

**TUESDAY BRIGHTON OPTIONS 2017-2018: Class Descriptions**

**Course Ratings:**            0= no homework                    3= 3 hours per week  
    1= 1 hour or less per week        4= 4 hours per week  
    2= 2 hours per week                5= 5 hours per week

These ratings should be used as a guide to help in choosing classes that work with your home schedule. In most cases, classes for elementary students are considered to be enrichment courses. Course descriptions also give information regarding specific projects, practice guidelines and regular homework, when applicable.

Please be aware of classes with ratings of 3 and higher. It is critical for the students to complete homework, in a timely manner, to be successful in the class.

Grading: K-5th grades receive a Pass (P) or Fail (F). 6th-12th grades receive a letter grade.  
 There is a REWARD at the end of the year for being a Straight "A" Student.

**Class Descriptions are organized alphabetical by teacher.**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Homework</u>	<u>Parent Help</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>other</u>
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>Berhow</b>	<b>K-12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>tennis shoes and appropriate active clothing. Shorts or pants under dresses and skirts please.</b>	
Description: Students will work to develop gross motor skills, teamwork and sportsmanship while working out their wiggles. Larger class sizes will include team sports such as basketball, football, volleyball and soccer. Nutrition/living a healthy life style will be incorporated into the curriculum. Activities may be outside, so please dress appropriately.						

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<b>Health and Wellness</b>	<b>Berhow</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Students will learn about the many aspects of health and wellness. Topics include; physical, social and emotional wellness, nutrition, physical fitness, and stress management. This class is designed to help students make good decisions that lead to living a healthy and enjoyable lifestyle!						

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<b>Constitutional Debate</b>	<b>Burkeen</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: During this class, students will have the unique opportunity to learn both the Constitution of the United States as well as how to respectfully debate. The Constitution itself is not going to be debated, but rather, students will debate different aspects of the creation of The Constitution in order to obtain a better understanding of the basis of our country.						

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<b>Creative Writing</b>	<b>Burkeen</b>	<b>2-3/4-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: This class will provide fun and engaging ways to allow your student to flourish as a creative writer. This class does not focus on the conventions of writing, but rather allows students to write creatively without the worry of "getting it wrong." This class focuses on the ideas and voice of your student. In this class students will use interactive activities to write wacky stories and find a creative voice. Grades 4-6 will find this to be a more challenging writing class than grades 2-3, but similar in content.						

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<b>Read Aloud Fluency</b>	<b>Burkeen</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Does your child like to read and perform? Or perhaps they need to build their fluency skills. This class will allow children to enhance their reading skills, both independently and orally. Students will be provided scripts and books, and we will work both independently and with our peers, to perform like storytellers.						

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<b>World Cultures</b>	<b>Burkeen</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Students will "travel the world" without leaving the comfort of school ;) Students will learn about the history and current culture of several countries through hands-on projects. Grab your passport and explore!						

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<b>Art</b>	<b>Desrochers</b>	<b>2-12</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: General and HS Art classes will explore and develop an understanding of the Art Elements 1st semester then integrate these concepts working with the Design Principles to complete the year. Students will build confidence in their ability to communicate through drawing, painting and sculptural processes. Classes will utilize a variety of materials providing the opportunity for the student to explore safe techniques in art production, improve motor skills and develop in their creative expression.						

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<b>Photography/Moviemaking</b>	<b>Desrochers</b>	<b>7-12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Digital Camera</b>
<p>Description: Photography will provide an introduction to design, pin-hole photography and digital cameras. Lesson Plans will include photo silkscreen T- shirts and photo transfer encaustic paintings. Students will demonstrate the correct use of equipment and photo materials. Learn about culturally significant Artists', their work present and historically. Explore a variety of visual representations documenting content through picture/stories montages and collage. Class work will focus on the techniques in developing composition and establishing the pictorial image.</p> <p>Students will be exposed to and utilize various techniques required for amateur film making, from conceptualization, script writing, storyboarding to filming, editing and DVD burning using Mac hardware/software and iPads. Final projects will be viewed on "Movie Night" in the spring. If your student has access to a MAC laptop and/or nice quality digital video camera for in-class use, they are welcome to do so.</p>						

