

**South Charlotte Middle School
8th Grade Elective Course Offerings & Descriptions 2024-25**

Yearlong Courses – 36 weeks (every other day)

Band 8th (woodwinds, brass, percussion): This course is a continuation of the Band 7 experience with opportunities to expand to larger instruments. Students must have successfully completed Band 7 and obtain permission from Carl Ratl

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explore dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability and apply what they have learned to design affordable housing units using Autodesk's® 3D architectural design software.

Drama 8th: Students will explore many aspects of the theater including acting, directing, playwriting, pantomime, audience etiquette, musical theater, costuming and set design. Students learn to use drama as a means of expressing themselves and developing their "personal voice" as they work both individually and collaboratively to create performances.

Dance 8th: This course provides beginning instruction in dance as personal expression. Students learn to create compositions, learn performance values, use movement skills, analyze dance, and understand cultural, historical, and interdisciplinary connections with dance.

Art 8th: builds upon students' individual skills in visual arts. The focus is on applying elements and principles of design to interpret the environment, to elaborate on an idea, and to use as a means of communication. Students create