



Jenison Junior High School Accelerated Courses

8th Grade Challenge American History

The Challenge U.S. History course is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in U.S. History. This course examines the major turning points in American history beginning with the events leading up to the American Revolution, the origins of our constitution, reform movements, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the impact of the frontier, the changing nature of business and government, and the struggle to achieve class, ethnic, racial, and gender equality. The curriculum and academic expectations will be differentiated to accommodate gifted and highly motivated students.

Open to students through an application process

8th Grade Challenge Language Arts

Challenge Language Arts is a course designed for students who excel in Language Arts. The course follows the standard Junior High curriculum which is based on the Common Core State Standards. Students in this class will meet these standards by participating in a workshop environment focusing on reading and writing within a variety of genre including memoir, fiction, informational texts, argument, and public speaking. Within this workshop model, students will be responsible for setting personal goals, selecting content, and time management. Individual and small group work, as well as one-to-one conferring with peers and instructor are central to this class.

Open to students through an application process

Advanced Math & Foreign Language

Accelerated courses in math and foreign language are offered to students if they pass the required testing to prove proficiency.