

PJHS Electives	Brief Course Description
Art Grades 6 and 7	Students will learn about famous artists, the elements and principles of art, and how to draw, mix colors with paint, and compose original works of art.
Art 1 Grade 8	Students will demonstrate and refine skills by applying the elements and principles of design in both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional media. Drawing, painting, collage, and mixed media will be explored. <i>*Successful completion of Art 1 meets the requirement for Art for graduation purposes. Students will be awarded a Carnegie unit and grades earned will be included in the high school GPA.</i>
Band Grade 6	This course begins with an introduction to music theory and to the instruments in the band. Students will be given an opportunity to test on each instrument offered to see what his/her strengths are as a musician. Students will become proficient with their instrument.
Band Grades 7 and 8	Students will expand their musical knowledge and technique focusing on their instrument. Students will perform in a parade, school concerts, and band festival.
Choir Grades 6, 7, and 8	Singers will be introduced to the concepts of choral tone, sight-reading, and performance. Non-auditioned and auditioned groups are available to students in grades 7 and 8.
Compensatory Education Grades 6, 7, and 8	Students will be enrolled in Compensatory Reading, Compensatory Math, Classworks, or Intervention classes based on student achievement and individual student data.
Creative Learning Projects Grades 6, 7, and 8	Students will investigate topics and complete research projects based on their interests. Students will also learn about leadership and team building.
Creative Writing/Journalism Grades 7 and 8	Students will practice the processes of composing poems, personal descriptive and narrative essays, and short fiction. Additionally, students will enhance their communication and media literacy skills.
Cyber Foundations I Grade 6	This course focuses on the areas of technology literacy, workforce, and academic skills necessary to compete in a global workforce.
ICT II Grade 7	This course focuses on advanced technology literacy. Students will complete a study of various computer applications including design and business software. <i>*Successful completion of this course meets the requirement for computer proficiency for graduation purposes. Students will be awarded a Carnegie unit and grades earned will be included in the high school GPA.</i>
Introduction to Athletics Grade 6	Students will be introduced to a variety of team sports (soccer, football, basketball, softball, etc.) in an intramural physical education setting.
PE Grades 7 and 8	Students will participate in non-contact and gym activities, health discussions, and outdoor fitness activities.
Quest Grades 6, 7, and 8	Available only to students who have an eligible gifted ruling.
Robotics/Computer Science Grade 8	This course will introduce students to the field of Robotics and stimulate their interests in science and engineering.
Spanish I Grade 8	A grade of 85/B in 7 th grade English will be required for enrollment. <i>*Successful completion of this course meets the foreign language requirement for graduation purposes. Students will be awarded a Carnegie unit and grades earned will be included in the high school GPA.</i>
STEM Grade 8	This course will prepare students to be successful in advanced technology literacy. Students will complete a study of various computer applications including design and business software. <i>*Successful completion of this course meets the requirement for computer proficiency for graduation purposes. Students will be awarded a Carnegie unit and grades earned will be included in the high school GPA.</i>
Theatre Grades 6, 7, and 8	Students will be encouraged and stimulated to explore their intellectual and creative abilities through learning and practicing basic concepts of theatre.