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<b>Animalia - The Invertebrates</b>	<b>Flanscha</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>1" 3 ring binder with 8 dividers</b>	
<p>Description: Beautiful butterflies, squishy squid, wriggling worms, stinging scorpions, camouflaging cuttlefish ... there are so many fascinating creatures in this group of animals we call the invertebrates. Lots of them live in the ocean. We will learn about how these animals are grouped and what is special about each group. There will be some reading and projects outside of class as you get to dig deeper and learn about the species that interest you the most.</p>						

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<b>Cool Colorado</b>	<b>Flanscha</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>1" 3 ring binder with 8 dividers</b>	
<p>Description: Fossils, Indians, explorers, pioneers, cowboys, miners, millionaires, and the wild, wild west! Our famous mountains and their wildlife and beauty! These are all things we will learn about our great state of Colorado. What makes our state's history unique? Who were these people that have mountains and towns and streets named after them? We will do hands-on projects as part of our learning. There will be some reading outside of class.</p>						

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<b>Math Periphery</b>	<b>Flanscha</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>A pocket folder</b>	
<p>Description: "Periphery" can be defined as an area lying beyond the strict limits of a thing. In this class we will explore fun topics that relate to math, like graphing, money, measuring, 3-D shapes and some mysteries of math. Also, though not the main focus, we will also work on mastery of the basic operations: adding subtracting, multiplying and dividing.</p>						

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<b>Speak Out</b>	<b>Flanscha</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>A pocket folder</b>	
<p>Description: This class is all about talking to each other. We will have fun together playing a lot of games as we learn to speak in front of a group and listen to each other. We will also use drama, puppets, and reader's theatre. The experiences will help boost students' confidence as we practice in a safe and encouraging environment. As our skills grow, we will speak to each other on various topics with both prepared speeches and spontaneous ones. There will be some preparation at home.</p>						

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<b>Books Aweigh</b>	<b>Flanscha</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>A pocket folder</b>	
<p>Description: Let's dive into some fun books and immerse ourselves into great stories, unique characters and beautiful pictures. In each class we will read a classic or award-winning book and then use our imaginations on a project related to the book. We will venture into art, reading, writing, history, mapping, and even science. Who knows where the books will take us!</p>						

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<b>MS Science</b>	<b>Hansen</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<p>Description: This middle school level science class covers and integrates a wide range of hands-on experiences, critical-thinking opportunities, and real-world applications. <u>We are using a new curriculum</u> which goes into more depth in specific areas of science. There are 12 books. We will work through 4 books each year, over a 3-yr rotation. Individual classes can be taken in any order for 6-8th grade students.</p>						

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<b>Life/Study Skills</b>	<b>Hansen</b>	<b>7-12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<p>Description: Students will learn important and valuable information to support their growth outside of school and entering college or the work place. This class will focus on study skills, notetaking, focus techniques, safety techniques, giving a strong interview and all the general questions a student may have about life. (note: Amber is trying to get connected with a career testing center to allow students to assess their skills and receive feedback on jobs which may be a good fit in their future.)</p>						

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<b>Practical Chemistry</b>	<b>Hansen</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<p>Description: This year will be an introduction to chemistry. Please note that this class will be more content knowledge and based on the study of Chemistry. Students will study the atom, periodic law, chemical bonding, chemical formulas, chemical equations, stoichiometry, states of matter, acids and bases, and chemical equilibrium. It is recommended that a student have a strong understand of Algebra before taking this class.</p> <p><u>Please note: This is a Fundamentals of Chemistry class.</u> This will not have a chemistry code on your APS transcripts. This is to give an accurate reflection of the content the student is learning and not to confuse a college into thinking your student has had a full chemistry class. Options can not provide a full chem class due to the fact that we do not have showers, or ventilation or eye wash stations, etc. Students will learn important chemistry concepts through book work and hands-on basic labs. This will give them a solid foundation for taking chemistry classes in college, and meeting those vigorous demands, without feeling overwhelmed. For those who are not college-bound, this will be a great and fun advanced science class.</p>						

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<b>Eat, Write, Cook</b>	Henton	7-12	0-1	May be requested	TBD	
Description: Students in this class will be introduced to healthy cooking and eating through hands-on kitchen experience. We will explore the food groups, healthy portion sizes, and caloric intake vs. output. Students will be encouraged to extend their Options experience into the "real world." Students will earn language arts credit by journaling, food blogging and critiquing as well. Students will participate in preparation for the annual Bake Sale in December, learning healthy ingredient swaps and treats. All items will be nut free. Instructor is willing to work with other food allergies as well, with parental support. This class is for those who have some cooking experience, but you don't need to be a pro! Minimal homework (less than 1 hour/week).						

