

# AT-A-GLANCE FRESHMAN ELECTIVES

A FULL DESCRIPTION OF ELECTIVES CAN BE FOUND ON-LINE IN THE COURSE CATALOG

## COMMUNICATIONS

**Speech:** (1 semester) This course or Intro to Drama fulfills the freshman graduation requirement. (Also offered in summer school and zero period) Students learn fundamentals of public speaking.

**Introduction to Drama:** (1 semester) This course or Speech fulfills the freshman graduation requirement. The focus of this class is to develop effective inter-personal communication skills using principles of drama.

**Technology in Education:** (1 semester) Freshman graduation requirement (Also offered in summer school and zero period) This required course exposes students to computer use and terminology.

## PERFORMING ARTS

**Concert Choir:** (1 semester or year course) Year course also offered zero period. This is a non-auditioned course open to all students who wish to sing with a large ensemble.

**Chamber Orchestra:** (year course) This is an auditioned course designed for students with some experience playing an orchestral instrument.

**Acoustic Guitar:** (year course) Open to students who wish to learn to read music, chords, tablature, and ensemble playing.

**Advanced Handbell Ensemble:** (year course, zero period) This class is designed for the student with previous music background or bell experience interested in a high level performance group.

**Fundamentals of Theatre:** (year course) This course is designed to develop an appreciation of theatre by the study of the basic elements of play production, acting, and the history of the theatre.

**Musical Theatre:** (year course) This course is a survey of the American Musical theatre from its early beginnings to the present day.

**The Royal Players Acting Company:** (1 semester)

This on-campus acting troupe uses drama as a way to promote Catholic Social Teaching through plays focused on issues important to teens.

## COMPUTER

**Web Page Design I:** (1 semester) Prerequisite: Technology in Education

Students will design pages using HTML. The emphasis will be on learning valid code and building accessible websites.

**Computer Graphics I:** (1 semester) Prerequisite: Technology in Education

This class is structured around projects emphasizing the art elements of line, shape, color, and texture and introduces principles of design.

**Computer Graphics II:** (1 semester) Prerequisite: Computer Graphics I

This course is an advanced study in contemporary media.

**The Art of Animation:** (1 semester) Prerequisite: Technology in Education

Students will learn the history and techniques of animation and create short animated exercises and projects.

## **HEALTH EDUCATION**

**Cardio Fitness:** (1 semester-Pass/Fail)

This course will emphasize the development of physical fitness through various cardiovascular experiences.

**Sports Fitness:** (1 semester-Pass/Fail)

This course will emphasize the development of physical fitness through various team sports.

## **VISUAL ARTS**

**Fundamentals of Art:** (year course) (Also offered in summer school and zero period)

This course introduces students to the procedures, techniques, vocabulary, and skills in drawing and painting.

**Drawing Studio:** (1 semester) Prerequisite: Fundamentals of Art

This course enhances students' skills in drawing with emphasis on still life and the human figure.

**Painting Studio:** (1 semester) Prerequisite: Fundamentals of Art

In this course the use of color theory will be advanced with a variety of different techniques and color applications.

**Watercolor:** (1 semester) Prerequisite: Fundamentals of Art

This course introduces students to the basic materials, procedures, painting techniques, and skills used in watercolor medium.

**Composition and Design:** (1 semester) Prerequisite: Fundamentals of Art

This course continues the development of the procedures, techniques, vocabulary, and skills in drawing and design.