

2023-2024 University School Club Descriptions and General Information

University School offers Upper School students access to a variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities. These are administered through our Extended Day Program, and in most cases, are sponsored and supervised by University School staff and/or teachers. Clubs may have eligibility requirements as designated by the club sponsor. Club enrollment takes place online before the start of each school year, and club fees and Extended Day Program fees will be charged to students enrolled in clubs. During club meetings and activities, students are expected to behave properly, following all school rules, and showing respect for club teachers or other sponsors as well as fellow students. Students on academic probation may not participate in extra-curricular clubs. Failure to adhere to these standards may jeopardize the privilege of participating in clubs. Students absent from school because of illness or discipline are not allowed to attend an after-school club on the day of absence as well as competitions. Grades and attendance will be monitored to maintain eligibility.

General Information:

- Enrollment for clubs that do not require a tryout or application will be online, and you will receive an email with a link when enrollment opens. **Clubs which require tryouts, or an application will not have online enrollment.** Students will receive information about how to apply or try out after school starts at the first regularly scheduled club day meeting.
- Clubs require payment of a fee each semester. Each club's fee is listed with its description. For students who are not enrolled in the applicable EDP option, \$100 is added to the listed fee. For after-school clubs, the applicable EDP option is Study Hall (ends at 4:00 p.m.). For before-school clubs, the applicable EDP option is Before care (begins at 7:30 a.m.) Fees are per semester and will be billed in September and January.
- Clubs are subject to cancellation if minimum enrollment is not met and may also have limited enrollment. Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Club Descriptions

Academic Bowl - Competition Club/Practice Club (Try-outs required)

Wednesday 3:15-4:15 (Practice Club)

3:15-4:30 (Competition Club)

OI-6 thru OI-8

Academic Bowl clubs are for students in 6th through 8th grade. Students who qualify will commit to weekly practices in the fall and spring. In addition, students will be expected to study outside the classroom to be prepared for common questions asked in matches. Students interested in Academic Bowl will take a written qualifying test with questions about academic trivia. Scores from the written qualifier will be used in conjunction with buzzer tryouts. Information about signing up for tryouts will be distributed to students when school starts. **Sponsors: Mrs. Smith, Dr. Hamby** **Semester Fee: \$75 Competitive/ \$50 Practice**

Competition Club: Seventh and eighth grade students who qualify must commit to weekly practices on Wednesdays, as well as several additional evening competitions throughout the year (dates to be determined). In the spring semester, matches against area schools will take place on Wednesdays after school, and students are required to participate until the match is over, usually no later than 6:00 p.m. Additional optional practices will be added in the spring. Students are expected to attend all practices and competitions and exhibit good sportsmanship.

Practice Club: The practice club prepares 6th and 7th grade students to participate on the competition team in future years. 7th graders who do not qualify for the competition team are eligible for the practice club.

Art Club

Friday - 3:15-4:30

Int. 2 thru OI-6

The purpose of this club is to extend students' love of art through the study of different artists, arts, and crafts as well as working on individual projects. We will do messy art and learn multiple different media platforms, including graphic design. Come play with art!

Sponsor: Mrs. Lemieux-Flores

Semester Fee: \$50

Chess Club (Application required)

Thursday - 3:15-4:30

Int. 1 thru OI-8

The purpose of the club is to play chess, learn about chess culture, and collaborate with other club members. This is a competitive club, and members will participate in the scholastic tournaments with Oklahoma Chess Association. University School will divide our club into two teams for the school year. One team will be advanced and have tournament requirements. The other group will be a club team and have fewer requirements. All club members will have homework, behavior, and attendance requirements. Applications will be available at the first information club meeting on August 24 and will be due by August 29 to Ms. Sipe. Incoming P3 students who were previous club members are welcome.

Sponsor: Ms. Sipe and Mrs. Dye

Semester Fee: \$50

Debate Club (Application required)

Friday – 7:30-8:15 a.m.