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<b>Cookin' Cross County</b>	Henton	4-6	0	Will be requested	TBD	
Description: For the adventurous eater, this class will teach you how to make various recipes from different parts of the USA. Get to know your country a little better through food! Members of this class will participate in preparation for the annual Options Bake Sale in December.						

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<b>Basics of Cooking</b>	Henton	2-3	0	Will be requested	TBD	
Description: This course is an introduction to cooking, recipe reading, and general kitchen skills, including measuring and cutting. It will increase your child's comfort level in the kitchen while exposing him/her to a variety of foods and cooking techniques. We will measure, mix, and cook our way through the school year. Students will participate the annual school bake sale in December. Occasional groceries may be requested from students.						

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<b>Cake Decorating Level 1</b>	Henton	4-6	0	May be requested	See class supply list (out in Aug.)	
Description: This class is for beginning cake decorators who have baking experience. You will learn the basics of handling a pastry bag, making icing, piping beginner flowers and shapes, as well as simple borders, lines, and letters. Students must have their own tip set for use in class (see class supply list for specifics). Student in this class will show off their skills by participating in the preparation for the Annual Bake Sale in December. No homework required. Parent help may be requested leading up to the bake sale in December.						

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<b>Cake Decorating Level 2</b>	Henton	5-7	0-1	May be requested	See class supply list (out in Aug.)	
Description: This class is for students who have taken Cake Decorating Level 1 and passed with 80% or better. We will build on skills learned in Level 1, learning several flowers, including rosebuds and pansies, as well as additional decorative borders. Participants in this class will also earn credit for language arts by writing food critiques, and blogs, as well as creating advertisements for their decorated creations. Students must have their own tip set for use in class (see class supply list for specifics). Students will show off their skills by participating in the preparation for the Annual Bake Sale in December. Minimal homework (less than an hour/week). Parent help may be requested leading up to the bake sale in December.						

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<b>World Literature</b>	Malik	9-12	3	May be requested	TBD	
Description: At home, students will read several classic novels throughout the year (one every 2-4 weeks) by world literature authors such as Shakespeare, Chinua Achebe and Elie Weisel. Each week in class, students will a) hold a book discussion led mostly by their own premeditated questions, b) delve into ideas like theme, hero's journey, plot structure, and characterization, and c) write creatively in response to the readings, thereby developing their own creative writing abilities based on analysis of the novels' writing techniques.						

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<b>Speech/Debate</b>	Malik	7-8/9-12	1-2	May be requested	TBD	
Description: Students will learn a variety of rhetorical speech-writing techniques as well as techniques for drawing in an audience and professionally giving a successful speech. Throughout the year, students will develop a sense of comfort speaking in front of people by performing several impromptu or pre-planned speeches, debates, theatrical short scenes, and more!						

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<b>MS English Composition</b>	Malik	7-8	2-3	May be requested	TBD	Students will need access to a word processing program and a reliable printer
Description: Composition 1 will focus on developing the basics of writing with organization, voice, style, and audience awareness. Students will learn to follow the 5 basic steps of the writing process: prewriting, drafting, revising, editing and publishing as well as use the opportunity to share their work and become comfortable with peer review and critiquing. Writing projects will range in style and genre with a specific focus on each of the 6 + 1 writing traits. Classes will include a focus on strengthening spelling and grammar skills to ensure students become proficient with written language without the use of spell or grammar check. Assignments will include persuasive essays, research papers and short stories. Student motivation will be propelled by empowering students to develop questions about topics that interest them, to defend their opinions and ideas with research based evidence, to discover and research new passions, and to see themselves as real-world writers.						

