

Redding School of the Arts II
 Elective Schedule 2011-2012, Selection and Policy
Grades 6 through 8
1st Trimester

The elective program is an enrichment opportunity for children who are successful in the regular academic program. Its purpose is to allow students to experience and explore different aspects of Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) and/or focus on a particular interest.

Course descriptions are on the back of this form and on our website (www.rsarts.org) to help with your child's selection. Please keep in mind that many elective programs require a monetary commitment by parents, as well as specific dance clothing, shoes, instruments and / or instrumental books. Classes are offered on the basis of the enrollment of 15 or more students. Some electives will require teacher approval before enrolling.

Student Expectations

To maximize learning within the elective program, the following expectations must be met.

1. Maintain a passing grade in all classes.
2. Maintain school wide citizenship standards.
3. Materials fees must be paid by the 4th week of the trimester. Alternate arrangements may be made at the discretion of the administration.
4. No changes in the elective schedule during the first week of the new trimester. Students will be allowed changes during second week only (with written permission from the parent).
5. Active participation in afterschool and/or evening performances expected (may affect final grade).

Please number the elective class in the order of your choice (1, 2, 3, 4 etc) in the column to the left of the desired class.
 Please number each column separately.
 Electives are processed oldest to youngest in date received.

#	Monday / Tuesday	#	Wednesday / Thursday / Friday
	Studio Art (Instructor Approval Required) <i>(Material fee \$25.00)</i>		Advanced Art (Instructor Approval Required) <i>(Material fee \$30.00)</i>
	Guitar 2 (Instructor Approval Required)		Guitar 1
	Violin / Fiddle 2		Violin / Fiddle 1
	Cooking & Nutrition		Spanish, Cooking & Nutrition
	Computer Competence		Mandarin
	Spring Musical Production Monday – Friday (2 Trimesters!) some weekend and/or after school activities are required 20 Hours of Volunteer time required assisting Theater Booster Club		
	Drama 3 (\$25.00 materials fee) Instructor approval required – Audition Required		
	Musical Theater Choir (\$25.00 materials fee) Instructor approval required – Audition Required		
	Musical Theater Dance (\$25.00 materials fee) Instructor approval required – Audition Required		
NOTE:	For all students who are enrolled into the ABOVE Spring Musical Production classes, these are 2 trimester requirements! Participation in some weekend and / or after school activities is required.		
	Orffestra (Class offered Wednesday/Thursday/Friday .. please select a Monday/Tuesday elective) Instructor approval required		
	Set Design (Class offered Wednesday/Thursday/Friday .. please select a Monday/Tuesday elective) Instructor approval required		

Student Name: _____ 2011/12 Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please fill out the above & return it to your child's teacher by Wednesday, June 8th

Elective Classes 2011/2012
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Studio Art: INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED Join us for a creative adventure! Special individual focus for beginning, intermediate and advanced students in watercolor, tempera, acrylics and oil (for advanced students). Students will also be able to explore drawing, and mixed media. Go beyond the technical application from creative expression and exploration to development of personal expression and style. Media includes but is not limited to: tempera, acrylics, oil/soft pastel, pen & ink, oil painting, water media painting, mixed media, all graphite and colored pencil media, charcoal, and more. Materials list will be provided once class list is determined. This class will include mural projects. Some weekend and / or after school activities are required. There is a \$30.00 materials fee for this class.

Advanced Art: This elective offers an opportunity to explore (on a deeper and more individual level than the general visual art classes) a variety of media including watercolor, pen and ink and pastel (oil and soft chalk pastels) and mixed media. This class will focus on increasing technical skill levels required to take the **Studio Art** class offered third trimester. Some projects will be based on our current theme. There is a materials fee of \$25.00 for this class

Guitar 1: Students will learn three and four-chord folk songs. A minimum of 6 chords will be introduced. Tuning the guitar and strumming will be taught. Each student must provide his own guitar, preferably the appropriate size for the student. After the first class, students must bring their guitars to class already tuned. Electronic tuners are helpful but not required. Music with chords and words will be provided.

