

Vista Del Mar
2024-2025 Elective Offering
Aeries Parent Portal
March 8 - March 22

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Quarter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wheel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Art ○ SOAR ○ Spanish ○ Tech 		
Full Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adv. Band ● Adv. Orchestra ● Musical Theater ● Int Band ● Int Orchestra ● 0 Period PE 	Full Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adv. Band ● Adv. Orchestra ● Adv. Tech ● Art 7 ● Career Tech ● Cross Age Tutor ● Int. Band ● Int. Orchestra ● Musical Theater ● Sch Service/Office Aide ● Spanish 1a ● Video Production/Yearbook ● 0 Period PE 	Full Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adv. Band ● Adv. Orchestra ● Adv. Tech ● Art 8 ● Career Tech ● Cross Age Tutor ● Int. Band ● Int. Orchestra ● Musical Theater ● Sch Service/Office Aide ● Spanish 1 ● Video Production/Yearbook ● 0 Period PE

Please Note:

- Zero period PE is contingent upon the availability of sections as provided by the Capistrano Unified School District.
- Elective selection is based on staffing availability and is not guaranteed.
- If no elective is selected by March 22, students will be placed in a class based on program availability.

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Elective Descriptions
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Advanced Band

Open to all students with at least one year of playing experience on a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. Students will perform concert band music as a large ensemble, as well as learn jazz and other small ensemble pieces, and collaborate with the Advanced Orchestra on Symphony Orchestra pieces. Please note this class has some required activities that are both off-campus and outside of the normal school day.

Advanced Orchestra

Open to all students with at least two years of playing experience on a string instrument. Students will perform string orchestra music as a large ensemble, as well as form small ensembles, and collaborate with the Advanced Band on Symphony Orchestra pieces. Please note this class has some required activities that are both off-campus and outside of the normal school day.

Advanced Technology Processes

Advanced Tech is an opportunity for students to continue to develop skills introduced in the 6th and 7th grade tech classes. The students will dive deeper into Animation, Game Design, Print Graphics, 3D Design, Coding and other tech skills that will help them decide on career pathways in high school and beyond.

Art 7

Art 7 strives to build a student's drawing skills, working on basics like how to sketch and create interesting designs. This course is a journey through various mediums, techniques, and art movements, providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the diverse world of visual arts. Through hands-on projects, engaging discussions, and exposure to historical and contemporary art, students will develop their artistic skills, critical thinking abilities, and an appreciation for the power of self-expression.

Art 8

Art 8 is a course that continues a student's education in the fundamentals of art. Experiences in drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and fibers will progress students into more elaborate projects. This course offers a dynamic exploration of advanced techniques, multimedia projects, and meaningful artistic concepts. Through hands-on experiences, collaborative endeavors, and critical analysis, students will refine their artistic skills, build a comprehensive portfolio, and develop a profound understanding of the role of art in both personal and societal contexts.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

A national program focused on helping students become organized, confident, and successful in school and beyond. The AVID elective class provides explicit instruction in writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading (WICOR) skills so that students can meet the expectations of rigorous academic courses. AVID students learn how to take notes in their academic classes, pay special attention to identifying points of confusion or curiosity, and resolve them through the tutorial process. College and career exploration are a strong focus - including an organized college campus visit. The AVID elective supports students in rigorous academic courses by building a community of peer support, providing academic help from peers and tutors, and participating in motivational activities to help students pursue and achieve their dreams. *Application and Interview Required.*

Cross Age Tutor

Students will work to provide teacher support for students in Tk-5 classrooms at Vista del Mar. This could include reading with students, helping with math, preparing resources for teachers and many other tasks.

CTI Tech - Career Technical Investigation

A class designed to expose students to technologies and skills that they can use in careers of the 21st Century. Computer-Aided Design, Animation, Video Production, 3D Printing, and many other diverse skills will be explored.

