

Exploratory Options for 5th Graders

— Physical Health & Education —

5th IB Health and Physical Education -- Semester long

This general PE course is designed for those that would like to participate in a variety of sports and activities and follows the traditional physical education model. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills in more than one of the following sports or activities: team sports, individual/dual sports, recreational sports, and fitness/conditioning activities. Students will increase their health knowledge as well as their physical skills and strategies for a variety of activities.

— Arts —

Arts & Crafts

This course is designed for students who wish to learn a variety of different crafts. Students will develop an appreciation for hand craftsmanship by exploring the various techniques employed by different cultures around the world. Hand-eye coordination skills and focus will be improved as students create a multitude of handmade items themselves.

Music

The IB Music course is designed to provide students with the basis for musical innovation and creative thinking. Students will be given the opportunity to explore sound, music, instruments, theory, and performance within different cultural perspectives and genres such as rhythm, blues, rock, rap, and electronic (EDM). Students will explore sound as a means of expressing imaginative ideas while learning to reflect deeply on their identity as they create and perform music.

Theater Arts

This course is designed for the student interested in dramatic activities with an emphasis on performance. Areas covered in depth include: vocabulary, roles in the theater, pantomime, movement, acting (scene work and one-act plays), theater evaluation, and theater history (from ancient Greek to the present), and attendance at a live theater performance. Students will be involved every day in some performance-based activity. There is an emphasis on memorization, working as a team, and classroom attendance. Students will be creating projects throughout the term in groups/teams just as they would encounter in the professional theater world.

— Design —

Coding --Semester long

Students will learn all about the technology they use in their day-to-day life as well as explore how the Internet functions. They will get the basics of coding and will produce different animations and games. Students will leave the course with their very own portfolio of work that will showcase skills and everything they've created.

— Language Acquisition —

Spanish 1 --Year-Long

This is a Spanish introduction course and will encourage students to communicate with Spanish speakers through written and oral expression. The topics learned in this course will include but not be limited to greetings and telling time, grammar and verb conjugation, and vocabulary development.

World Languages & Cultures 1 --Year-Long

This course is a general study of diverse world languages and cultures. Topics include cultural practices, social structures, religions, arts, and languages. Students will gain a general understanding of the World's seven continents, the countries, and the peoples who inhabit them.