

# Critical Thinking

*Bellevue Middle School*

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**DESCRIPTION** Critical Thinking Class is an exploratory class for students in 6th grade at the Bellevue CSD. The emphasis of the course is to allow students an opportunity to participate in hands-on learning activities, and to allow students to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills during classroom activities.

**STANDARDS** The development of various 21st Century Skills is the key aspect of this course that takes place during multiple classroom activities. Some of these specific skills are emphasized and grown during the course:

1. Critical Thinking
2. Communication
3. Collaboration
4. Creativity
5. Problem-Solving
6. Computer Science

**UNITS** Specific Activities include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Engineering-Newspaper Tower
2. Circuits
3. Makey Makey
4. Scratch Coding
5. Creating Game in Scratch and integrating the Makey Makey
6. Robots (coding)

**BEHAVIOR** I do not have many rules, except, show up on time, do what you're supposed to do, and be respectful. If students do these things everyday there will be no problems. If students have issues with any of these things it might lead to 0/9th Block Time.

<b>GRADING SCALE</b>	<b>Grading Weights:</b>	<b>Grading Scale:</b>
	Photo of the Day	90 = A
	Analysis/Participation = 50%	80 = B
		70 = C
	Reflections/Projects = 50%	60 = D

**TECHNOLOGY** We will be utilizing Google Classroom everyday in our classroom. Inappropriate use of technology will lead to 0/9th Block.