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<b>It's Showtime! Theater/Musical</b>	Malik co-taught with Simon	6-12	2-3	Will be requested	TBD	Please plan to attend an information meeting the first week of school.
Description: Calling all performers! There is power in numbers and we need everyone interested in all aspects of theater to sign up for this uniquely inclusive production! It really does take a village, and so we have decided upon Robert Fulghum's, "All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten" (based on his best-selling books which have sold over 15 million copies in 93 countries, and have been translated into 27 languages) to unite the worlds of theater and musical theater to give each ensemble member an opportunity to shine. This is a comedy with touching dramatic moments, punctuated by a heart-warming and inspirational musical score. Students will be able to choose which roles suit them best- actors will not be required to sing and singers will not be required to act, but if you love to sing and act you're welcome to do both! With Mrs. Malik directing and Mrs. Simon as musical director, this is an opportunity not to be missed!						

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<b>Bodyworks</b>	<b>Masters</b>	<b>2-3/4-6</b>	<b>0/1-2</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<p>Description: (2nd-3rd) In this class, we'll explore how the systems in our body work together to help us play, learn, work and stay healthy and happy. We'll discover through fun activities why our bodies work as they do and learn tricks to make ourselves even stronger.</p> <p>(4th -6th) In this class we'll explore how the systems in our body work together to help us stay healthy, active, and learning. Students can expect the same hands on, active approach to learning but higher expectations for understanding and retaining content. Readings and quizzes on information learned in class will be included at the higher level.</p>						

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<b>Environmental Science</b>	<b>Masters</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<p>Description: Explore your school as an environmental scientist. We'll explore systems, interrelationships, patterns and change, structure and scale using fun, hands on explorations of our amazing Brighton Options school yard and pond.</p>						

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<b>Kid Chemists</b>	<b>Masters</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<p>Description: Chemistry is all around us! In this class we'll use fun activities to explore how chemicals come together to make or change everyday things. We'll experiment with food, everyday objects, and our beautiful Options schoolyard environment to better understand and appreciate the amazing chemistry that surrounds us every day.</p>						

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<b>Intermediate Instruments</b>	<b>Mclrvn</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>List is given separately at the beginning of the year. To request it early, please contact the teacher at BrightonOptionsMusic@gmail.com</b>	
<p>Pre-reqs: Reasonable facility on an instrument and basic music-reading skills. Placement in class with instructor approval. No beginners, please.</p> <p>Description: You know how to play the instrument, so now come play!! You choose the songs, you choose the style! Primarily a performance-oriented class, you will also develop a greater understanding of music theory, and gain improvisational, listening, and sight-reading skills. At-home practice is mandatory. NOTE: This is a class for students after Beginning Guitar and Beginning Piano as well as any other instrument including: woodwinds, brass, strings, and percussion.</p> <p>THIS IS A REPEATABLE CLASS, as we will be cover new topics and apply former topics in new ways every year!</p>						

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<b>Choir</b>	<b>Mclrvn</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>List is given separately at the beginning of the year. To request it early, please contact the teacher at BrightonOptionsMusic@gmail.com</b>	
<p>Description: This class will spend 2nd semester learning Jazz/Pop vocal styles and 1st semester learning more "traditional" choral pieces. Jazz/pop is designed for the singer of the modern vocal genre. Its purpose is to enable students to successfully create covers of their favorite groups, participate seamlessly in local praise-and-worship bands, and be confident in a solo and small group vocal setting. It will strive to train and shape the maturity of the singing voice and will develop the singer's melodic interpretation and harmonic potential.</p> <p>Traditional music focuses on integrating and exploring various aspects of vocal music performance. From choral literature to original songwriting; from a cappella singing to accompanied; this is the class for those who love to sing! Music-reading, pitch-matching and ear-training, and identifying written notes with those on a keyboard are skills that will be developed and emphasized throughout the year and are not necessary to enroll in the class. Expect part-singing, solo opportunities, rounds, music reading and writing, and improvising in a safe and fun atmosphere.</p> <p>Expect greater singing confidence, musical literacy, and great fun with your classmates as you embark on this musical adventure!</p>						

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<b>Instrument Creation</b>	<b>Mclrvn</b>	<b>4-6/6-12</b>	<b>0-2 depending on project</b>	<b>Will be requested</b>	<b>List is given separately at the beginning of the year. To request it early, please contact the teacher at BrightonOptionsMusic@gmail.com</b>	<b>Power tools will be used in this class</b>
<p>Description: How is a xylophone different from a vibraphone? Is a flute a woodwind or a brass instrument? Why does it even matter? Find the answers to these and other questions in a class that's all about instruments! You will learn the names and sounds of common instruments, how they're made and played, and what kinds of ensembles each instrument plays in. Not only will you learn about instruments and have the chance to play them yourself, but you will actually MAKE several different instruments to take home! You will make at least one instrument for each of the four instrumental families by yourself or in a small group setting. The final project will see you and your classmates plan out and potentially construct an as-of-yet nonexistent instrument by using the skills and knowledge you will acquire in this class! Blue Man group, here we come!</p>						

