



2017-2018 Academic Year

Dialectic Electives

*"Electives matter—and they matter most when we become full participants in the professional learning communities of our schools. Students are making the connections between the arts and their academic classes and play an important role in helping our students to learn, to focus, and to achieve."
-Education Week*

World Cultures & Languages

World Cultures and Languages is a people-centered study involving an in-depth look at the world's major cultures. The study of each of these cultures will focus upon historical and present-day culture, history, geography, family life, traditions, religious beliefs, and the intellectual and artistic achievements of men and women within their culture. The study of each of the cultures will be enhanced by cultural presentations, language study, projects and hands on experiences.

Topics at a Glance:

- History of World Cultures
- Religion
- Geography
- Community and Family Life
- Food & Traditions
- Art

Life Skills

Life Skills is a rigorous, hands-on class designed to build skills that you'll use throughout life. Student participation is required and parental involvement is encouraged. As an elective course we will explore the following:

- Service Learning
- Nutrition
- Food Preparation-including Food Safety and Sanitation
- Clothing and Textiles-including Clothing Construction
- Financial Literacy
- Child Development/Babysitting



Physical Fitness

The physical education program will involve team sports, lifetime sports, and fitness workouts. Activities could include basketball, cardiovascular conditioning, dodge ball, fitness testing, kickball, muscular fitness, orienteering, soccer, softball, tennis, touch football, and volleyball. The students will use self-reflective evaluation to help them take ownership of their individual fitness levels. The class will help students learn goal setting and the importance of good sportsmanship. All instruction will be given in a co-educational setting.

Art

Students will explore and study four areas of visual arts. These include:

- *perception*: where students develop and organize ideas from their environment,
- *creative expression*: where students express ideas through original artworks, cultural and
- *historical heritage*: where students learn about the world through art history and cultural movements, and
- *evaluation and critique*: where students learn to evaluate and analyze works of art.

Students work in various mediums and explore various techniques. Students will create original works of art that communicate and foster self-expression.

Broadcast Journalism

This is an introductory course for students interested in being part of the LifeSpring Academy broadcast team. Students will learn about media journalism, interviewing, script writing, production software, photography, and videography. Students will work on pictures and information slides to be shown in the school's media displays and on features to be aired in the school's broadcasts. Students will have opportunities for a variety of projects including, but not limited to, media displays, LSA Broadcast News, online newsletters, blog posts, etc.