation. Through hands-on experiments and projects, students gain a foundational understanding of biology, physics, and earth sciences, fostering critical thinking and scientific literacy.

Courses:

1. Science 7 Foundations (4001F)
2. Science 7 (4001)
3. Science 7 Honors (4006)
4. Science 8 Foundations (4003F)
5. Science 8 (4003)
6. Science 8 Honors (4005)



English

Language Arts develops communication, creativity, and analytical skills through reading, writing, and critical thinking. Students engage with diverse texts, refining their ability to express ideas clearly and persuasively.



Courses:

- 1.** English 7 Foundations (1001F)
- 2.** English 7 (1001)
- 3.** English 7 Honors (1003)
- 4.** English 8 Foundations (1004F)
- 5.** English 8 (1004)
- 6.** English 8 Honors (1006)

Social Studies

Social Studies connects the past, present, and future, helping students understand societal structures and global relationships. This subject fosters informed citizenship and an appreciation for cultural diversity and history.

Courses:

1. Utah Studies (3001)
2. US History (3003)



Special Subjects

College & Career
Awareness

Digital Literacy

Health

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College & Career Awareness



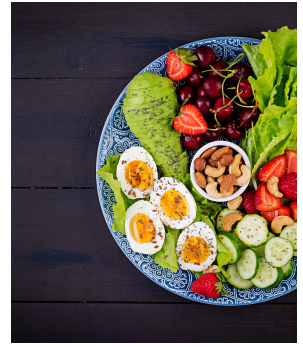
This course increases awareness of college and career pathways through simulations and project based experiences. Students will explore high school, college, and career options based on their interests, abilities, and skills, while investigating in-demand jobs in the Utah labor market and developing workplace skills. (9001, 9001B)

Digital Literacy



This course provides a foundation in the digital world, covering key applications, computing fundamentals, and online living. Students will develop skills in creativity, critical thinking, productivity, and collaboration for both classroom and daily life. (8029)

Health



In this class, students will explore the foundations of lifelong wellness through engaging lessons on physical, mental, emotional, and social health. Using Utah’s Health Core Standards, we’ll dive into topics like nutrition, stress management, healthy relationships, decision-making, and personal safety. Students will build real-life skills to make informed choices, manage emotions, and take responsibility for their well-being—now and in the future. (6004)

Fine Arts

Art Foundations

Band

Choir

Digital Art

Mythology

History of Rock n' Roll

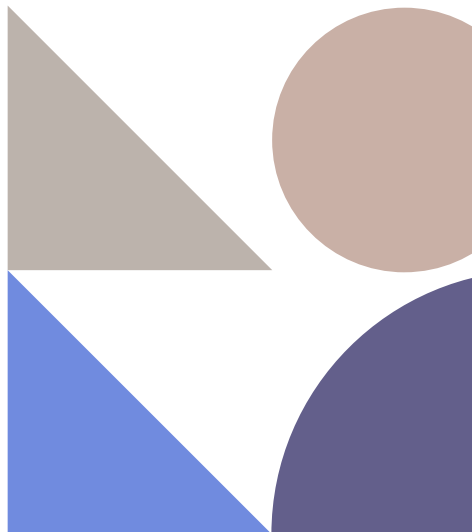
Mixed Arts Media

Photography

Sculpting

Theater

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Art Foundations

This class is designed to introduce students to the basic elements and principles of art. Students will explore a variety of materials and techniques, including drawing, painting, and more, while building essential art skills. (7001)



Band

This full-year ensemble class helps musicians refine their skills, develop musicianship, music reading, and critical listening while fostering personal excellence and friendships. Prior experience is required; beginners should join the after-school beginning band. Concert attendance is mandatory. (7035, 7035B)



