

BST Jr. High School Electives for 2025-26

Course	Description	Type/Length
Intro to Visual 2-D Art	Using 2-D media, skills, and techniques, Projects may include (but are not limited to) drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, and mixed media. Supply fee with scholarships available.	Art Semester
Musical Theatre	Students learn to use acting and singing tools to create, articulate, and execute public performances. / MUST audition for this course	Elective Year
Instrumental Music	Learn how to play an instrument or create music through technology.	Elective Semester
Music Technology	Introduces students to music creation and production. Students learn basic music theory, sound design, recording techniques, and mixing, fostering creativity and technical skills in a collaborative environment.	Elective Semester
Journalism/ Yearbook	Teaches students the skills needed to create and design the school's yearbook. Students learn about photography, layout design, writing, and editing, working collaboratively to capture and document the year's events and memories.	Elective Semester
Computer Applications (8 th Grade)	Introduces students to essential computer skills, including word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and basic coding. Students learn to navigate software tools, enhance their digital literacy, and apply these skills to academic and real-world projects.	Elective Semester
Speech and Debate (7 th Grade)	Helps students develop public speaking, critical thinking, and argumentation skills. Students learn to research topics, construct persuasive arguments, and engage in structured debates, enhancing their confidence and communication abilities.	Elective Semester
STEM	Engages students in hands-on learning across science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students work on projects that integrate these disciplines, fostering problem-solving skills, creativity, and a deeper understanding of how STEM fields interact. Focus on underwater robotics.	Elective Semester
Team Sports	Learn and play several different sports.	PE Credits
Aviation	This is an introductory course of study used when learning to pilot an aircraft. The overall purpose of primary and intermediate flight training is the acquisition and honing basic airmanship skills. Must submit application.	Elective Semester
Exploratory Agriscience	Students use scientific principles and emerging technologies to solve complex problems related to agriculture, food, and natural resources. This course will teach students how to run a garden and includes an introduction to Animal Science and Services.	Elective Semester
Fundamentals of Ag Science	The purpose of this course is to assist students in making informed decisions regarding their future academic and occupational goals and to provide information regarding careers in the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resource career cluster. The content includes but is not limited to agricultural literacy, importance of agriculture, the role of science, math, reading, writing, geography, history, and technology in agriculture, plants and animals, and sources of consumer goods from agriculture. For 8th Grade FFA members ONLY / Must be approved by Mrs. Roof	Elective Year
Student Government (SGA)	The purpose of this course is to teach leadership skills, parliamentary procedure, problem solving, decision making, communication skills, group dynamics, time and stress management, public speaking, human relations, public relations, team building, and other group processes.	Elective Year
Spanish 1 (HS credit)	Spanish 1 introduces students to the target language and various cultures. Students should expect to become familiar with common vocabulary terms and phrases. High School credit. <i>Only students in the Jr. Scholar Program are eligible for this course</i>	Elective Year
Spanish 2 (HS credit)	Spanish 2 builds upon the students' knowledge while comprehending a wide range of grammar patterns, participating in conversations with thoughtful responses, and perspectives of the various Spanish-speaking countries. Mid-year class is conducted completely in Spanish. 8th Grade Jr. Scholar option ONLY – High School credit / Prerequisites: Spanish 1	Elective Year
Digital Information Technology (HS credit)	Learn programming and coding skills to prepare students for web design or creating video games. This class is a pre-requisite for Game & Sim Design and IT high school courses. For 8th graders with exceptional computer skills or students in the Jr. Scholar Program <u>ONLY</u> .	Elective Year
Student Life Skills (SLS 1122) (College Course)	Developing critical thinking skills, cultivating personal responsibility, learning organizational and study skills, and encouraging academic achievement. 8th Grade Jr. Scholar Students ONLY / 2nd semester course	College Credit Semester