

7th/8th Grade Enrichment Classes

Enrichment Classes will take place 3 days a week for a semester. Students will sign-up for one class for this semester and then a second class for the second semester. In some cases, students may take one class all year.

*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 (K. Anderson)

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, resources, and 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)

If you like to sing and perform then the ISL Middle School Choir is where you want to be!

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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.

Jazz Band (A.Wolf/ JazzEmpowerment Teacher)

Do you play an instrument? Have you always wanted to learn? This is an opportunity for students who are serious about music to have the opportunity to play in ISL's very first Jazz Band. This enrichment welcomes all levels of students. Don't worry if you don't already have an instrument. Instruments will be provided through the school.

Art Portfolio (C. Charles)

This class is for students seriously considering applying to NOCCA by putting together a portfolio. We will work in a few mediums but will focus mainly on drawing. Expect to work hard on still life drawing, figures, landscape, abstract, and be willing to do a lot of technical practice overall. Please be prepared to work hard on projects that you will be proud to put in your portfolio.

Art Appreciation (J. Kline)

In this class, we are going to balance the study of art, reading and writing about art history and the biographies of artists with projects including drawing, sculpture, and kinetic sculpture. This is going to be an energetic class looking at the principle of movement in art. We are going to write manifestos and explore dynamism, speed and force as themes in art. We are going to work with ideas of nature and balance as we construct moving sculptures.

Basketball (M.Smith)

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.

Volleyball (S.Fontaine)

This enrichment class is for students who like to play volleyball and want to be on a TEAM! Students in this enrichment class will play in a small league against other schools. The games will be on Saturday mornings at a different school.

Study Hall (All core academic teachers)

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This enrichment class is designed for students who need extra support and benefit from more time working with teachers to master concepts. All core teachers will support students during this enrichment class. Taking study hall is a great idea for the 1st semester to make sure you are on the right track. Based on 2019-2020 grades and LEAP scores, some students may be required to take Study Hall 1st semester.