

EAST MINICO

PROPOSAL FOR NEW CLUBS

Photography Club

The East Middle School Photography Club is a teacher-led (Mr. Turner/Art) enrichment program designed to introduce students to the art and technique of digital photography. Guided by a dedicated faculty advisor, students explore camera basics, composition, storytelling, and photo editing through hands-on projects and collaborative activities. The club is made possible through an OST Grant from ICCS, which provides funding for equipment, curriculum resources, and exhibition opportunities, ensuring that all interested students can participate and develop their creative skills.

Book Club: A New Reading Adventure

The East Minico Book Club is a welcoming space where students gather twice a month after school to dive into exciting stories and connect with fellow readers. Supported by the OST grant, the club provides high-interest books and engaging activities at no cost to students. During bi-weekly meetings, members explore characters, themes, and real-world connections in a relaxed, student-led environment. The club fosters respectful discussion, creative thinking, and a strong sense of community—making it a fun, supportive place for both avid readers and those just beginning their reading journey. With rotating book choices and hands-on activities, the East Minico Book Club invites every student to find their voice and join the adventure. This will be staff led (Murphy and Ellis)

Fishing Club

The 8th Grade Fishing Club is a new extracurricular opportunity designed to teach students the fundamentals of responsible, skill-based outdoor recreation. The club will introduce participants to the basics of fishing, including equipment use, knot tying, casting techniques, fish identification, and introductory fly-tying. In addition to hands-on skill development, students will learn about local fishing regulations, conservation practices, and proper fishing etiquette to promote safe and respectful stewardship of natural resources.

To enhance learning, the club plans to hold 3-4 trips to local ponds, rivers, or lakes. These supervised outings will provide real-world experience, allow students to apply classroom learning.

The Fishing Club will be **funded by the OST Grant from ICCS**. Grant funding will cover equipment, materials for fly tying, transportation for field trips.

This program aims to offer students a positive, educational, and engaging outdoor activity that builds lifelong skills and fosters appreciation for the environment.