

# Dakota Hills Club & Athletics Descriptions



Note: Subject to changes based on student interest

2021-22

## Band Ensemble (Jeff Christiansen, Kyle Frost, Susan Micevych)

A variety of ensembles will be offered throughout the year during FLEX. These include Jazz Band, Flute Choir, Clarinet Choir, and Percussion Ensemble. Participation in these groups is determined by student audition, attitude, and director discretion. More information available from a band director.

## Chess Club (Jason Schuldt)

Matches with other students, study of attack and defense schemes: competitive, curious or fun. Starts in January (to April) with 5-6 matches against other District #196 middle schools.

## Choir Ensemble (Laura Iverson)

FLEX choir is an opportunity for choir students to have more singing during the week. There is a 6th Grade group and a 7th/8th Grade group. They get to sing extra at the concert, sing contemporary music, and sometimes vote on what songs we sing. It is a wonderful collaboration of singers!

## Coding and Python (Ross Albertson)

Students have had the opportunity learn how to program in two different ways. Coding courses use MIT's online "Scratch" coding program to teach kids basic programming. In the Python coding class students use Python coding language, which is more advanced coding language. Participation is done thru Community Ed.

## Declam/Speech (Eric Schmidt)

Students choose to participate in one of ten categories ranging from interpretation of literature to writing and presenting one's own persuasive speech. Four Saturday morning competitions in January/February.

## Destination Imagination (Eric Schmidt)

A parent-coached activity where students perform a variety of challenges requiring problem-solving skills.

## Drama/Theatre: Fall Play (Laura Iverson, point-of-contact: Melissa Tapper)

Starts in the first week of school with three late October performances. Lead and supporting actor roles, non-speaking roles, stage and tech crew opportunities for students.

## Drama/Theatre: Spring Musical (Laura Iverson, point-of-contact: Melissa Tapper)

Starts just after winter break with three performances in late March. Singing roles and larger cast. Stage and tech crew opportunities as well.

## Genius Hour (Eric Schmidt)

Students learn more about any topic of interest that fascinates them.

## Geography Bee (Eric Schmidt)

Students answer questions about geography in an elimination format, with one student representative qualifying for the state tournament.

## Math Club – Math League (Dave Meister)

Students solve math problems both individually and in group format in competition with other middle schools. Math Club then flows into math league on a more regional/metro level.

## Pumpkin Carving (Karin Logerquist and Tom Schulz)

Students carve pumpkins used to decorate the school for Halloween. This takes place after-school just a few days prior to Halloween. Prizes in a variety of categories. Pumpkins are displayed in the media center.

## Robotics/First Lego League-FLL (Trevor Johnson)

This is a parent-coached activity. Students in groups of 5-7 use lego technic parts to assemble an automated robot that performs mechanical tasks on 4' x 8' field with objects and obstacles. A lego theme is the focus of a group research project that is presented at competition. Teams are evaluated on their research, teamwork, robot design, and robot performance. Costs for the registration, lego kit, lego field are divided amongst the team members. Team organization occurs in May, the lego field challenges are released in August. Teams practice and work from August to December.

## Scholastic Scrimmage (Eric Schmidt)

In teams of five, students answer academic trivia questions against other teams within ISD 196.

Ski Club (Michelle Markov, Andrew Urban)

Three or four trips, usually on Fridays after school (return approx. 9 PM) in January-February (*day of week may change*)

Spelling Bee (Eric Schmidt)

Students spell words in an elimination format, with one student from each grade recognized as grade-level champion.

STEM Club (TBD)

Science-Technology-Engineering-Math projects for fun. Starts in January, ends in April.

Stock Market Game (Eric Schmidt)

In teams of two to four, students are given a mock-bankroll with which they can buy and sell stock.

Student Council (Maureen Bechard, Jim Zupfer)

Students meet monthly, determine uses of magazine drive funds, charity drives, spirit themes, etc.

World Language Club (Priscilla Mudd and Renae Elert)

Extend your knowledge and experiences in the French (Elert) and Spanish (Mudd) cultures beyond the classroom

Writers United (Eric Schmidt)

Students with a love for writing meet twice each month and write, write, write.

Xtreme Adventures (Mary Sonneborn)

Wednesdays after school. Some study time and homework support followed by in-building activities or some field trips: bowling, library, ice-fishing, etc.

Yearbook Staff (Heather Thaller)

Seventh and eighth grade students work with an online program to design the yearbook.

Young Author's Conference (Eric Schmidt)

Students attend classes at Bethel College related to writing (one full school day event in the spring)

Youth in Government (Eric Schmidt)

Sponsored by the local YMCA, students participate in a three-day conference that simulates government legislation activity. The Youth In Government activity is for eighth grade students only.

**Athletics**

**Fall (September 9<sup>th</sup> thru October 29<sup>th</sup>)**

- Cross Country: Boys and Girls (grades 6, 7, 8)
- Gymnastics (@EHS): Girls (grades 7, 8)
- Soccer: Boys and Girls (grades 7, 8)
- Tennis: Girls (grades 7, 8)
- Volleyball: Girls (grades 7, 8)

**Winter I (November 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 21<sup>st</sup>)**

- Basketball: Girls (grades 7, 8)
- Wrestling: (grades 6, 7, 8)

**Winter II (January 4<sup>th</sup> thru February 25<sup>th</sup>)**

- Basketball: Boys (grades 7, 8)

**Winter III (February 28<sup>th</sup> thru April 15<sup>th</sup>)**

- Swimming: Boys and Girls (grades 7, 8)

**Spring (April 18<sup>th</sup> thru June 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

- Tennis: Boys (grades 7, 8)
- Track: Boys and Girls (grades 7, 8)

Note: Football (fall), Baseball (spring), and Softball (spring) are available thru the Eagan Athletic Association (EAA): information is available at: [www.easports.org/](http://www.easports.org/)

Note: Most sports start at 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Only fall cross-country (running) and winter wrestling are available as school sports for 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation. The local Eagan Athletic Association (EAA) is a source for seasonal 6<sup>th</sup> grade sports participation at: [www.easports.org/](http://www.easports.org/)

<b>CATEGORIES:</b>
Fee-based Activity:
Curricular:
Non-curricular:
School Program (GT):

