

RANCHO SUMMER SCHOOL 2009

Location: Rancho San Joaquin Middle School

What can summer school classes do for your child?

Prepare current sixth graders for a successful start at Rancho in the fall

Reinforce essential and basic skills

Provide an opportunity to expand interests

Learn new skills

Provide a purposeful summer activity

Develop and enhance study skills

REGISTRATION CARD AND PAYMENT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE RANCHO SCHOOL OFFICE

Rancho Summer School allows 7th and 8th grade students to improve and enrich their skills. Classes will be taught from **June 29th - July 24th**, **WITH NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY JULY 3RD**. Students are expected to attend assigned class(es) for each of the summer school days. The final schedule of classes will be determined after preliminary registration is completed. All summer school classes for 7th and 8th graders will be offered during these three periods. Students can take up to three classes.

Period 1	8:00 - 9:20AM
Period 2	9:30 - 10:50AM
Period 3	11:00 - 12:20PM

Registration Procedure:

- Obtain a Middle School Summer School Registration card from Rancho.
- Complete a separate card for each student that you are registering.
- Attach a separate check/money order payable to IPSF Summer School for each student.
- Return card and check to Rancho by May 28, 2009.
- Class lists will be posted at Rancho on June 26, 2009.

Classes for 7th and 8th grade students receive no state funds and, therefore, will be sponsored by the Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) and require a fee for enrollment. **The fee for each class is \$130.00.**

Listed below are the preliminary course offerings at Rancho:

INTRODUCTION TO PRE-ALGEBRA (Compton) is a class designed primarily for incoming 7th graders. This class will review basic skills involving whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percents. In addition, mathematical concepts including integers, patterns, geometry, logic, problem solving, number theory, discrete mathematics and basic algebra will be explored. Enrollment in this course is for enrichment only and will not change math placement, which is determined by the math placement tests, for the 2009/2010 school year.

PRE-ALGEBRA (Cardoza) This class is designed for incoming 7th Graders who plan on taking Pre-Algebra or Algebra. The course will focus on all essential concepts getting the student ready for the 7th grade math experience. Special attention will be paid to problem solving and Basic Algebra functions. Enrollment in this course is for enrichment only and will not change math placement, which is determined by the math placement tests, for the 2009/2010 school year.

INTRODUCTION TO ALGEBRA (Compton) is a class designed primarily for incoming 8th grade students interested in gaining introductory algebra skills. Concepts such as basic skills with integers, solving basic equations, graphing and analysis, inequalities, exponents and polynomials will be explored in a problem-solving framework. Students will be focusing on higher levels of math application and abstract thinking. Enrollment in this course is for enrichment only and will not change math placement, which is determined by the seventh grade teacher, for the 2009/10 school year.

MATH COUNTS (Embree) is a class designed for students who will be in either 7th grade Pre-Algebra, Algebra or Geometry in the fall. Students will solve number puzzles and play mathematical games. They will jump start their chance for making the Math Counts Team. Students will improve their ability to solve word problems and also have some fun along the way. The curriculum will emphasize various problem-solving techniques in a word problem environment. Topics such as number sense, probability, elementary algebra, geometry, logic and non routine problems will be integrated into Math Counts material.

7th and 8th GRADE WRITER'S WORKSHOPS are classes designed to improve writing techniques including development of ideas, creativity, addressing an audience, presentation styles, proofreading, and peer editing. Students explore several writing styles. This summer we are offering specific workshops that will be suited for students of all levels unless otherwise indicated.

-Speech and Debate (Mr. Van Dam) is designed to teach presentation skills for informative, persuasive, debate, and impromptu styles of speech delivery. It will also focus on the written aspect of speech organization, as well as how to be comfortable and confident in front of an audience.

-Grammar (Mr. Van Dam) The grammar workshop is designed to introduce and reinforce elements of grammar that are essential for successful writing. Focus areas include sentence parts (subject and predicate, clauses and phrases) tense consistency, agreement (subject/verb, pronoun/antecedent), sentence structure variation, and proper use of modifiers. The class will be interactive, and all students will be required to work collaboratively as they journey toward a better understanding of the rules of English.

-Journalism (Mrs. Van Dam) This class will focus on the writing components necessary for publishing a school newspaper. Students will practice the following writing styles: factual/narrative, business letter, cause and effect, technical, interviews, surveys, persuasive, and critique. The class will be interactive and enrich the students' writing ability.

-Screenplays and Movie Shorts (Jones) Intended for students who want to learn creative story writing, narrative structure, and literary elements, and then apply those skills to writing and producing screen plays and short animated films using digital photography and Windows Movie Maker.