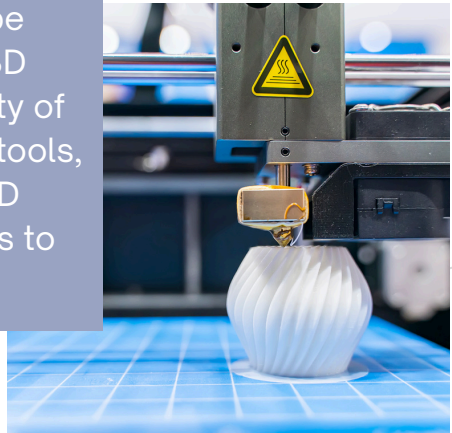
Choir

Join choir to develop singing skills, musicianship, and vocal techniques while enjoying fun music and friendships. Beginners are welcome! Students will learn music reading and critical listening. Concert attendance is required. (7019, 7019B)



Digital Art

Intro to Digital Art introduces Adobe Creative Cloud and the basics of 3D printing. Students will learn a variety of adobe creative cloud workspace, tools, and editing features, while using 3D printing to bring their creative ideas to life. (7033)



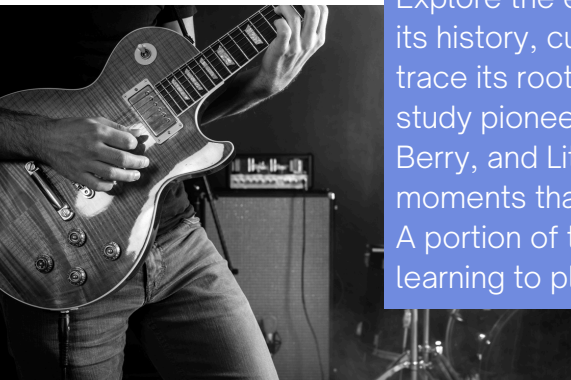
Mythology

Greek Mythology explores the heroes, gods, and monsters of ancient Greece. Students will read classic myths, explore the ancient civilization of Rome and Greece. They will respond and collaborate on projects like designing movie posters, debating key figures, and creating short films. (8041)



History of Rock N' Roll

Explore the evolution of rock 'n' roll through its history, culture, and music. Students will trace its roots in blues, jazz, and gospel, study pioneers like Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, and Little Richard, and analyze the moments that made it a global phenomenon. A portion of the semester will be spent learning to play the ukulele. (7038)



Mixed Arts Media

In this class, students will build confidence in using a variety of tools and techniques, explore different styles, and learn how to express ideas through multiple forms. Students will explore drawing, painting, collage, printmaking, and more while learning how to combine materials in creative ways. (7034)

Photography

This class covers the fundamentals of digital photography, focusing on camera operation, composition, lighting, and photo editing software. (8034)



Sculpting

In this class, students will create three-dimensional art through a variety of materials and techniques. Throughout the course, students will learn basic sculpting skills, practice problem-solving, and develop their own artistic voice. (8088)



Theater

Introductory course in theater with an emphasis on performance, teamwork, and storytelling. (7008)



Electives

Academic Achievement

Academic Skills for Success

Cardio Fitness

Cardio Games

Fashion Strategies

Foods

Independent Study

Lego/Robotics

Media Broadcasting

National History Research

PLT

Sewing

Spanish 1 / 2

Study Skills

Yearbook

Yoga, Strength, & Wellness

Academic Achievement

This course provides academic support in math and reading based on student needs. Math instruction follows a structured curriculum to enhance potential, while reading support strengthens comprehension across subjects, builds stamina, and improves test-taking strategies. Placement is based on assessment data scores and teacher recommendation. Enrollment requires contacting school counselor. (8045)



Academic Skills for Success

This course integrates essential skills with academic proficiency for junior high students. Through interactive lessons and hands-on activities, students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and study skills. The curriculum emphasizes study and communication skills, time management, organizational skills and goal setting to prepare students for academic success and real-world challenges. By fostering self-awareness, resilience, and healthy habits, the course equips students with the tools they need to succeed personally and academically. (8087)

Cardio Fitness



Get your heart pumping and your body moving! In this high-energy class, students will run the mile each week and participate in fun, dynamic activities designed to boost endurance, improve cardiovascular health, and build lifelong fitness habits. (6012)

Cardio Games



In this elective the focus will range anywhere from kickball variations to capture the flag and much more. Students will have the chance to become fully engaged and learn more about the less known team sports and games, lifetime recreational activities. (6003)

