



A.E. Wright Middle School
7th and 8th Grade
Elective Choices

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Battle of the Spartans: Zero Period

An elective for 6, 7, and 8th graders who are **motivated, cooperative, creative, focused, and hard-working** self starters

- Students will compete against each other, other schools, and communities in a **variety of competitions**
- Students in the class will choose the contests & competitions



Potential Competitions:

- Future City
- Doodle for Google
- NY Times student contests
- Scripps national spelling bee
- Scholastic (Try Your) Hardest Math competition
- Bebras Coding Challenge
- CSPAN Studentcam Documentary Contest
- Battle of the Books
- Science Olympiad
- Canva Design Challenge



**APPLICATION
REQUIRED!**

Beginning and Advanced Fine Art (7th & 8th Grade)

- The world of art through the eyes of many different cultures and artists.
- Different mediums such as charcoal, pencil, watercolor, and acrylic paint
- Learning the arts of drawing, painting, color, printmaking, and design.
- Study the styles of famous artists such as Salvador Dali, Andy Warhol, Georgia O'Keeffe, and Michelangelo and create your own personal masterpiece.
- No previous art experience required
- Advanced curriculum is available with instructor permission
- Get in touch with your inner artist and see your work displayed in the school art show for Open House!



Beginning Band (6th, 7th, & 8th grade)

- DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS TO CHOOSE FROM SUCH AS THE FLUTE, OBOE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, FRENCH HORN, TROMBONE, TUBA, OR PERCUSSION
- AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY DURING A CULMINATING PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR
- COVERS BASIC ELEMENTS OF TONE PRODUCTION, INSTRUMENT CARE, MUSICIANSHIP, AND SIGHT READING
- THE SPECIFIC SELECTION OF INSTRUMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE INSTRUCTOR DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL
- NO PREVIOUS MUSIC EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Beginning Strings 6th, 7th, & 8th

- Learn to play the violin, viola, cello, or string bass
- Play your instrument during a culminating performance at the end of the year to amaze your friends and family
- Learn about different musical styles, develop technical skills, and musicality
- No previous music experience required

Chorus and Advanced Choir

6th, 7th, & 8th

- Improve or learn to sing here
- This elective is good for both beginners and better.
- There are several chorus performances throughout the school year
 - These performances could maybe even include solos!
- **Advanced Choir is audition/teacher recommendation only!**

Concert/Advanced Band (Wind Ensemble)

6th,7th,8th

- For students who have played a band instrument for at least 2 years.
- Perform several times throughout the year including festivals, concerts, and a performance at Disneyland.
- Prerequisite: Successful completion of beginning band/concert band and /or instructor approval. (Year long class)

Concert Orchestra 6th, 7th, & 8th

- Concert Orchestra is a continuation of the beginning strings program.
- This elective is perfect for musicians who have played the violin, viola, cello, or string bass for over 1 year.
- This group will perform at various festivals, concerts, and feature a performance at Disneyland throughout the year.
- Prerequisite: Successful completion of beginning strings and/or instructor approval.



Intermediate Band



- This elective is for students who have played the flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, tuba, or percussion for a minimum of 1 year.
- Opportunities to perform several times throughout the year at festivals, concerts, and a performance at Disneyland.
- Prerequisite: Successful completion of beginning band and/or instructor approval.

Guidance

Our Motto is BE GOOD HUMANS!

- This class is for 7th and 8th graders who want to learn more about themselves and others.
- We dive into stress reduction techniques, fun teamwork games, problem solving, public speaking, being kind and learning to accept differences.
- Some activities include yoga, mindfulness, organization techniques and tips, and college/career guidance.



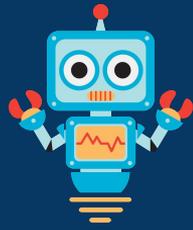
Leadership

- Leadership is the student government program at A. E. Wright
- Students learn teamwork, goal setting, decision making, and time management.
- Students in the leadership program are responsible for organizing activities such as assemblies, fundraisers, spirit days, socials, and dances.

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Robotics A/B



- Use your imagination and engineering skills to create robots and design 3D prints!
- Students will use Hummingbird:Bit, VEX IQ, Codecasters, Tinkercad, and Prusa 3D printers!
- Students will spend one day a week working on a long-term STEAM focused passion project.
- This is a yearlong course with no prerequisites.
- Robotics A & B cover different content each year, so they can be taken in any order.



3D printed bunny lamp

School Service (8th grade only)

- Be helpful to the school by joining school service.
- This elective consists of:
 - Assisting a teacher in a classroom
 - Assisting in an office such as
 - Main office
 - Counseling office
 - Attendance office
 - Taking passes to a classroom
 - Other office duties
- Students must be doing well in citizenship with no disciplinary issues.