OI-6 thru OI-8

The Debate Club will give students the opportunity to learn and utilize debating skills in a safe and friendly environment. Debate is an excellent activity that has the potential to help your student in every aspect of education. It is very much a team activity, and students will be working closely together, forming friendships, and learning important social and interpersonal communication skills. There will be competitions; dates to be announced. Applications may be picked up at the first club meeting on August 25 and are due by August 29.

Sponsor: Mrs. Locke

Semester Fee: \$50

Earth Matters Ecology Club

Tuesday - 7:30-8:15

OI5 thru OI8

This will be a student-driven club that promotes and creates awareness of environmental and ecological issues such as protection, conservation, preservation, and restoration with an emphasis on educating and empowering students. Students who are interested in environmental advocacy and awareness are encouraged to join. Club activities will include projects and field trips.

Sponsor: Mrs. Locke

Semester Fee: \$50

Junior Academic Bowl

Monday - 3:15-4:30

Int. 2 and OI-5

This club is for students interested in question-and-answer competitions which will test their knowledge in all academic areas. Students will learn competition strategies and how to perfect their buzzer skills. Players will learn how to work together as a team and focus on their strengths. Select members will be chosen to compete in a few competitions in our area with other schools.

Sponsor: Ms. Lindsey

Semester Fee: \$50

Junior Robotics**Wednesday- 3:15-4:45****Int. 2 only**

The fall semester of Junior Robotics Club is open to Intermediate 2 students only. The club participates in the First Lego League "Explore" program. This year's challenge is called "Masterpiece" and will involve solving a problem related to the art world. Teamwork is an important element of this club, and students will work in teams to design, build, and program Lego models that they will display at a regional contest. Students learn and practice their engineering design skills through the club activities and challenges.

Sponsors: Ms. Roe and Mrs. Wilson**Semester Fee: \$75****MATHCOUNTS****Monday – 3:15-4:30 p.m.****OI-6 thru OI-8**

The MATHCOUNTS program is a national middle school coaching and competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging contests. In the fall semester, MATHCOUNTS is open to any interested student in 6th-8th grades. Spring semester enrollment is limited to students who have been approved for spring membership by the instructor.

Sponsor: Mr. Vincent**Semester Fee: \$50****Odyssey of the Mind (Application required) Tuesday – 3:15-4:30 p.m.****OI-5 thru OI-8**

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competitions on the local, state, and world level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and approximately 25 other countries participate in the program. (More info: <http://oklahomaom.com/about-us>) Students who are selected will commit to weekly practices on Tuesdays all year. Additional practices may be added in the spring to prepare for competition. Students are expected to attend all practices and competitions and to exhibit good sportsmanship. Students will stay until 5:00 in the spring. Applications will be available at the first OM Club meeting on Tuesday, August 22 from 3:15-4:30 and will be due by Monday, August 28.

Sponsors: Mrs. Smith, Dr. Hamby, Mrs. Trafford**Semester Fee: \$100****Pantalones****Tuesday- 3:15-4:30****Int. 1 and Int. 2**

The purpose of the club is to deepen and improve the use of Spanish language. Activities will include creating a Spanish newsletter or digital magazine, board game competitions in Spanish, Hispanic heritage month, guest speakers, decorations, dancing, service projects, talent show, trivia, virtual field trips, book club, t-shirts, conversation, and snacks.

Sponsor: Maestra Dragani**Semester Fee: \$50****Robotics (Application Required)****Friday – 3:15-5:00 p.m. (Fall) / 3:15-4:30 (Spring)****OI-5 through OI-8**

The Robotics Club participates in the First Lego League Robotics Program. Students learn how to research, work as a team, think like engineers, and program an autonomous robot. The competition season is in the fall semester. Students enrolled in Robotics Club must be committed to attending all Friday afternoon practices. Several additional practice sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons, and students need to attend at least half of these additional meetings. Students are also expected to complete weekly homework assignments. Students will attend a regional competition in October or November, and some teams may advance to a state competition in December. In the spring semester, the club will be open to INT-2 students as well, and the fee drops to \$50. There are no competitions in the spring; students focus on programming and engineering

basics. An application and teacher recommendations will be required for membership in Robotics. Applications will be available from Dr. Hamby beginning August 18th at the first Robotics Club meeting from 3:15- 5:00 pm and will be due by August 23.