Fashion Strategies



Students will learn the basics of fashion: the history of clothing trends, elements and principles of design, and how personal style impacts how we dress and how people view us. Students will get a behind-the-scenes look at how a piece of clothing gets made from start to finish. (8010)

Foods (Fall and Winter)



This class covers food and nutrition, including food safety, sanitation, culinary technology, and food preparation. Different recipes available in Fall and Winter. (8080, 8081)

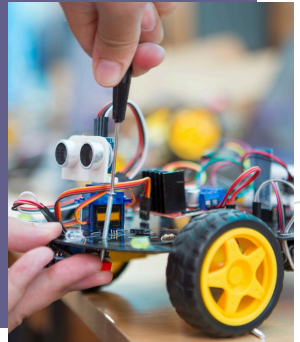
Independent Study

Don't like homework? Independent Study is the class for you! Use this time to complete homework and prepare for upcoming tests. (8030)



Lego/Robotics

This class introduces STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) through hands-on learning and a global robotics program. Students gain real world problem-solving experience, building confidence and developing critical thinking, coding, and design skills. Teams engage in research, problem-solving, and engineering to build and program a LEGO robot for a robot game. Friendly competition is at the heart of the class. (8019)



Media Broadcasting



This course provides students with basic knowledge and skills in media broadcasting, including camera operation, audio/video production, post-production (editing), journalism ethics, research, copyright law, and publication. Students will analyze both traditional media formats like TV and radio, as well as emerging platforms such as social media, vlogs, YouTube, and podcasts. (8063)

National History Research



Find something from history that you are interested in, learn how historians research, and make a creative project about your topic. Then, compete in a school-wide competition to show what you've learned. If you win, progress to the Regional Competition, State Competition, and potentially National Competition in Washington D.C.! (3008)

PLT (Peer Leadership Team)

This is a great opportunity for you as a student to give back to the school community by helping others. This class will give you the opportunity to write a business letter just like you would apply to a real job and write to both current staff members like teachers, office, custodian, etc. who are a part of the Summit Academy Independence campus or past teachers that you appreciated from the lower grades and assist and help them in their everyday needs. This is a way to give back your time and efforts to help and assist a staff member in need as examples, make copies, cut out items, sort, organize, assist current student's needs, etc. This is a way to Challenge yourself to something new, Unite with others, Brighten the world for someone, Seek to understand how a teacher, custodian, or office works to help our school becoming successful every day. (8028)

Sewing



Students will learn the fundamentals of sewing, including operating a sewing machine, threading it, and hand stitching. They will create basic items using fabric and thread. (8054)

Spanish 1



¡Hola y bienvenidos! This Spanish class aims to build language proficiency, appreciation for Spanish culture, and a lifelong love of learning in a fun, supportive environment. Students are encouraged to actively participate, ask questions, collaborate with peers, and practice daily. (5001, 5001B)

Spanish 2



¡Hola y bienvenidos! This Spanish class focuses on building proficiency, cultural appreciation, and a lifelong love of the language in a fun and relaxed environment. Students are expected to actively participate, ask questions, collaborate with peers, practice daily, and study for 15 minutes each day. Spanish 1 prerequisite required. (5002, 5002B)

Study Skills

Students will learn effective study strategies, time management, organization, note-taking, and test preparation techniques. They will also practice goal setting, prioritizations, and strategies for completing assignments efficiently. The class structure begins with a short lesson on the above topics followed by time for students to apply what they learn and study.
(8001)



Yearbook

In this course, students will plan, format, design, and create the school yearbook. They will photograph school events and activities, with an emphasis on design, layout, and journalism.
(8022)



Yoga, Strength, & Wellness



This class blends movement and mindfulness to help students build strength, flexibility, and inner calm. Through yoga flows, resistance band workouts, and guided meditation, students will develop physical fitness, focus, and stress management skills in a fun and supportive environment. (8060)

Extra Curricular Activities

Musical Theatre

HOSA

Shakespeare

Student Council

Soccer

Cross Country

Basketball

Volleyball



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