Intermediate Band

Open to all students with one year or less of playing experience on a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument. Beginning students that wish to learn one of these instruments are encouraged to join as well. In this class, students have a wider variety of instruments to choose from than they did in elementary school. Also different from elementary school, students meet daily as a class, allowing them to continue to learn the full range of their instrument, along with more challenging pieces of music. Please note this class has some required activities that are both off-campus and outside of the normal school day.

Intermediate Orchestra

Open to all students with two years or less of playing experience on a string instrument (Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass). Beginning students that wish to learn one of these instruments are encouraged to join as well. Different from elementary school, students meet daily as a class, allowing them to continue to learn the full range of their instrument, along with more challenging pieces of music. Please note this class has some required activities that are both off-campus and outside of the normal school day.

Leadership (ASB/PAL)

The Leadership Team is comprised of two groups that work together to bring spirit and heart to Vista. The Associated Student Body (ASB) is the “Spirit“ of the school and they are responsible for the entire culture of the school. ASB is in charge of the following events: Welcome Back to School rally, Step It Up Fundraiser, Budget meetings, Team Building Field trips and CADA day, Dances, Mako Market, Lunch Activities including Halloween Costume Contest and UGLY sweater contest, Marvelous Mako Luncheon, New Student Luncheon, ASB Teacher Ambassadors, Vista Tour Guides, and much more! PAL is the “heart” of the school. They are the friends to all Makos. They are in charge of Red Ribbon Week, Kindness Week, and Mental Health May. *Application and Interview Required.*

Musical Theatre

This year-long course will allow students to perform in two musicals and a play each school year, as they learn to sing, speak, dance, and act on stage. A willingness to perform in front of others, and get out of your comfort zone are a must for students in this class. Please note this class has many required activities that are both off-campus and outside of the normal school day.

Office Aide

The Office Aides are an integral partner in the school office. They are the first to greet parents and students at the attendance window. They assist the office staff in delivering call slips, keeping log of students who arrive tardy to school and issue tardy slips. They help parents who deliver students’ forgotten items and assist teachers with copies and homework packets. They conduct tours for new students and deliver items to teachers and staff. If there is down time, students are encouraged to work on homework or read.

Spanish 1A

This is a full-year language course for 7th-grade students. Spanish 1A is the first year of a two-year Spanish program designed to develop a strong foundation in the language. Students will develop novice-level communication skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students who successfully complete the two-year Spanish 1A-1B program will have the opportunity to enroll in Spanish 2 in 9th grade. Spanish 1A-1B together count as one year toward college entrance requirements in world languages.

Spanish 1

This is a full-year, high school equivalent class for 8th-grade students. Students will develop novice-level communication skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Students who successfully complete Spanish 1 have the opportunity to enroll in Spanish 2 in 9th grade. Spanish 1 counts as one year toward college entrance requirements in world languages.

Video Production/Yearbook

The goal of the course is for the students to learn the components of Media Journalism and to use these skills to create a yearbook and television broadcasts. . The students will conduct interviews on campus, have an opportunity to be an anchor for our shows, and learn to use

editing tools to produce MTN (Mako Television Network) videos. Each episode will be broadcast during RISE at Vista del Mar. In addition, students will create public service announcements, commercials and music videos. The students will also design, edit and photograph our Vista del Mar Middle School Yearbook.

WHEEL 6

SOAR - In this quarter-long course, students will be introduced to executive functioning, goal setting, organization, and time management skills.

Exploratory Spanish - Students will be introduced to the basics of the Spanish language through songs, games, videos, and interactive activities. This quarter-long class will help prepare you for success in Spanish 1.

Technology - In this class, students will be introduced to Photoshop, Coding, Keyboarding, 3D Design, and many other technologies and skills that they will build on in their 7th and 8th grade years.

Visual Art - This quarter-long course introduces a variety of media techniques. These include drawing, painting, two and three-dimensional design, and a number of hands-on experiences. Students become acquainted with the elements and principles of art.