Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School
Elective Course Descriptions

Course Title	Appropriate For...	Course Description
AVID	All	The students in the AVID elective are students in the middle who have a desire to go to college and are willing to work hard. These students take rigorous courses that are preparing them for college and the AVID elective is an academic support to allow them to be successful. The school wide component creates a college and career going culture in the school for all students that encompasses high expectations and success for all.
Computer Applications in Business 1	Beginners	Learn basic computing skills and get certified in the Microsoft office suite and ICT Cybersecurity
Introduction to Arts, A/V Technology and Communication	Intermediate	Get an industry certification in Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator
Digital Information Technology	Advanced	Get an industry certification in Entrepreneurship and Small Business; set up and run your own small business; run our school based print shop business. High school credit and fulfills arts graduation requirement.
Exploring Information Technology Careers Semester	Beginning	Exploring topics in marketing; earn middle school-level certifications in marketing topics.
Introduction to Marketing Sales and Service Career Planning	Advanced	Get an industry certification in Social Media Marketing; do hands-on project based learning by marketing for the school and your own small business. Works great paired with DIT.
Amazon Future Engineers/Project STEM 1	Beginning/ Intermediate	Amazon Future Engineers/Project STEM Class #1. CS Explorations 1 is an introductory course based on the MyCS Scratch curriculum that empowers students to engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun. In addition, students will learn basic knowledge in unmanned (drone) flight.

Amazon Future Engineers/Project STEM 2	Advanced	Amazon Future Engineers/Project STEM Class #2. CS Explorations 2 is an introductory course based on MIT AI curricular resources for K-12, designed to help students explore AI and its societal impacts. In addition, students will be prepared for and have the opportunity to become certified in FAA Unmanned Flight ("drone pilots").
Begining Band	Beginning	Appropriate for a student who has never played an instrument before. This class will include instruction in playing all woodwind instruments.
Instrumental Techniques 1 (Percussion)	Beginning	Appropriate for a student who has never played an instrument before. This class includes instruction in playing all types of drums, symbols, and percussion instruments *only* .
Beginning Orchestra	Beginning	Appropriate for a student who has never played an instrument before *or* who has had instruction in playing the piano/keyboard. This class includes instruction in playing string instruments *only* (ex: cello, bass, violin)
Intermediate Band Advanced Band	Intermediate / Advanced	This class is appropriate for woodwind and percussion players who have had one year of beginning music instruction at the middle school level.
Intermediate/ Advanced Orchestra	Intermediate / Advanced	This class is appropriate for string players who have had one year of beginning music instruction at the middle school level.
Exploring Family and Consumer Sciences	Beginning	This course includes: food preparation and nutrition, fashion and interior design concepts, personal finance, healthy relationships and child care practices. Instruction and learning activities are provided in a laboratory setting using hands-on experiences.
Exploring Hospitality & Tourism Careers	Intermediate	The content includes: management, marketing and operations of restaurants and other food services, lodging, attractions, recreation events and travel related services.

Fundamentals of Culinary Careers	Intermediate	This course includes: the development of leadership skills, communication skills, and employability skills; resource management; exploration of careers in the culinary field; the importance of health and safety in the culinary environment; and the use of technology in culinary-related careers.
Principles of Food Prep	Advanced	This course includes: to preparing students to understand the principles of food, selection and storage, basic food preparation, and selection of food services.
Nutrition & Wellness	Advanced	This course includes: selection, preparation, service and storage of foods. It allows students to use technology to practice meal management techniques directed toward nutritional food choices based on the life cycle. This course will provide an awareness of consumer issues relating to health and wellness.
Understanding Music	Beginning	This course is a general overview on understanding and appreciating all types of music. There is no performance requirement.
Beginning Chorus	Beginning	This course is a performance-based vocal music course where students will learn to sign traditional and popular music in an ensemble. There is a live performance requirement at least twice a year for this class.
Intermediate/Advanced Chorus	Intermediate/ Advanced	This course is a continuation of Chorus 1. There is a live performance requirement at least twice a year for this class.
Visual Art 1	Beginning	This is a basic visual art class that includes 2-D (painting and drawing) and 3-D (sculpture). It is a great class for a student who has never had prolonged art instruction.
Two-Dimensional (2-D) Studio Art 1	Intermediate	This is an intermediate art class that focuses on two-dimensional art.
Three-Dimensional (3-D) Studio Art 1	Intermediate	This is an intermediate art class that focuses on sculpture.

Pre-Advanced Placement Visual Arts	Advanced	This is an advanced course with 2-D and 3-D art, to start students with the creation of a portfolio used in AP Art in high school.
Wheel	Beginning	This is a quarter long rotation through the 4 sections of our electives offerings: 1. Visual Art 1 2. Exploring Music 3. Exploring Family and Consumer Science 4. Computer Applications in Business 1
Office Assistant (8th grade only) Business Leadership Skills	Intermediate	Students work in the grade level or front office as an assistant to the school office clerk. Application required.