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<b>Beginning Piano</b>	<b>Mclrvn</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>List is given separately at the beginning of the year. To request it early, please contact the teacher at BrightonOptionsMusic@gmail.com</b>	
<p>Description: Come get those fingers moving! In this class, students will acquire music reading skills, individual playing technique, and group performance skills while learning how to play the piano. Studies have proven that musicians—and specifically pianists—have more brain synapses than non-musicians. Learning an instrument in these younger, pre-adult years also increases coordination, pattern recognition, beat awareness, and holistic educational aptitude.</p>						

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<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>Olmsted</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Kindergarten will provide hands-on and group activities to further develop students' reading, writing, critical thinking and artistic skills. Kindergarten at Brighton Options is considered an all inclusive classroom - students are with their teacher for all of their core classes. Kindies will only change teachers for 1/2 hr P.E. and 1/2 music (same period 3).						

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<b>Hands On US Geography</b>	<b>Olmsted</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Through learning how to use a map and the tools on the map, we will explore places all around our country. We will also be exploring the places we discuss by doing hands on activities and learning in a large group.						

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<b>Math Games</b>	<b>Osgood</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Students will learn a wide variety of games to help reinforce basic addition and subtract skills. We will work with mental math concepts, 'Brain Games', XtraMath computer tests, dice games, Math Tiles, and much more. If your student needs to get quicker in their addition and subtraction, this class is for them!						

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<b>Pioneer Crafts A</b>	<b>Osgood</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Travel back in time to the pioneer days. Fill your days (or class time) with the crafts and activities they would have done. Students will learn some of the crafts that aren't being taught anymore. Have you ever wanted to learn how to write in Calligraphy? To dry emboss? To make goat-milk soap? Macramé? What about Quilling (do you even know what that is????). How about Leatherwork? All projects will be completed in class unless we have run out of time and they'd need to be completed at home. Homework level would be a 1 for this reason. If you enjoy working with your hands and making handmade gifts, this class is for you!						

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<b>Simple Powered Machines</b>	<b>Osgood</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: This class will teach students about mechanical and structural principles of everyday machines and mechanisms through the use of LEGO'S. Students will investigate and build with a partner to help develop teamwork.						

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<b>Computers</b>	<b>Osgood</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Students should be able to read basic command words, file, save, etc.</b>
Description: Computer skills are important for all students. Students will learn the basics of navigating around their computer, and the basics of Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, and Power Point. Class activities will include making projects using Publisher and PowerPoint. If time permits, students will be able to work some with Paint.						

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<b>Learn to Type</b>	<b>Osgood</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Do your students 'hunt and peck' when typing? Would you like them to become confident on the keyboard? Learn to Type is just that. Students will learn correct finger placement and work on typing drills to become confident typists! The class will focus on typing through drills and when the objective is met, games will be allowed to further enforce typing skills learned. This class will like be structured like typing classes of old which means A LOT of typing. If time permits towards the end of the school year, basic computer programs may be introduced.						

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<b>International Towne</b>	<b>Rittenhouse</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: International Towne (Itowne) is an interactive class. Students will learn lessons and activities that teach basic global economics, and also reinforce cultural awareness, geography, math, science, language arts and civics. Students will be required to attend the field trip on April 4th, 2018 to the Young Americans Facility where students spend the day role-playing as consumers and producers in a global marketplace of 16 countries. This class participates with all other Options sites to be truly interactive and engaging. It's an unforgettable experience that fosters lifelong learning!						

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<b>American Government</b>	<b>Rittenhouse</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: American Government puts an enormous emphasis on activities to make it interesting so that the student will end up with a better sense of what governing means. We will be using a textbook, but will also be focusing on primary government sources to understand government on a local, state, and federal level. As well as focusing on the history of our nation's government, we will focus on how the government has evolved and how it functions today. Students will be required to be aware of current events as they will be a focus of our discussions. Assignments will include reading assignments, quizzes, a constitution test, and current event assignments. Students should be reading and writing at or above grade level to enroll in this class. Students will be encouraged to engage in classroom discussion. Study skills, writing skills and logical argumentation will also be stressed as part of the course.						

