



8th Grade Courses

All students take *English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Advisory* and *Art in Engineering*. During the Spring trimester all 8th graders will be enrolled in the Consumer Science course, *Idaho Skills*. In this class, students will be able to explore a variety of skills, including but not limited to, budgeting, balancing a checkbook, outdoor living, cast iron cooking and general household maintenance. In addition, students will select 2 electives.

EHSS Middle School 8th Grade Electives 2021-2022

Backcountry Basics - (*Winter*) Assessment, problem solving, communication, motor and planning skills will be developed regarding activities for safe outdoor recreation in the backcountry environment.

Basketball & PE - (*Winter*) Students will participate in drills and scrimmages in this class. Experience is not required - just a good attitude!

Creative Writing - (*Fall*) This class will provide the time and opportunity for the artistic expression of creative writing while also helping students grow a foundation of skills specific to this type of writing.

Green Design and Invention - (*Winter*) From harnessing solar energy to stopping pollution, students will use STEAM power to design and invent today for a green tomorrow.

Innovation - (*Winter*) Students Journey from learning the habits and actions of innovators to unleashing the innovator within. This is taught by the EHSS GATE teacher and is open to all students looking for a challenge.

Introduction to Spanish - (*Winter*) This course is designed as a snapshot of Spanish. It will incorporate songs, games and basic conversation in fun and engaging ways. In this class we celebrate Spanish, seeking to understand and accept Spanish-speaking countries, and cultures.

Introduction to Speech and Debate - (*Winter*) Students will be introduced to different public speaking and debate styles. Students will use 21st century skills to research and present to their audience.

Photography and Videography - *(Fall)* Students learn and apply fundamental skills to use a camera, take photos and create videos. They will learn how photography can be a means of documentation or high art. Students examine photographic careers and explore self-reflection to grow their creativity as they build a photographic portfolio. This course helps students select subjects, take photographs, and print and display memories!

Robotics - *(Fall)* Student will design, build and code Robotics.

Soccer & PE - *(Fall)* This class will focus on learning the game of soccer. The class periods will be built around the level of the participants focusing on fun and sportsmanship. The class will provide students an opportunity to play soccer and grow within the sport each day.

Ski Team Directed Study - *(Winter) - mandatory for all Ski Team athletes missing school for training)* This class will be a link between the various ski teams and school, providing a location and a staff member to help keep ski team athletes current on their school work to allow for success in both skiing and school.

Virtual Reality and Design *(Winter)* - Students use the Block Smith program, a cutting edge computer science program crafted specifically for Idaho students. This program connects core computer science concepts like logical processing and graphics to real-world applications through guided challenges. Students can build virtual worlds and games. Participants will be able to enter the worlds they design through the use of VR viewing tools

Water in the West - *(Fall)* In this class, an interdisciplinary approach to studying water policy will take place. Students will spend plenty of time near the Big Wood River – studying ecology, hydrology and learning how to fly fish.