

DIEGUEÑO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) PATHWAYS

MUSIC

BEGINNING BAND 7th or 8th Grade: 1 Year

An introduction to learning a musical instrument. It is a performance-based class where students will demonstrate proficiency on a wind or percussion instrument alone, in small groups, and as a whole band for public performances. Students will have a basic understanding of staff notation, tone production, key terms, and proper technique and execution. The purpose of this class is to develop a lifelong appreciation for music through reading and performing on an instrument, and foster a teamwork environment where students collaborate to create a final product.



ADVANCED CONCERT BAND 7th and 8th Grade: 1 Year

Covers advanced topics in ensemble performance and expands upon previously learned skills and concepts. Individual as well as ensemble performance skills will be expanded through musical expression and technical accuracy. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of music theory, analyze and evaluate music, and use critical thinking skills to make refinements in their performance. Numerous concerts, contests and public performances are required throughout the year.

**Pre-requisite: audition*

THEATRE

DRAMA 7th or 8th Grade: 1 Semester

An exciting and dynamic elective that focuses on many aspects of theatre and performance. Theatrical units include Improvisation, Mime and Body Movement, Greek Theatre, Comedy Sketches, Realistic Scenes, Puppetry, Adapting Children's Fairytales, Costume Design & Stage Make-Up and Theatre Terminology. Participation is a must! Students will learn the art of listening, speaking, performing and teamwork.

VISUAL ARTS

GENERAL STUDIO ART 7th or 8th Grade: 1 Year

Develop and explore art theories and techniques through a variety of traditional media as well as gain a foundation of art history. Mediums include: drawing (2D and 3D), collage, watercolor, acrylic paint, and sculpture. Student artists will learn the **Elements of Art** and **Principles of Design** as they relate to art in Western and non-Western cultures, famous artists, and your own work.



ADVANCED STUDIO ART 7th or 8th Grade: 1 Year

Expand upon concepts and techniques learned in General Studio Art. Student artists will create their own portfolios and community projects focusing on utilizing a variety of forms, media, and techniques to advance their own creative style, while furthering their knowledge in art history.

**Pre-requisite: General Studio Art or Portfolio Check w/ Mrs. Casassa*