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<b>US History Part 1</b>	<b>Rittenhouse</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Content will cover US History with Geography from the Pre-Columbian Era to the Constitutional Period. US History will rotate on a three year basis to more fully cover US History from Pre-Columbian to Present day. Students may take US History three years in a row and will learn new information. This class is recommended for grades 7-9. This year's course will cover the period from Pre-Columbian history and geography up to the establishment of the government of the United States. The study of American history will revolve around causes and effects of actions of individuals and nations throughout the time. Colorado state standards will be addressed throughout the course and grades will be based on quizzes, essays, homework assignments and article reviews. Primary source materials (for example: letters written by James Madison as he discussed problems of government with George Washington) will be used to supplement the district's text. Occasionally, in addition to the text assignments, students will be given assignments dealing with modern applications of issues discussed in class (for example, an article that deals with modern tariff issues). It is expected that students will spend a minimum of one hour per day in preparation for the class. Students should be reading and writing at, or above grade level in order to enroll in this class. Students will be encouraged to engage in class discussion. Study skills, writing skills and logical argumentation will also be stressed in addition to learning the history of the era.						

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<b>US History Part 3</b>	<b>Rittenhouse</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<p>Description: This is the third of three courses designed to break the study of American History into three time periods. This year's course picks up where last year left off: beginning with the Civil War/Reconstruction period and finishing as close to the present as time will allow. Study will revolve around causes and effects of actions of individuals and nations during this time. Colorado state standards will be addressed and grades will be based on quizzes, essays, homework assignments, short writing assignments, scored discussions, map quizzes and group work. Primary source materials will be used (the text of the Truman Doctrine for example) to supplement the district's text. Students will occasionally be given assignments dealing with modern applications of issues discussed in class. Students should be reading and writing at or above grade level to enroll in this class. Students will be encouraged to engage in classroom discussion. Study skills, writing skills and logical argumentation will also be stressed as part of the course.</p>						

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<b>World History part 1</b>	<b>Rittenhouse</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
<p>Description: World History will rotate on a two year basis to more fully cover World History from Pre-History to Present day. Students may take World History two years in a row and will learn new information. World History is recommended for grades 10th and 11th.</p> <p>This year's course will cover the period from Pre-History up to the European Renaissance. The study of world history and geography will revolve around causes and effects of actions of individuals and nations throughout the time. Colorado state standards will be addressed throughout the course and grades will be based on quizzes, essays, homework assignments and article reviews. Primary source materials (for example: excerpts from the funeral oration given by the Greek statesman Pericles in the early 400s BC, during which he described the advantages of Athenian citizenship) will be used to supplement the district's text. Occasionally, in addition to the text assignments, students will be given assignments dealing with modern applications of issues discussed in class (for example, an article that deals with modern developments in technology). It is expected that students will spend a minimum of one hour per day in preparation for the class. Students should be reading and writing at, or above grade level in order to enroll in this class. Students will be encouraged to engage in class discussion. Study skills, writing skills and logical argumentation will also be stressed in addition to learning the history of the era.</p>						

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<b>Elementary Spanish Level 1</b>	<b>Rodriguez</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>Risas y Sonrisas textbook and workbook, notebook or paper to take notes with, pencil, at-home art supplies for projects, and other materials on an as-needed basis.</b>	<b>Access to internet/ computer at home required.</b>
<p>Description: An introduction to the Spanish language focusing primarily on vocabulary acquisition through signing, music, repetition, projects and activities. Students should be proficient in reading and writing! There will be written homework weekly. This is a beginning class for students who are new to the language.</p>						

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<b>MS Spanish</b>	<b>Rodriguez</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>Exploratory Spanish textbook and workbook, 70-page, college-ruled notebook, pencil, art supplies at home for projects, other materials on an as-needed basis.</b>	<b>Access to Internet required!</b>
<p>Description: This course is an introductory course to Spanish. The goal is to introduce students to the Spanish language and provide them with vocabulary covering a wide range of topics and also an introduction to basic conversations. The course will also cover some cultural topics that will encourage the student's interest in the language. It will also include projects, games, songs, videos, and vocabulary building. Students will have access to the companion textbook and other activities online. There will be written and/or online homework weekly.</p>						

