

## 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Elective Course Descriptions

08932	<b>American Sign Language I</b> — This is a first level sign language course offered to 8th graders and is <i>held at Hartland High School</i> . The course will introduce students to American Sign Language (ASL) through exploring vocabulary, ASL grammar and structure. Students will begin conversational signing and will be assessed on their expressive and receptive skills. There will also be introduction to Deaf culture and Deaf history. (1 credit)
08913	<b>Art I</b> — This course is an introduction to basic art concepts through painting, drawing, sculpting and three-dimensional form. Students will increase their awareness of art and its relationship to our environment and themselves. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08914	<b>Art II</b> — A continuation of Art I through an exploration of more advanced techniques and media. <b>(0.5 credit)</b> <b>NOTE:</b> You must have taken Art I to take this class.
08902	<b>Band 8</b> — The focus is on instrumental music with numerous performance opportunities including concerts, solos and ensembles, festivals, parades, and assemblies. <b>(1 credit)</b>
08925	<b>Choir 7/8</b> — This class is an introduction to Choir for both 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students. Students will work on fundamentals of singing and prepare several musical performances. Students in this class will work on fundamentals of singing and prepare several musical performances for the school, families, and the community. Topics studied will include becoming a better singer, reading and interpreting music, musical styles, developing the voice and performing before an audience. <b>(1 credit)</b>
08906	<b>Computer Technology</b> — You are likely a user of technology, but don't know how it works. In this class, you will learn essential computer skills: you will have the opportunity to code your own video game, program a robot, create something on a 3D printer, and more. You will also have the opportunity to use your creativity and imagination and pursue a project of your own choosing. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08930	<b>Engineering and Design</b> — Engineering and Design allows students to explore various types of technology used around the world! Students will learn about concepts used in various industries and apply their knowledge to complete various assignments and “hands on” projects. Areas covered include architecture, engineering, cars, bridges, hot air balloons and rockets. This fun and safe class is designed for boys and girls. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08926	<b>French I-Honors</b> — This year-long course is the high school French I-H class intended for brand-new French learners. Students will read, write, listen to and speak French in the present tense. Success in this class allows a student to enroll in French 2 or 2H as a freshman. <i>This course may be held during 1<sup>st</sup> hour at Hartland High School.</i> <b>(1 credit)</b>
08927	<b>German I-Honors</b> — This year-long course is the high school German I-H class intended for brand-new German learners. Students will read, write, listen to and speak German in the present tense. Success in this class allows a student to enroll in German 2 or 2H as a freshman. <i>This course may be held during 1<sup>st</sup> hour at Hartland High School.</i> <b>(1 credit)</b>
08941	<b>Guitar</b> — This class starts from the very beginning of guitar playing. We learn how to read music on acoustic guitar. Skills learned include how to pick, strum, and play finger style. We will eventually learn folk, rock, and blues music. We will learn older rock songs that go with the chords we are currently learning, and we will add songs with more chords as we go. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08931	<b>Music Technology &amp; Composition</b> — Do you have a love for music? Are you interested in creating your own music? This class will offer an opportunity for students to explore creating, performing, and recording their own music using a variety of music technology. No prior music experience is necessary. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08080	<b>Peer to Peer</b> – This one semester course will allow general education students to work with a variety of students with special needs in elective and/or core classes. Students will learn general strategies to work cooperatively and integrate effectively with students with special needs. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08081	<b>Personal Development</b> – This one-semester course is designed to increase the student’s knowledge of and ability in using the skills necessary for everyday living. The course units focus on personal growth and development, consumer finance, physical and mental health enhancement, goal setting and decision making, healthy diet and food preparation, and interpersonal relationships. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08917	<b>Physical Education</b> — This course is designed toward promoting physical fitness. Activities include basketball, football, tennis, badminton, bowling, volleyball, pickle ball and fitness testing.
08915	<b>Public Speaking</b> — Students will learn how communication affects everyday life. Students will develop knowledge in the process of communication, its barriers, and active listening. The fundamentals of speech organization and presentation will be applied through three formal presentations. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08911	<b>Spanish I-Honors</b> — This year-long course is the high school Spanish I-Honors class intended for brand-new Spanish learners. Students will read, write, listen to and speak Spanish in the present tense. Success in this class allows a student to enroll in Spanish 2 or 2-Honors as a freshman. <b>(1 credit)</b>
08950	<b>Theater</b> – This course provides an outlet for student creativity! It is for seasoned actors or those interested in learning about acting and theater. Students interested in performance, direction, design, technical support, backstage crafts and publicity are encouraged to join. Whether you like to be in the limelight, or you like to be creative behind the scenes, you will have an opportunity to show your talent in the theater class. The class will enhance students’ speech and communication skills, as well as teaching listening skills. Students will be able to explore the basic components of theater. The focus of this class will be to complete a final play. This will be featured at the end of the semester as a finished performance. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>
08910	<b>Woodworking</b> – This course is an introduction to general woodworking practices. Students will learn about and safely use hand tools, power tools, and woodworking machinery. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will have a broad understanding of the design & construction process, as well as the more in-depth problem-solving skills. <b>(0.5 credit)</b>