-English Language Learners (Jones) Intended for intermediate and advanced English Language Learners. This class will focus on building and strengthening basic language skills. Students will learn/review parts of speech, sentence structure, using correct verb tense, paragraph structure and organization, and genres of academic essays. They will be introduced and begin to practice the process of expository essay writing.

-Creative Writing (Anello) This class is an introduction into using the written word to entertain, to inform and to persuade. There will be an emphasis on using Right Brain techniques and descriptive language to tell a story, as well as organizational skills of pre-writing, rough drafting, peer editing and proof reading. The class will be run as a writer's workshop, with all work presented for class critique.

CREATIVE CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY (Politiski) is a class designed to introduce, improve, and extend digital technology, video and computer skills. There will be a focus on exciting new educational practices. All skill levels welcome.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR (Mrs. Van Dam) is a course designed for students to learn and experience the qualities of leadership. Individual character building activities will help students focus on confidence, personality strengths, and respect. Team-building activities will help students develop strategies, strengths and physical abilities to become a contributing member of any group, organization or team.

ARCHERY (Goldstone) The Easton Sports Development Foundation created a unique program to promote the sport of archery in our schools. Our teaching system was developed by world renowned Olympic archery coaches and is being offered to students wishing to participate. The program will provide all necessary equipment and professional training to the students at Rancho.

RACQUET SPORTS CLINIC (Goldstone) is designed to expose students to the racquet games of Ping Pong, Pickleball, Racquetball, and Tennis. All skill levels are welcome. Class will incorporate skill work, strategies, and game play. Racquets will be supplied.

MOVING INTO THE MIDDLE (7th graders only) This course helps students transition into the more complex middle school setting. This class emphasizes skills to help students become efficient learners, team workers, and self- confident. Students experience academic work expectations and learn what to expect socially at the middle school level. They work with projects and activities that build habits which can lead to successes in any classroom setting.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY (Dugdale) This class is for all levels of photographers. You will be learning techniques for taking pictures as well as digitally editing them. Students will have the opportunity to go on weekly field trips, enter their work into contests and showcase their pictures in the Rancho Summer Art Walk.

MUSICAL THEATER (Cardoza) Learn and practice techniques of acting! This is an ideal class for students interested in performing in musical theater or drama productions or those who just like to act. No previous experience required.

ANIMATION & CARTOONING (Anello) If you ever wondered how Disney or Dreamworks make their animated features, then this is the class for you. Students will design a character, create a storyboard and animate a story using "pencil test" animation techniques. The class will also explore the history of animation and the different styles of cartooning and animation including Anime, Stop Action, and CGI.

WELCOME TO RANCHO AND IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (Jones) This class is intended for English Language Learners new to Rancho and IUSD. During their four weeks, students will become familiar with Rancho San Joaquin's policies and procedures. They will learn how to access important information off of the school website, and where to find the help and support they need in order to be successful during the regular school year. They will also learn about fun activities and clubs they can join in order to make their social adjustment to a new school go more smoothly. Finally, we will discuss the immediate Irvine area so they know what's available in their community when they are not at school.

Additional Information:

The District provides middle school programs for students interested in Fine Arts at Lakeside Middle School and Science at Eastshore Elementary School. Students who want to enroll must fill out a District registration card. These cards are available at Rancho and contain course descriptions, schedule of classes and time and dates classes meet.

Rancho Summer School is open to students who are currently enrolled Irvine Unified School District. Others wishing to enroll will be placed pending classroom availability.

If your student is not currently enrolled in the Irvine Unified School District, residency requirements and immunization will have to be met.

COURSE SCHEDULE BY PERIOD

PERIOD 1 COURSES	PERIOD 2 COURSES	PERIOD 3 COURSES
INTRO TO PRE-ALGEBRA	PRE ALGEBRA	PRE ALGEBRA
LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	INTRO TO ALGEBRA	INTRO TO ALGEBRA
MATH COUNTS	MATH COUNTS	MATH COUNTS
W.W. -SPEECH AND DEBATE	W.W. - GRAMMAR	W.W. - SPEECH & DEBATE
W.W. - CREATIVE WRITING	W.W. - JOURNALISM	W.W. - JOURNALISM
RACQUET SPORTS CLINIC	ARCHERY	RACQUET SPORTS CLINIC
W.W. - ELL	WELCOME TO RANCHO & IUSD	W.W.- SCREENPLAYS & MOVIE SHORTS
DIGITAL PHOTO	DIGITAL PHOTO	MOVING INTO THE MIDDLE
CREATIVE CLASSROOM TECH	CREATIVE CLASSROOM TECH	CREATIVE CLASSROOM TECH
MUSICAL THEATER	ANIMATION AND CARTOONING	ANIMATION AND CARTOONING