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<b>HS Spanish Level 1</b>	<b>Rodriguez</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>Realidades textbook and workbook including Guided Practice and Core Practice, 70-page college-ruled notebook, pencil and other materials on an as-needed basis.</b>	<b>Access to internet/ computer at home required!</b>
<p>Description: This class is a more accelerated introduction to the Spanish language than lower levels. Students will be learning vocabulary, grammar and structure through reading, writing, listening, repetition, communication, videos, and culture. Classroom instruction will be used to supplement students' study of textbook at home and written homework will be assigned weekly to reinforce instruction. Students are asked to bring a 70-page, college-ruled notebook to use specifically for Spanish and will be taking notes and also gluing handouts in the notebook.</p>						

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<b>HS Spanish Level 2</b>	<b>Rodriguez</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>Realidades textbook and workbook including Guided Practice and Core Practice, 70-page college-ruled notebook, pencil and other materials on an as-needed basis.</b>	<b>Access to internet/ computer at home required!</b>
<p>Prerequisite: Spanish 1 with Realidades 1 text with a finishing grade of "B" or better.</p> <p>Description: This class is an accelerated continuation of Spanish 1 from the Realidades series. Focus will continue on vocabulary acquisition, grammar and structures, including verb conjugations in different tenses. Students will be learning material through reading, writing, listening, repetition, communication, videos, and culture. Classroom instruction will be used to supplement students' study of textbook at home and written homework will be assigned weekly to reinforce instruction. Students are asked to bring a 70-page, college-ruled notebook to use specifically for Spanish and will be taking notes and also gluing handouts in the notebook.</p>						

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<b>Africa Sings - The Song, The Dance, The Story</b>	<b>Simon</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>Simple costumes around performance time</b>	
Description: Travel with us to Africa as we learn songs and games from several African countries, including Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and South Africa. Students will develop their singing voices and musical skills through a variety of fun activities that include acting, movement and playing instruments. Our major performance on December 11-12, 2017, will also include a dramatic telling of a Folk Tale from The Congo. Second semester we will study Spirituals (songs the slaves sang) and other African connections to American music, such as jazz. American Sign Language will also be incorporated into this class. Join us on our African Adventure!						

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<b>African Adventure - Instruments</b>	<b>Simon</b>	<b>4-8 (9-12)</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>Simple costumes around performance time</b>	
Description: Join us in our exploration of Zimbabwean – style music, played on the marimbas (xylophones)! Students will develop their musical skills such as beat, rhythm, melody, harmony and reading music through playing instruments as part of an ensemble. Our main performance on December 11-12, 2017 will highlight student creativity and skill as they sing, play and perform African songs and accompaniments on xylophones and small percussion instruments. We may also incorporate acting opportunities, African dance, and American Sign Language, depending on interest. This class will be filled with exciting rhythmic challenges and delightful discoveries – join us as we jam! 9-12th graders may join the class.						

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<b>Kindergarten Music</b>	<b>Simon</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Will be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Songs, poems, and stories are combined with classroom instruments to create sound settings, and to teach concepts such as sound/silence, quiet/loud, long/short and high/low. Students will respond to music with movement and begin to recognize simple music notation. Beat, rhythm and melody will be explored in grade-level appropriate ways in this fun and enjoyable classroom music experience!						

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<b>1st Grade Music</b>	<b>Simon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Will be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Literature is utilized to enhance student understanding of patterns, rhymes, musical form and phrases in the music classroom as they learn to clap and read simple rhythms. 1st graders will sing and play pentatonic melodies on the xylophone orchestra as well as play small percussion instruments. Students will delight in creating music and movement ideas that demonstrate a steady beat and demonstrate their creativity as they develop their listening and performing musical skills.						

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<b>Sign and Sing Level 1</b>	<b>Simon</b>	<b>5-12</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>Will be requested - Families are encouraged to learn ASL together</b>	<b>one inch 3 ring notebook, paper, pencil, other materials on an as-needed basis</b>	<b>Access to a computer with internet at home.</b>
Description: Did you know American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most popular language in the USA? ASL is a beautifully expressive language that is fun to learn! This foreign language course will include fingerspelling, number practice, basic vocabulary and ASL Phrases needed to communicate with someone who is deaf. Students will also learn about deaf culture as they grow their signing skills through repetition, projects, music, activities and online signing videos and dictionaries. Internet access is required for weekly homework and practice. Students should be comfortable with reading and writing to be successful with activities in class. A musical component is minimal in this class, but qualifies ASL as a class for our school - the focus is in learning ASL. I look forward to signing with you!						

