

7th/8th Grade Enrichment Classes

Enrichment Classes will meet three days a week for the semester. Students may sign-up for two classes, but will attend only one at a time. In some cases, students may take one class all year. The goal is to have enough time in the class to really produce a project that is showcased at the end of the semester.

Students enrolled in NOCCA's after school program will not be enrolled in an ISL enrichment. Confirmation of the student's admission to that program must be provided to ISL from NOCCA. Students will be dismissed at 3:00PM instead of going to enrichment so that they can get to that program on time.

Beaucoup Circus (M. Ryhiner)

That means A LOT of Circus arts - three times a week! Acrobatics on the floor, in groups, with partners, balancing, stilt walking, juggling, partner juggling, prop manipulation, and physical comedy. We will have time to research where and when these skills originated and are practiced around the world.

We will discover amazing traditions, bearers of culture, and individuals who defy the expectations of what is possible to do with the human body and objects in space. Inspired, we will keep a record of our own progress and increasing skills in our Ability Handbooks. These might be very handy and help you get a side job teaching in a summer camp or with one of the emerging circus arts programs in the USA and in many parts of the world. We will get a lot of practice to collaborate, to analyze, to compare, to evaluate, to accept feedback, and to create at increasingly complex levels. These are all skills that are highly valued in High School and beyond.

This class is for students who are willing to commit for the school-year, we will build our "Beaucoup Circus Troupe" to perform for Jazz Fest, at the MUSES Parade, the Asian Heritage Festival, and other Community events.

Genius Hour (C. Rau)

What if you got to choose what you wanted to learn about? What if you got to spend time in school exploring a topic that matters to you and then creating something with that knowledge? Genius Hour will give you the time, the resources, and the guidance to ask questions, find answers, create something you are truly passionate about, and share your project with others. The possibilities for projects are endless and you will be limited only by your own imagination. What will you create?

Choir (C. Holder)--1st Semester Only

If you like to sing and perform then the ISL Middle School Choir is where you want to be! Semester One Choir will focus on formal vocal training and good choral singing skills and techniques such as sight-reading, rhythm, score reading, and overall musicianship in ensemble singing. We will perform high quality choral literature and perform a winter concert as the culminating event.

Musical Theatre (C. Holder)-- Second Semester Only

Do you like Musical Theatre? Students in this class will learn and perform a staged musical theatre work. In addition to singing skills students we will also learn basic acting techniques, stage presence, and theatre and stage terms.

Literary Magazine (Interlocutor) R. Boissier

Interlocutor showcases original work from ISL students (short stories, poems translated from both French and Spanish, and visual art). Going into its fourth year, *Interlocutor* will be a student production from start to finish. In the beginning of the year, students will advertise and welcome submissions. Once work is selected, students will layout and design the magazine, and finish the year selling it.

ISL Advocate (M. Brown/ A. Androw)

The ISL Advocate is a student run newspaper that focuses on current events and student interests. We aim to use only the best, most reliable information to report, inform and entertain. Learn the skills of unbiased reporting, primary and secondary source research, interviews and editing and publishing.

Electronic Music Lab (A.Wolf)

This is a unique program where students learn to be a writer/ producer/engineer by working with software, drum machines, and tunables to create original music. The goal of this class is to write 5-6 songs in a semester. Students in this class will also learn how to run the AV system for assemblies and be recording engineers all over the school.

Art Portfolio (C. Charles)

This class is for students who think of themselves as artists and would like to further develop skills in different media. We are going to work on creating and refining portfolios for high

school NOCCA and beyond.

Art Appreciation (J. Kline)

In art appreciation, we are going to work on very large art projects to decorate the school. We are going to do some drawing, painting, and sculpture. We are going to make puppets and masks, we might even put on a show. We are also going to look at art history, do some reading, writing, and research.

Mind Steppers (Dance) A. Merlos (2nd Semester Only)

Do you like to dance? Would you like to learn? This is a class all about dance and culture. Learn tango, swing, salsa and more. Students will have an opportunity to compete in a dance competition in May.

Science Olympiad (K. Marshall)- First Semester Only

Science Olympiad is yearly competition for all things science held in February at Nicholls State. **Being a part of the team requires a commitment to compete as a vital part of the team. The competition is held on a Saturday.**

Students will get the opportunity to dive deep into the scientific concept of their choice and prepare to compete in several events. The events range from exams (like rock identification to building stress wooden towers. Please feel free to Check the Science Olympiad website for more detailed information. Scoinc.org

Basketball (M. Fontaine)- First Semester Only

This enrichment class is for students who like to play basketball and be on a TEAM! At the end of the class we will play in a small league against other schools. The games will be on Saturday mornings at a different school.

Soccer (M. Fontaine)-Second Semester Only

This enrichment class is for students who like to play soccer and be on a TEAM! At the end of the class we will play in a small league against other schools. The games will be on Saturday mornings at a different school.

HTML/CSS Coding & Academic Games Enrichment (D. Clark)

The goal of this course is to display the correlation between Computer Science and Mathematics.

HTML/CSS Computer Coding: During this portion of the course, which will be Mondays & Tuesdays, students will be introduced to the HTML/CSS computer programming language. HTML is a programming language used to create web pages and web applications. CSS is used to design those web pages and applications.

Academic Games: This portion of the course will be held every Thursday. During the first semester we will introduce the game [Equations](#) and during the second semester we will introduce the game [On-Sets](#). Both games are a part of the NOAGL (New Orleans Academic Games League) & AGLOA (Academic Games League of America). **Local competitions for Equations will be held at Brother Martin School on November 7th & November 14th and for On-Sets on February 27th & March 13th. Competitions are also held at a national level and the students/players are invited according to their rank/scores during the local competitions.**