

Marsh Junior High Elective Exploration



Marsh Jr. High students are fortunate to be exposed to a variety of elective courses. By the time students are in 8th grade, most students will have been placed in every elective (except for courses requiring teacher recommendations.) However, there are no guarantees of electives due to scheduling constraints.

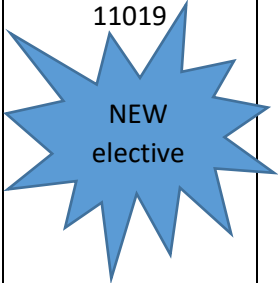
How to Make Elective Course Requests at Marsh Junior High Current Students – 2026/27 School Year

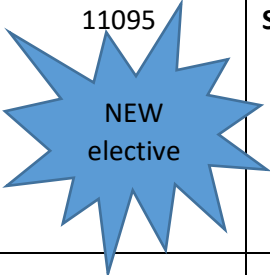
- 1) Log into your **Aeries Student Portal** account, click on **Classes**, then “**Course Requests Entry**” from the dropdown menu.
- 2) Look on the right hand section for **Filter Courses** and **Sbj Area** and filter for **Electives**. Click on the **SEARCH** button for all electives available.
- 3) Click on the course you prefer as your 1st choice and a pop-up will appear – click on **Request Primary**. Then click on another course you prefer as your 2nd choice and a pop-up will appear to **Request Alternate**.

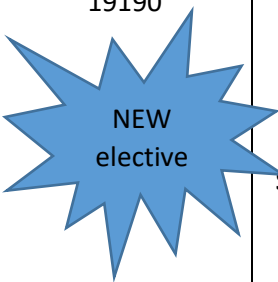
Note on the following asterisked electives on page 5: If you are interested in Leadership, Spanish-1 or Main Office Aide positions, you may ONLY select ONE of those elective choices as your 1st elective choice. You MUST select a different, non-asterisked elective as your alternate choice.

Please DO NOT add more than one alternate choice as more than two (2) choices affects your preferences.

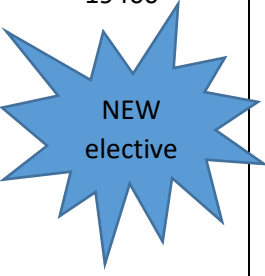
COURSE ID #	TITLE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	GRADES
11010	Art Semester class	This introductory course is filled with projects for the beginning art student. We will be using many different mediums to create art projects such as Scratch Art, Kaleidoscope Names, Mixed Media Pastel drawings, and Pencil and Smudge stick, just to name a few.	6, 7, 8
11014	Ceramics Semester class	This course is designed to introduce students to the world of clay. Students will be working with various ceramic techniques including greenware and glazing projects. The students will create tiles, suns, pinch pots, whistles, cups, bowls, and many individual exploration projects.	7, 8

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11019 	DIY Design Lab Semester class	This course is a hands-on, project-based semester course where students explore a wide variety of craft techniques while learning the foundations of design and creative problem-solving. Through guided instruction and independent projects, students experiment with materials such as paper, textiles, clay, recycled items, and mixed media to create both functional and artistic pieces. Each unit challenges students to think like designers—planning, prototyping, revising, and improving their work through feedback and reflection. In addition to developing craftsmanship and creativity, students will explore basic entrepreneurship skills. They will design products with a target audience in mind, calculate costs, create simple branding concepts, and present their finished pieces as if preparing for a craft fair or small business launch.	6, 7, 8
11030	Beginning Band Year-long class	Do you want to learn how to play an instrument? If so, Beginning Band is for you. Pick your choice of a woodwind instrument (flute, clarinet, saxophone), a brass instrument (trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone), or percussions (drums and mallets). As you learn your instrument, you'll get plenty of opportunities to perform on the Marsh campus as well as on field trips to the high schools, Chico State, and elsewhere. If you like performing, this class is for you. For students with no experience or one year of elementary band.	6, 7, 8
11031	Concert Band Year-long class	This band class is for advanced musicians with at least one full year of experience on their instrument at the middle school level. The band performs at festivals around the north state, pep rallies on campus, and does various different field trips, honor bands, and parades throughout the year. Concert Band will challenge you to become a great musician and is the logical choice for students interested in continuing band in high school.	7, 8 <i>Students must have prior experience in Beginning Band</i>
11039	Guitar Spring Semester class	This class is designed to introduce students to the world of music through the guitar. Students will learn how to play the chord progressions that make up their favorite songs. Additionally, students will learn music theory, song writing, note and tab reading, and ear training. Students of all abilities and experience are welcomed.	6, 7, 8
11040	Ukulele Fall Semester class	This class is for students who are interested in learning how to play the ukulele. In this semester-long course, students will learn common chords and chord progressions, strumming patterns, note and tab reading, as well as music theory, songwriting and ear training. No previous experience is required.	6, 7, 8

