

## **The Ashton School Elective Course Catalog 2014**

When choosing electives we recommend that you consider your interests and hobbies and try to do electives that appeal to the academic program of your learning style. We consider it your responsibility to do the research to find what is part of each high-school course.

Some electives will result in a more academically superior education for a student. Also, keep in mind that some scholarship applications ask a high-school counselor to evaluate the academic rigor of a student's curriculum. Electives and other choices play a significant role in determining this information.

### **Registration of Elective Courses-**

The Ashton School is providing quality courses to students. Students may start these courses anytime between August and January of each school year. Courses are designed for one, or two semester listings.

Students may sign up for an individual course in each semester of a particular school year. Four courses are required to be listed on the registration form and submitted for counselor approval. Only one course will be approved per semester. Students will initially be able to sign-up via the academic coordination with the counselor's approval. Upon successful completion of the course, students may sign-up for more courses in subsequent semesters. You must contact the guidance department at the high school to complete course registration, or request a registration form.

Please note: Once the signed copy of the registration form has been submitted and approved, we will NOT make any changes (academic level or elective) until DROP/ADD. **The DROP/ADD dates are as follows:**

Monday, September 1st, from 8a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Counselor's office (Ms. Rudeke) for semester 1 courses.

Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Counselor's office (Ms. Rudeke) for semester 2 courses.

**Online elective classes are currently available to students in the Ashton School and students must approach the Counselor's Department (Ms. Rudeke) for the course catalog.**

We offer on-line elective courses through the K-12 Academy. Seat availability is limited. K-12 Academy offers a variety of AP courses and other elective courses. Sign-up is on a first-come, first-serve basis and starts in April for next year. Students may take one K-12 Academy course at a time and must get approval from his/her guidance counselor.

\*Semester 2 (2014-2015) courses may be registered no later than December 5, 2014.

**\*The on-line courses require an additional tuition investment.**

## **What is the K-12 Academy offer?**

### **An accredited, online private school for grades K–12**

- Students earn a U.S. high school diploma while using award-winning K<sup>12</sup> curriculum
- Extensive, individualized academic and counseling support keep students on track
- Students socialize with others around the world through online clubs, field trips, and other activities
- Program flexibility allows students to explore their passions
- Full-time and part-time options are available.
- The cost for most electives is \$425 US dollars plus materials and shipping per semester if needed. For complete information you may visit [www.icaademy.com](http://www.icaademy.com)
- Semester long electives will be offered in 2014-2015.

## **Listing of Elective Courses**

**\*\*Courses may require additional costs for materials or equipment.**

Debate

Computer Blender Animations

Google Sketch Up – Architectural Design

Drama \*\*

General Art \*\*

Art Journaling\*\*

Music Band\*\*

Teacher Assistant Training Program

PSAT and SAT Prep Courses

Model United Nations \*\*

K-12 On Line Program

Environmental Education

Embroidery and Sewing Skills \*\*

Swimming \*\*

Water Polo\*\*

Art Journaling \*\*

Psychology/Sociology

Film appreciation

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### Course Descriptions:

**General Art**-Exposure to various art techniques should help foster an understanding of and appreciation for art.

**Art Journaling**- Art Journaling is art-making, diary-keeping and journaling all in one. You will be taught a variety of techniques and mediums in the elective's class period. As you put your ideas, dreams, projects, memories and experiences on paper, you will be recording your life story.

**Debate**-Experiences in this course help students develop their ability to analyze an issue and prepare and present sound arguments to support a position on an issue.

**Teacher Assistant**- Designed to provide basic knowledge of how children develop. Attention is focused on skills needed for child-related careers. Unique opportunity to earn credit while helping others. Travel to elementary grades and help in areas that meet student needs.

**Music Band**-Explores traditional band repertoire with possibilities of learning a secondary instrument.

**Drama** -Introduction to theatre includes a wide assortment of dramatic activities and acting exercises. Acting technique and fundamental elements of play production will be explored. Play production participation required; Christmas concert and / or ACCAS drama festival.

**Psychology/Sociology (Semester 1)** –Introduction to the basic concepts of psychology for possible career extensions. The purpose of this course in psychology/sociology is to introduce students to core concepts and content areas in this field.

**Film Appreciation- (Semester 2)** – An opportunity to enhance film appreciation and the value of behind the scenes elements.

**Google Sketch Up – Architectural Design- (Semester 1)**Explore possibilities of architectural design and applications.

**Computer Blender Animations- (Semester 2)** Explore the art of combining technology with animated cartoons.

**PSAT/SAT Prep Courses**- The preparatory courses allow students to practice test taking skills for the Junior and Senior PSAT and SAT tests.

**Model United Nations the MUN** workshops introduce students to the world of diplomatic conflict resolution scenarios and offers a variety of simulations that help develop leadership, and communication skills.

**Environmental Education-** This course projects to increase student's knowledge and awareness about the environment and develop the necessary skills and expertise to address the challenges, fosters attitudes, motivations, and commitments to make a significant change for the community. Students in this course may be able to participate in the GIN program conferences.

**Embroidery and Basic Sewing Skills** - Basic knowledge of a variety of sewing and embroidery techniques useful for everyday life skills and fashion applications.

**Swimming-** The course offers to have students work on four basic swimming styles; butterfly, back style, breaststroke and freestyle and be able to compose the Ashton school swimming team representing school colors in inter collegial competitions.

**Water Polo-** The course offers an introduction to the techniques of water polo, and be able to compose the Ashton school swimming team representing school colors in inter collegial competitions. This sport will focus on developing physical capacities, resistance, strength and flexibility.

## Registration Form for Elective Courses- The Ashton School

Use the following link to find the K-12 Academy course you plan to take: [www.icaademy.com](http://www.icaademy.com)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Needed to send/receive emails about the course)

Student Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Course(s): Choice1 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice2 \_\_\_\_\_

Choice3 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for taking course \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by all Ashton School policies and /or k-12 icademy policies. I will maintain personal integrity in completing my own work on pace with the class I am taking.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

I give my son/daughter, named above, permission to take an elective presential\_\_\_\_ online\_\_\_\_ class from the Ashton School catalog for the 2013-2014 school term.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

The student, named above, has permission from the Ashton High School to take the course above for high school credit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
The Ashton School High School Guidance Counselor.

Approved course: \_\_\_\_\_ Course type: \_\_\_\_\_ Ashton \_\_\_\_\_ K-12icademy

For Office Use Only:

Date	Date	Date Course	Date Grade
Received: _____	Registered: _____	Completed: _____	Sent: _____

Bring this form to Ms. Rudeke's OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