Guitar 2: Builds on chord and melodic skills gained in Guitar 1. Prerequisite: Guitar 1 or Instructor Approval.

Violin / Fiddle 1: This class will include instruction in the fundamentals of string technique for beginning level students. We will have fun exploring music styles and selections while building technical skills, memorization skills, musicianship and an introduction to musical notation. Students will need to purchase a "Suzuki" volume one book for violin with C.D. and "All for Strings" book one for violin by Anderson and Frost. These books are available at Mike's Music or the Brass Reed in Redding. Some violins are available for student use through R.S.A.

Violin / Fiddle 2: This exciting class will be a continuation of building technical skills while exploring different genres of music including fiddling. The students are given the opportunity to experiment with different instruments including, viola, cello and bass. Depending on skill level and experience, the students will need to purchase a "Suzuki" violin book volume one with C.D. or bring the level they are currently at to class. For an introduction to music reading we will use "All for Strings" book one for violin. I will provide all fiddle material. Some instruments are available through R.S.A. for student use. The books are sold at Mike's Music and The Brass Reed in Redding.

Computer Competence: Students will learn key boarding skills (goal of typing 20 words per minute), power point, web search, formatting for reports and letters as well as other skills needed to be successful in the classroom. The class will be designed to assist 8th graders in completing their computer proficiency skills for graduation.

Spanish, Cooking & Nutrition: This class will focus on cooking, nutrition, and basic Spanish vocabulary, with a day a week for each subject. The cooking portion of this course will be the second stage in learning to cook and prepare meals. The Spanish portion will be learning basic Spanish vocabulary through games and interaction. The Nutrition will focus on getting children to understand the importance of healthy food in their lives.

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Mandarin: This introductory Mandarin class will expose students to the Chinese culture, language, art and holidays. Designed for students who have little or no knowledge of Mandarin.

Spring Musical Classes
Monday – Friday (2 Trimesters!)
Some afterschool & weekend rehearsal required
20 hours of Parent participation is required in assisting the Theater Booster Club.

Drama 3: ** Audition only class ** **INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

Students will incorporate skills learned from Drama 2 in addition to participating in thematic arts activities, which create scripts reflecting a particular historical period of time. Students will perform, design, and create character costuming and makeup for their character. Students will experience drama from selected theatre forms such as comedy, tragedy, and melodrama. Prerequisite: Completion of drama I, stage craft, show choir and/or instructor approval. There is a \$25.00 materials fee.

Musical Theater Choir: ** Audition only class ** **INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

Show Choir is a year-long elective to allow participation in area performances such as the RAVES show choir competition. Show choir will also have a significant roll in the RSA spring musical. This course is designed for strengthening the singer's voice in musical theater, choral singing, solos, small ensembles, and show choir. Emphasis will be on good singing techniques, part-singing, choreography, and stage presence. Several performance opportunities in the community will be available. (Required for Drama I students intending to take Drama II) There is a \$25.00 materials fee for this class.

Musical Theater Dance: ** Audition only class ** **INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

This class is designed to give students instruction in drama, dance, and vocal techniques as related to musical theater. Class time will be used to work toward the RSA spring musical theater production. Audition and two trimester sign up is required. \$25.00 materials fee (Dance shoes may be also be required).

Orffestra: **INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

This class is designed to be the musical instruments for the spring musical. Lessons will focus on ensemble work composition, and performance skills. A variety of instruments will be used. Student will rotate to different instruments. In addition to the spring musical other performance may be scheduled. (Black pants, shoes & shirt necessary for performance)

Set Design: **INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL REQUIRED**

Work together as a team with your classmates to create and paint props and set pieces for RSA's spring musical. Students enrolled in Set Design will have the option of being a part of Stage Crew during the performances of the play.