SEMESTER CONNECTIONS

ART
Welcome to art! I am so excited to share with middle schoolers cool ways to create amazing art and also learning more about how art is an important part of our culture and the world around us! You'll never know what to expect: themed projects that connect like create Day of the Dead skulls to connect to units studied in Spanish and Social Studies; Using Photopea and Photoshop to conceptualize and design a 3-dimensional room of the future using linear perspective; or painting a color-wheel as a connection to science and the electromagnetic spectrum!

BUSINESS - FOUNDATIONS OF INVESTING AND FINANCE
Apply your money knowledge and see it grow at the same time. Learning basic and advanced money skills is at the heart of this class. Students also learn the steps to successfully start and pitch their own business ideas.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: FOUNDATIONS OF INTERACTIVE DESIGN
This course will provide an exploratory foundation in design and development of websites and games. Students will plan, produce, and edit digital audio, a multimedia-rich video, and animations for website publication. Students who successfully complete this course will be prepared for the following pathways upon entering high school: Web & Digital Design, Web Development, and Game Design.

HEALTH
Our goal for the Crews Middle School Health Education program is to build a healthier generation of students who have a holistic viewpoint of their well-being and are more aware of their physical, social, and emotional health.

PE
Our goal for the Crews Middle School Physical Education program is to help students develop a positive attitude towards their well-being through activities incorporating fitness, skills, knowledge of games, and team building.

SPANISH
Hola, ¿cómo estás? ¿Cómo te llamas? ¿Cuáles son los países que forman parte de Latinoamérica? Do you understand these questions? Do you know how to answer them? If your answer is NO, I will be waiting for you in Spanish class. Come and see me soon, I am sure you will learn about these phrases and much more. ¡Hasta la vista!
YEARLONG CONNECTIONS

BAND
Builds off the knowledge and skills acquired during 6th and 7th grade Band. Continues to emphasize performing more music and more concerts while preparing the student to be a successful member of the High School Band Program. Students continue to improve on their individual instrument while working towards playing more complicated music as an ensemble.

CHORUS
A yearlong performing arts class for students, with prior music experience, who sing many styles of music in 3-part voicing while building performance skills for special concert opportunities. These students build on the skills established in middle school and continue to advance in reading and creating music. Our 8th grade chorus students have achieved high recognition over the years as they performed in the District Honor Chorus, All-State Chorus, several after school concerts, Large Group Performance Evaluation, and Southern Star Music Festival where students perform and enjoy time at Six Flags.

ORCHESTRA
In eighth grade orchestra, we continue to build on the foundational skills that were established in sixth and seventh grade. The music is harder, even more interesting, and so much fun to play! Eighth grade students get to travel and perform in Large Group Performance Evaluation for a rating, but also get to participate in exclusive Brookwood high school hosted activities for orchestra. In addition to learning how to play the instruments, we learn about fun music concepts, music current events, and popular music. Dr. Edwards and Mrs. Pearson are fun, dynamic, silly, and caring teachers that try their best to make the class fun and meaningful!

HS BIOLOGY
An Honors/Gifted level Carnegie Unit course designed for students who are interested in taking multiple science electives or AP classes in High School. Concepts for this two-semester course include the interdependence of organisms; the relationship of matter, energy, and organization in living systems; the behavior of organisms; and biological evolution. Students will investigate biological concepts through experience with field work and laboratories using the processes of inquiry. This course requires the state End of Course assessment and an experimental science project. Successful completion of this course will earn the student the Carnegie Unit for Biology, and the student will not take Biology as a ninth grade student.

HS FOUNDATIONS OF ENERGY
This class blends a hands-on, project-based class with the history of the Energy Industry and a look into the future of energy in the United States. Students will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with others on projects that help solve real world problems. Foundations of Energy also counts as a high school credit and opens the door to other energy-based classes at Brookwood HS as a 9th grade student.

TWO-YEARLONG SPANISH
Each year, Crews Middle School invites a select group of rising 7th grade students to participate in a two-yearlong high school level Spanish connections class. This class is designed for students to complete half of Level I Spanish in the seventh grade and the second half in eighth grade. Students who successfully complete Level I Spanish in eighth grade will be eligible to earn a Carnegie Unit (high school credit). Students will need to pass the course as well as take the Level 1 Spanish exam which includes a speaking and a writing performance assessment.
COMPUTER SCIENCE: INTRO TO DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Introduction to Digital Technology is a foundational course designed for students to understand, communicate, and adapt to a digital world as it impacts their personal life, society, and the business world. Exposure to foundational knowledge in hardware, software, programming, web design, IT support, and networks are all taught in a computer lab with hands-on activities and project focused tasks. This is a Carnegie unit course.