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# **TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL**

*A California Distinguished School*

## **Course Offerings for Incoming 8th Grade Students 2023 - 2024**

### **BIOLOGY 1H\***

This one-year course provides students with an understanding of the basic biological principles and laboratory experiences to develop the skills and attitudes engendered in the Life Sciences. This course is designed to meet University entrance requirements as a laboratory science.

### **JAPANESE 1\***

This class provides practice in listening for comprehension and speaking Japanese as well as learning to read and write in Hiragana and Katakana (Japanese alphabet). Students will learn about Japanese culture through activities such as dialogues, speeches, writing and reading stories, and word processing on the computer. (Non-native speakers only.)

### **KOREAN 1\***

This class is an introductory one-year course that will provide practice in listening, speaking, and the use of basic phrases. It will include brief dialogues related to activities in school, home and community. Students will learn to read and write using the Hangul characters. As students develop fluency, they will also develop an appreciation of Korean customs and history. (Non-native speakers only.)

### **MARCHING BAND (P. E. Band)**

This group performs half-time shows at all football games and provides pep music at rallies and home basketball games. In addition, this group competes in the fall throughout California and travels every other year to various cities throughout the country. Marching band meets after school and is open to all students – no experience necessary. P. E. Band: each participant must have a physical examination from a doctor, insurance, parent permission forms on file, and clearance from the Business Office before he/she may participate. Additionally, participants must meet District eligibility requirements. 8th graders must be enrolled in band at their home school. Contact Band Director Carlos Anwandter at [anwandter.carlos@tusd.org](mailto:anwandter.carlos@tusd.org) or (310) 533-4396, extension 8126 if you have questions.

### **ARTS, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT**

This course is an introduction to all things theatre. In addition to acting, this high-school-level course also introduces students to set design, script writing, sound-design, lighting design and directing. All students interested in drama are welcome to apply; must have no N's or U's, good behavior history, and at least a 2.0 GPA to qualify.

**\* On the application form indicate your first, second and/or third choices where indicated.  
List only those courses you wish to be considered for.**

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