

GLS Junior High Electives 2008-09

Throughout the two junior high years, students will take up to 12 different electives. Four of those need to fulfill the following requirements:

- all 7th graders will take **Keyboarding**,
- all 8th graders will take **Speech and Debate**,
- **one Foreign Language** during 7th OR 8th grade, and
- **one Visual Arts** during 7th OR 8th grade.

Foreign Language

(need at least one)

Spanish Introduction to Spanish language and culture. Learn basic conversational vocabulary and some basic grammar.

German Introduction to the German language and culture. Learn basic conversational vocabulary and some basic grammar.

Sign Language An introduction to American Sign Language. Learn basic signs, sentence structure, and facial expressions.

Performing Arts

Drama An overview of the history of drama. Practice acting skills, produce a play, or learn improvisation skills

Vocal Music An emphasis on vocal techniques, like private vocal lessons, but in a class! Work on solos, duets, and ensembles for a variety show.

Visual Arts

(need at least one)

2-D Art Exercise drawing techniques and explore various painting mediums.

3-D Art Build sculptures and pottery.

Design Learn and utilize design principles.

Technology and Life Skills

Keyboarding Learn the fundamentals of fast and efficient keyboarding. (All 7th graders must take Keyboarding.)

Yearbook Must have a general knowledge of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and photo manipulation using Microsoft Publishing. Submit an essay by May 16th stating why you would be a great yearbook staff member.

Publishing Publish the school newspaper. Submit an essay by May 16th stating why you would like to be in Publishing and what skills and special abilities you have that would benefit this program.

Tech Quest Students will choose from various problem-solving missions. Topics include creating sports franchises, fashion design, the Bermuda Triangle, roller coasters, music, animals, and more.

Movie-Making Design your own commercial. Collect pictures, film, and designs, and create your own production.

Speech and Debate Learn and develop skills for speaking in public and how to defend your stance on various topics. (All 8th graders must take Speech and Debate.)

Creative Writing Work on your creative writing skills. Includes fiction, poetry, and more.

Forensics CSI at GLS? Using real life situations, explore the relationships between evidence and explanations as you sleuth through some probing mysteries with a science/math slant.

Money Management: A variety of important money managing skills used every day will be addressed, including budgeting, checking/savings accounts, loans, credit/debit cards, and much more.

Bridge Builders Be a leader at Grace by promoting healthy teen interactions and learning how to be a resource for your peers. Work as a team focused on planning unique, Christian-based community-building events at our school.

Wilderness First Aid Learn important skills for treating injuries and illnesses when camping, hiking, etc., using resources only the outdoors can provide.

Home Economics Here's your opportunity to learn some simple yet useful life skills. These include sewing, ironing, following recipes, table etiquette, and much more. The final piece will be an opportunity to explore a needle craft.

Building Big Do you enjoy architecture, bridges, stacking cards? Learn how to put structures together and be challenged to build the strongest and most imaginative designs.

Lego League Legos, computers, and friends. A challenging class teaches computer programming, structural design, and plenty of teamwork. Design, program, and build a robot to take to the state competition.

Math Counts is the national program to promote excellence in Middle School Mathematics. This elective involves taking math to a higher level through class competitions, the local competition (usually a Saturday in the beginning of February), and possibly the state competition.

Student Government For those who have been selected to serve in the student government role.

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First and Last Name: _____

Directions: Mark each column with your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices by placing the numbers 1, 2, or 3 in the appropriate boxes for each column. Use the descriptions on the previous page to help make your choices.

Note: All electives last one trimester, with the exception of Publishing, which you can take as many trimesters as you would like. Therefore, you can take Drama, for example, Trimester 1, Elective A and NOT take Drama Trimester 2, Elective B. The same is true for Speech/Debate, and any other electives offered in more than one column.

All 7th Graders must taking Keyboarding.

All 8th Graders must take Speech/Debate.

<u>Trimester 1 Elective A</u>	<u>Trimester 1 Elective B</u>	<u>Trimester 2 Elective A</u>	<u>Trimester 2 Elective B</u>	<u>Trimester 3 Elective A</u>	<u>Trimester 3 Elective B</u>
Keyboarding (7 th only)	Publishing (Must submit essay)	Publishing (Must submit essay)	Bridge Builders	Bridge Builders	Publishing (Must submit essay)
Drama	2-D Art	Choir	Drama	Design	3-D Art
Speech/ Debate (8 th only)	German	Math Counts	Yearbook (Must submit essay)	Spanish	Creative Writing
Student Government	Lego League	Forensics	Building Big	Movie Making	Forensics
Home Economics	Keyboarding (7 th only)	Tech Quest	Wilderness First Aid	Sign Language	Money Management
				Speech/ Debate (8 th only)	

Please note: Placement in electives will occur to the best of the staff's ability based on your requests. Our goal is to place you in classes that you have marked with a "1" or a "2".

Please have your parent sign this completed form and return to your first hour teacher by Friday, May 16th.

Parent Signature _____