Spanish 1A (7th grade)

- iBienvenidos! This academic elective is designed for students who want to get a jump on their Spanish skills and learn about the cultures of the Spanish-speaking world!
- It is the first year of a two-year program, which will result in the ability to start Spanish 2 in 9th grade.
- We play games, learn vocabulary, practice speaking, reading, and writing simple sentences.



Spanish 1B (8th Grade)

- This class is the second year of the two-year Spanish program.
- There is a continuing emphasis on communicative language skills and an increased focus on written skills and grammar.
Prerequisite: "B" or better in Spanish 1 A or instructor permission.
- In order to advance to Spanish 2 in the high schools, a final



3D Art (7th and 8th Grade)

Explore creating three dimensional works of art including mask making, paper mache, plaster carving, sculpting, fiber arts, and ceramics.

This class will explore the design possibilities of clay. Students will study in depth the three basic hand building methods: pinch, coil, and slab and simple wheel throwing.



Theater/Film Appreciation (Fall/Spring semester)

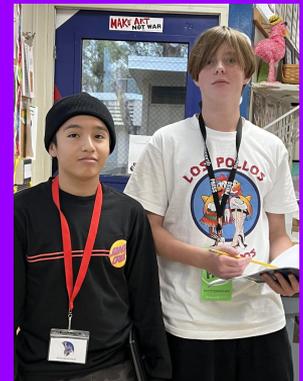
In this class, you will learn all about acting, from stage presence to character development. You'll work with your classmates to create amazing performances.

We'll explore different acting techniques, improvise hilarious skits, and even design your own sets and costumes. No experience needed, just a big imagination! Come join the fun and discover your passion for the stage!



Yearbook

- Capture the school year at A. E. Wright by becoming a member of the Yearbook Production team!
- Students will learn basic graphic design, journalism skills, and photography skills to create the school's yearbook.
- Students will use software that includes Online Design, Adobe Photoshop, Flippar, and Apple iMovie.
- Students must be independent and able to meet deadlines. Prerequisite: Teacher approval.
(Year Long Class)



Elective Form- 7th Grade

Write your name and student ID number

Choose your top 5 elective options

Submit to Soc Sci teacher Friday, 1/23



A. E. Wright Middle School
7th Grade Elective Courses, 2026-2027

7th Grade Elective Choice Form

Submit this form to your Social Science teacher by:

Friday, January 23rd , 2026

Name: _____

Student ID# _____

Elective Choices:

Elective Choice #1: _____

Elective Choice #2: _____

Elective Choice #3: _____

Elective Choice #4: _____

Elective Choice #5: _____

Elective Choices:

Course descriptions can be found on the AE Wright website

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3D Art/Ceramics (W942) | <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Orchestra (String Orchestra W903) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battle of the Spartans (W944) | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance (R66G) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Fine Art (W940) | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate Band (W911.1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Band (W910) | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership (W960) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Strings (W901) | <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics A/B (W7RN) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus (Choir) (W905) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 1A (W922) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert/Advanced Band (Wind Ensemble) (W912) | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater/Film (AWTD) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook (W970) |

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Elective Form- 7th Grade

If you are interested in a zero period class, check which class you would like to have for zero period

Sign your name and date and get parent signature on the back



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7th Grade Elective Courses, 2026-2027

Zero Period: * I am interested in taking a zero period class next year. By checking this box, I understand that I would be committing to a class that begins at 7:50 every day and I am expected to have previous good standing attendance.

Please check which class you would be interested in having for zero period next year.

- PE
- Jazz Band
- Battle
- Spanish

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Parent Signature: _____
Contact Number: _____
Student Signature: _____
Date: _____

Elective Form- 8th Grade

Write your name and student ID number

Choose your top 5 elective options

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8th Grade Elective Courses, 2026-2027

8th Grade Elective Choice Form
Submit this form to your Social Science teacher by:
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Name: _____
Student ID# _____

Elective Choices:

Elective Choice #1: _____
Elective Choice #2: _____
Elective Choice #3: _____
Elective Choice #4: _____
Elective Choice #5: _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Art (W941)	<input type="checkbox"/> Guidance (R666)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Band (W910)	<input type="checkbox"/> Robotics A/B (W7RN)
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Strings (W901)	<input type="checkbox"/> School Service (W981)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chorus (Choir) (W905)	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 1B (W923)
<input type="checkbox"/> Concert/Advanced Band (Wind Ensemble) (W912)	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater/Film (AWTD)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook (W970)

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