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<b>It's Showtime! Theater/Musical</b>	<b>Simon co-taught with Malik</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>Will be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>Please plan to attend an information meeting the first week of school</b>
Description: Calling all performers! There is power in numbers and we need everyone interested in all aspects of theater to sign up for this uniquely inclusive production! It really does take a village, and so we have decided upon Robert Fulghum's, "All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten" (based on his best-selling books which have sold over 15 million copies in 93 countries, and have been translated into 27 languages) to unite the worlds of theater and musical theater to give each ensemble member an opportunity to shine. This is a comedy with touching dramatic moments, punctuated by a heart-warming and inspirational musical score. Students will be able to choose which roles suit them best- actors will not be required to sing and singers will not be required to act, but if you love to sing and act you're welcome to do both! With Mrs. Malik directing and Mrs. Simon as musical director, this is an opportunity not to be missed!						

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<b>Pre-Algebra</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Students will study numbers and operations, including ways of representing numbers, relationships among numbers and number systems. Students will be introduced to Algebra concepts, solving for unknowns and using mathematical language to represent and understand quantitative relationships. This will prepare students to take Algebra 1.						

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<b>Algebra 1</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: This class will provide the fundamentals of algebra and introductory problem solving. The emphasis is upon frequent introduction of small concepts and upon continuous review. We are using Teaching Textbooks for our classes: please go online to take the placement exam before selecting a class. <a href="http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/v/vsfiles/tt/Placement.htm">http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/v/vsfiles/tt/Placement.htm</a>						

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<b>Algebra 2</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>4-5</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Completion of Algebra 1 with a "C" or higher is required. This class is a continuation of the fundamental skills of Algebra and problem solving from Algebra 1. We are using Teaching Textbooks for our classes: please go online to take the placement exam before selecting a class. <a href="http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/v/vsfiles/tt/Placement.htm">http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/v/vsfiles/tt/Placement.htm</a>						

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<b>Geometry</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Students will study key mathematical ideas of proof, congruence and similarity. The student will examine problems in new and creative ways that will enhance their ability to think logically. We are using Teaching Textbooks for our classes: please go online to take the placement exam before selecting a class. <a href="http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/v/vsfiles/tt/Placement.htm">http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/v/vsfiles/tt/Placement.htm</a>						

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<b>Pre-Calculus</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>May be requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: This class emphasizes multiple variable models, patterns in variation, modeling social decision-making, functions and algebraic reasoning, shapes and geometric reasoning and proofs, discrete models of change, trigonometry, and surveys and samples. This class will prepare students for college level math courses. We are using Teaching Textbooks for our classes: please go online to take the placement exam before selecting a class. <a href="http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/v/vsfiles/tt/Placement.htm">http://www.teachingtextbooks.com/v/vsfiles/tt/Placement.htm</a>						

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<b>First Grade Classes</b>	<b>Van Blaricom</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Students will receive a fluid mix of science, math, reading, spelling, writing, art and fun! First Grade at Brighton Options is considered an all inclusive classroom - students are with their teacher for all of their core classes. Firsties will only change teachers for 1/2 hr P.E. and 1/2 music (same period).						

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<b>AmeriTowne</b>	<b>Van Blaricom</b>	<b>4-6</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>TBD</b>	
Description: Ameritowne is an award winning educational program that teaches students about business, economics, and free enterprise with "hands on" activities. Students are required to participate in one Field trip on <u>March 14, 2018</u> . Field trip includes working with a team to operate a 17-business "town" - a real life simulation that is an incredible learning experience for kids! The final week so of class will continue to teach kids about finances and money matters.						

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<b>Teacher Assistant or Office</b>	<b>Any</b>	<b>6-12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>None</b>		
Description: Students grades 6 to 12 may apply to their teacher of choice, or Mrs. Stevens, to be a student assistant for their class. Only one class period allowed, per student. Students receive a Pass/Fail grade as a TA and this does not count as a class on their HS Transcripts.						