Sponsor: Dr. Hamby, Mrs. Smith

Semester Fee: Fall - \$100*/Spring - \$50*

STEM Club (Application required) Tuesday- 3:15-4:30 p.m. OI-7 and OI-8 (OI-6 by invitation only)

This club will explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) topics through direct instruction, research, experimentation, and hands-on discovery. The science topics will be focused on physics and technology and will include both hardware and software topics. Engineering will focus on mechanical and electrical principles, and mathematics will explore open-ended problems.

Specific topics of interest can be chosen by the student allowing them to focus on areas they find most interesting. This club will also benefit students' mathematics competition preparation focusing on AMC-8, Sigma Tests, and the Oklahoma Math League Competition. In addition, students will identify other competitions they would like to participate in for topics in engineering and coding. Work outside of club meeting times will be required to qualify for competitions.

Interested students will complete an application process that will include a review of recent math, science, and computer science grades and submission of an essay describing an interest in a STEM topic and why the student wants to be a member of the club. Applications with more information will be available at the first club meeting August 22.

Sponsor: Mr. Vincent

Semester Fee: \$150

Student Council (Application required) Thursday - 7:30-8:15 OI-5 through OI-8

Student Council gives students an opportunity to develop leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the student council will help to make improvements to our school and promote volunteerism. An application will be required focusing on the students' interest in leadership, school spirit, and philanthropy. Applications and information will be distributed at the first club meeting on August 31.

Sponsor: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Thomason

Semester Fee: \$50

Yearbook Club Monday - 7:30-8:15 OI-6 through OI-8

Students in this club will create the content of the school yearbook. Students will be expected to work outside of club hours to complete their goals.

Sponsor: Dr. Hamby

Semester Fee: \$50

2023-2024 University School Clubs At-A-Glance

Club	Grade	Sponsor	Meets	Fee EDP	Fee Non- EDP	Enrollment
Academic Bowl	OI-6 – OI-8	Smith, Hamby	Wednesday 3:15-4:30	\$75.00	\$175.00	Try-outs required.
Art	Int2 - OI-5	Lemieux-Flores	Friday 3:15-4:30	\$50.00	\$150.00	Sign up online.
Chess	Int1 –OI-8	Sipe, Dye	Thursday 3:15-4:30	\$50.00	\$150.00	Application required.
Debate	OI-6 – OI-8	Locke	Friday 7:30-8:15	\$50.00	\$150.00	Application required.
Earth Matters	OI-5 – OI-8	Locke	Tuesday 7:30-8:15	\$50.00	\$150.00	Sign up online.
Junior Academic Bowl	Int2 – OI-5	Lindsey	Monday 3:15-4:30	\$50.00	\$150.00	Sign up online.
Junior Robotics	Int2 only	Roe, Wilson	Wed 3:15-4:45	\$75.00	\$175.00	Sign up online.
Mathcounts	OI-6 – OI-8	Vincent	Monday 3:15-4:30	\$50.00	\$150.00	Sign up online.
Odyssey of the Mind	OI- 5 - OI-8	Smith, Hamby, Trafford	Tuesday 3:15-4:30	\$100.00	\$200.00	Application required.
Pantalones	Int1 - Int2	Dragani	Tuesday 3:15-4:30	\$50.00	\$150.00	Sign up online.
Robotics	OI-5 – OI-8	Hamby, Smith	Friday 3:15-5:00	\$100.00	\$200.00	Application required.
STEM	OI- 7 - OI-8	Vincent	Tuesday 3:15-4:30	\$150.00	\$250.00	Application required.
STUCO	OI- 5 - OI-8	Johnson, Thomason	Thursday 7:30-8:15	\$50.00	\$150.00	Application required.
Yearbook	OI-6 – OI-8	Hamby	Monday 7:30-8:15	\$50.00	\$150.00	Sign up online.