

Only offered 2nd Quarter		Only offered 2nd Semester (3rd AND 4th qtr)	
Jazz Fundamentals	This jazz class is open to all 7th and 8th grade band members. We will work on improvisation, jazz styles, and jazz performance. We will also have time to study the origins of jazz and the different genres.	Percussion Ensemble	This class will focus on playing percussion ensembles (drums, mallets and auxiliary percussion). Current percussion students will be giving first choice as we will use this to improve technique. This is open to any other student who can play piano or is in a performing music class.
Fundamentals of Hula	Study the fundamentals and culture of hula while acquiring the basic steps and exploring traditional choreography. This class will include an end of the semester performance.	Sewing	This class will cover the basics of hand and machine sewing including how to read a pattern, how to do embroider, mending tears, etc. We will complete several small projects to employ these skills.
Drawing Skills	Do you want to draw like the masters? Here is your chance to develop your drawing skills. We will learn how to think with the right side of our brain and look at the world through an artist's eye. We will participate in fun drawing activities that allow you to develop your drawing skills to look more realistic. You will use your new found skills to develop your own ideas into a personal master piece.	Graphic Design	Do you enjoy creating art on the computer? In Graphic Design, you will have the opportunity to create art on the computer and by hand. You will learn about design elements that appeal to the audience, how to incorporate typography (fonts), work with colors and create.
Brain Games	Watch the National Geographic Series Brain Games and participate in online brain games.	Reading Buddies	Read with a class at Chipeta.
MathCounts	If you are interested in solving creative math problems, MathCounts is the place. This course is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students that would like to solve unique problems in a different setting.	National Junior Honor Society	NJHS inducted members will meet together for record keeping and to plan service projects. Service projects will also be completed during PLT time.
Code It!	Students learn to create computer programs that will help them learn to collaborate with others, develop problem-solving skills, and persist through difficult tasks. They will study programming concepts, computational thinking, digital citizenship, and develop interactive games or stories they can share. Yes a little different from last year. And Yes you can do more advanced coding if you are already a code guru!	Photography	Learn what makes a picture worth keeping. Learn techniques that will immediately show up in your images. Taking great pictures with your cell phone, how to get the most out of your point and shoot and what an SLR camera is. See how light can make a picture through a card board box. Understand how light can enhance your pictures and use composition to make that "Wow" picture. From history to the 21st Century, learn skills for photography and video that will last a lifetime.

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<p align="center">Math-Independent Study-</p>	<p>Time to go over previous lessons, time to work, time to study or time to be challenged. It is up to you!</p>	<p align="center">Advanced Sports</p>	<p>Would you like some extra time during school to advance your skills in the sport of our choice? Here is an opportunity to put in some extra work to be better prepared for your sport. This class will focus on you improving your skills in a variety of sports. Coach Mantlo and Coach Mascarenas will lead instruction for this class for the 8 weeks. We will also bring in guest coaches for specific sports.</p>
<p align="center">MESA Club Work Time</p>	<p>This Personalized Learning Time is for students who want to be part of MESA club. MESA stands for Math Engineering and Science Achievement. Each month we will be given a problem and then design, engineer, and build a device to solve the problem. In this course, you will also be required to attend as many Monday MESA Club meetings as you can (this requirement can be negotiated on an individual basis) and attend all competitions (one per month). Some examples of competitions are Egg Drop, Pop Bottle Rockets, Solar Cars, and Mouse Trap Cars. ***It is not required to be in this PLT to be a part of MESA Club***</p>	<p align="center">Study Hall & Personal Project Time</p>	<p>Get extended chunks of time to catch up, work ahead, and/or deepen your learning. Study Hall will allow students to have extended lengths of time to work on academic content areas. If students are "all caught up," then they can propose and work towards completing a personal project of interest (learn to code, learn TinkerCad, write stories/poetry--whatever!) during the times where their academics are in good standing order.</p>
<p align="center">Great Books Seminar</p>	<p>"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one." –George Martin</p> <p>Do you enjoy discussing books with other students? Do you like to reflect over how deeper themes in a book relate to your own life? Join Great Books Seminar and learn how collaborative inquiry book talks can help you gain deeper insight and greater enjoyment from the books you read. Come for the books and snacks, stay for the connections.</p>	<p align="center">Yoga Girlz</p>	<p>When you think of yoga, you might think of crazy poses and people wrapped up like pretzels. But did you know that yoga means "skill in action"? It's true! Yoga is much more than exercise. In this class we will explore some of the typical yoga poses, but we'll also learn the yoga of "skill in action". You'll learn ways to feel strong and powerful; calm and focused no matter what's going on in your life. Come find out how yoga can help you develop and maintain a growth mindset, help you meet your goals, and even help you feel more joyful!</p>

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Service Projects	Kindness is best showed through action. This PLT will involve service projects to help our small and large communities that we are members of. From making care packages to writing letters and cards, the mission will be to help others in whatever way we can.	Creative Writing	Creative Writing is a workshop style course. We will be exploring different genres of writing, through both reading and writing, as well as the other necessary elements needed to improve your writing and composition skills. There will be plenty of time to create, revise, share your work, and grow as a writer.
C.L.T. Council	Positive climate activities - plan events for a positive school climate	International Forum	Debating popular issues in our world today
Maker Space	This course will be a series of Maker modules which include carpentry, robotics, 3-D printing, electronics, crafts, virtual reality, building (legos, Knex), and more! Good Habits of Mind required! Only students who are self-starters, problem solvers, flexible thinkers and persistent hard workers need apply.	Mythology Through the Eyes of Rick Riordan	If you have ever read (or wanted to read) Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson series and have a passion for mythology this course is for you! During the course of the year, we will be reading Riordan's Percy Jackson series and learning about the actual Greek mythology that his stories are based on. There will be time to read the books in class, discussions about the books, short mini-lessons on Greek mythology in a book study format. For this course, be prepared to read Riordan's books as well as some primary sources (i.e. actual Greek mythology). If you are curious to learn more about Greek myths and enjoy Percy Jackson's adventures at Camp Half-Blood, this course is for you!
Exploring passions and sparking curiosity!	Are you curious about what our community has to offer for careers and passions? This class will turn your curiosity into an exploration, possibly a discovery of a lifetime! We'll go on field trips, bring in guest speakers, or conduct our own research. Let's go!	Science in the News	Science in the News will explore a variety of current science topics that impact us all. This course introduces information through reading articles, viewing videos, and discussing our ideas.
Current Events	In this class we will discuss and analyze current events. For most classes we will identify major events, or themes from a collection of events and look deeper into them.	Cycling	Riding mountain bikes with Mr. Roenicke and Mr. Moore
Our National Parks	This is a PLT course designed for students who enjoy exploration, traveling and geography. "Our National Parks" aims to teach students about the magnificent federal lands that are found in Colorado and the rest of the United States.		

Year Long Courses

Student Senate	Want to be part of creating positive change at EMS? Run for Student Senate in your Advisory class!	Life Ready 101 & 102	Learn how to be more independent with life ready skills. Learn to organize and plan a trip, plan menus, how to get your driver's license, buy a car and other important real world activities. Learn life ready skills through hands on instruction that promote growth in school as well as in life. This class is beneficial for improving problem solving, communication, and preparation for the future.
Yearbook	Join Yearbook! Take, organize and evaluate photographs that make up the yearbook. Design the cover and pages for East's 2017-2018 yearbook, promote sales and organize the production of our year! If you are interested in computer design, art, photography and business or would just like to help make an awesome yearbook this class is for you!		