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11050	Choir Year-long class	Do you love to sing? Then Chorus is for you! This class is a beginning to intermediate level chorus designed to introduce music reading, the fundamentals of singing, breathing, two to three part choral singing and working together as a group. Music reading, interval listening, dictation and proper group singing are emphasized.	6, 7, 8
11080	Drumming Semester class	Have you ever wanted to rock out on the drums? This is your chance. This course is designed to introduce students to the world of drumming. Students will be playing drums, buckets, and all other sorts of percussion equipment. Students in this class will learn to read and write music and will even form their own band!	6, 7, 8
11092	STEM II – Intro to Automation & Robotics Year-long class	This year-long robotics course uses the VEX IQ STEM Labs curriculum where students build and program robots through hands-on projects. Students learn core engineering and coding skills while working together to solve challenges. Students apply creativity and problem-solving to their own robotics designs.	7, 8
11092	STEM III – Collaborative Manufacturing Semester class	Step into the world of industrial design and large-scale assembly. This course moves beyond individual projects and into the high-energy environment of collaborative manufacturing . Students will work in specialized teams to assemble and quality-test functional, rideable machines using the Infento modular building system.	7, 8
11095 	STEM – Medical Detectives Semester class	In this course, students will play the role of real-life medical detectives as they collect and analyze medical data to diagnose disease, including dissection of a sheep's brain. Students will solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, measure and interpret vital signs, examine nervous system structure and function, and investigate disease outbreaks.	6, 7, 8
13079	Intro to Spanish Semester class	This class is a semester-long course that introduces students to the Spanish language and the cultures who speak it. Students will learn foundational vocabulary and grammar that will support them if they continue to study Spanish in the future. Through stories, games, music, and other activities, my goal is for students to get excited to study, learn and acquire another language.	7, 8

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14015	Video Production Year-long class	This elective will introduce students to the fundamentals of film and video production using <i>WeVideo platform</i> . Students will participate in every aspect of video production, from editing to directing on-screen talent, as they develop skills in planning, organizing, script writing, interpersonal communication, team building and media literacy. As a culminating event, films produced in this elective will be featured weekly as the “Marsh News.”	7, 8
19180	Computers Semester class	This introductory class is a semester packed with a variety of computer experiences focusing on Google Applications, an introduction to coding, and so much more! Students will also learn about computer components as well as about online safety.	6, 7, 8
19181	Advanced Computers Semester class	This class takes the basics to the next level. Students will have the opportunity to dive deeper into Google Applications, Desktop publishing, career exploration with Pathful, 3D modeling with Sketchup, Basic Python and HTML coding with Discovery Education, and Photopea.	7, 8
19190 	Level Up Lab: Coding, Game Design & Animation Semester class	This course is an engaging, hands-on elective that introduces students to the world of computer science through industry recognized platforms including Code.org and Scratch. Students will explore the foundations of coding, animation, and game development using interactive, browser-based tools. No prior coding experience is required—just curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to problem-solve!	6, 7, 8

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13080	Spanish 1-P* Year-long class	In this college prep course, students will explore the Spanish language and the cultures who speak it through various reading, listening, writing and speaking activities. Students will learn foundational skills to aid in their acquisition and proficiency of the target language. Over the course of the year, the goal is to make students feel comfortable and confident in understanding and expressing themselves in Spanish at a novice level. Successful completion of Spanish 1 will allow students to move to Spanish 2 in high school.	8 th only
19085	Main Office Aide* Semester class	The Main Office is a busy place! Are you organized, studious and diligent? Would you like to learn new skills such as operating office machines, or delivering call slips to students? If you answered "Yes," then you may want to consider a Main Office Aide position. 8 th grade students are accepted for this position of trust, responsibility and confidentiality. We are looking for those who have excellent attendance and citizenship demonstrating the Gator Way each and every day.	8 th only <i>Interview required</i>
19080	Publications Year-long class	This year-long class will focus on producing the MJHS Yearbook. Graphic design and photography are a large part of this class. Students must be willing to take pictures at a variety of school events and take responsibility for their assigned portion of the yearbook. Other published projects may be produced throughout the year.	6, 7, 8 <i>Teacher approval</i>
19081	Leadership/ Student Government* Year-long class	Is there a leader within you? Do you want to be in charge of school activities? If you answered "YES," Leadership/Student Government is for you! For future 7 th and 8 th graders: You are required to attend one Spring training session (dates to be determined) after school. Questions? Email Russ Gray at rgray@chicousd.org for more information and application deadline.	7, 8 <i>Application required</i>
19400 	CTE Career Exploration Semester class	This will be an exploratory course providing students with structured exposure to different career pathways through short, project-based learning rotations. Rather than focusing on one narrow pathway, students will explore diverse industries including Public Safety, Business & Entrepreneurship, Skilled Trades & Engineering, Family & Hospitality Services, and Digital Media & Technology. Each rotation introduces foundational industry knowledge, career opportunities, workplace skills, and hands-on applications aligned to high school CTE pathways.	6, 7, 8