

COURSE DETAILS



LANGUAGE ARTS

Speech

Course Description:

This introductory Speech course aligns with the Common Core State Standards to develop essential communication skills, including critical reading, analytical writing, speaking, and active listening. Designed for 21st-century learners, the course incorporates digital tools to enhance engagement and learning.

Students will gain foundational knowledge of public speaking, covering ethical communication, topic selection, audience analysis, research, idea support, speech organization, and mastery of verbal and nonverbal delivery. Emphasis is placed on preparing and delivering well-structured speeches using appropriate technology to improve clarity and impact.

Through varied activities, students will build confidence, learn to organize ideas effectively, overcome stage fright, and apply persuasive techniques. By course end, students will be prepared to communicate clearly and confidently in both academic and real-world settings.

Drama

Course Description:

This introductory course is designed to develop students' skills, knowledge, and understanding of theatrical arts. Students will explore various aspects of theater, including drama appreciation, interpretation, and preparation for production. The curriculum covers adaptation and interpretation of diverse theater forms, with a strong emphasis on stage performance and production.

Students will engage in practical workshops focusing on acting, stage performance, and the incorporation of multimedia elements such as visual arts and computer technology, when appropriate. The course culminates in an onstage production featuring either original plays or adaptations of movies and short stories created by the students.

Instruction is aligned with the Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards for California Public Schools, Prekindergarten Through Grade Twelve (Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts), as adopted by the California State Board of Education.



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Journalism

Course Description:

This introductory course is designed to develop students' skills, knowledge, and understanding of the principles and practices of journalism, as well as journalism's vital role in society. The curriculum is aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS), with a focus on reading, writing, language, speaking, and listening skills.

Topics covered include the challenges of journalism, relevant laws, ethics, and policies, defining and sourcing news, interviewing techniques, news story writing, proper use of quotations, in-depth reporting, journalistic style, and various types of articles. Additional areas of study include photojournalism, publication design, headline writing, copyediting, production processes, broadcast journalism, and advertising.

Students will actively participate as a team in the quarterly production of the school newspaper, Inside RAIS, gaining hands-on experience in all aspects of journalistic work

