



## 6th Grade Electives Course Offerings

### **EXPLORATORY WHEEL:**

Designed to provide enrichment and exposure to a variety of curricula. Students will take a combination of four 9-week classes in a broad range of the Fine and Practical Arts. Please note that as enrollment and staffing changes, the number of electives offered in the course of the wheel may change from 4 to 2. In this event, a 9-week course would become an 18-week course. The following is a list of classes that may occur on the 6th grade wheel. **(Students do not choose the particular class in the wheel - rotation of classes is set by the master schedule.)**

Class	Description
<b>Art Intro</b>	Introduction to basic art skills while exploring historical cultures through the use of a variety of mediums.
<b>Drama Intro</b>	In this class students learn the basics of drama, beginning with movement, pantomime, improvisation and progressing on to monologue, dialogue and scene work. Students will become familiar with the stage areas, body position and theater terminology.
<b>Exploratory Foreign Language</b>	This class provides students with the opportunity to study Foreign Language on an introductory level. The course, usually Spanish, covers basic conversational skills, vocabulary building, history, customs and geography of the countries. The course is designed to be a first exposure to foreign languages.
<b>Music Intro</b>	This 9-week course is the Music portion of the year-long Fine and Practical Arts class. The history of music will be discussed and explored through notation, music terminology, and the study of classical composers as well as an introductory unit to piano. Concentration will also be focused on American Music Theater and voice. This is not a performance oriented class; students will not be attending music competitions. No prior music experience is necessary.
<b>Tech Processes Intro</b>	The class will explore a variety of computer applications and investigate the power of computers in daily life. Students will practice keyboarding skills, create documents and spreadsheets, explore elements of basic graphic design and learn fundamental research skills. Students will gain experience in presenting information using a variety of formats.

## **YEAR-LONG CLASSES:**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Chorus 6</b>	This middle school chorus class is designed for students who love and want to strengthen their skills through the art of singing. Students will receive instruction in proper vocal production. Much emphasis will be focused on learning and interpreting music notation and rhythms, as well as basic music terminology. All styles of music will be studied. Students will have the opportunity to attend festivals as well as perform for the school and surrounding community. No prior singing experience is required. Chorus is a performing group and attendance at scheduled events is required.
<b>Band 6</b>	This course is designed for sixth grade students who wish to play flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion. Although most students will have played their instrument for one year, beginners without prior musical experience are encouraged to join the class--instrument assignment will depend on instrument demand/availability and is at the discretion of the director. Percussionists must audition the first week of school to be accepted into the percussion section. Students will be taught the fundamentals of music including notes, rhythms, tone quality, breath support, and artistic interpretation. The Band 6 is a performing group and will perform at school concerts and festivals.
<b>Orchestra 6</b>	This course is for sixth grade students who wish to play violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Although most students will have played their instrument for one year, beginners without prior musical experience are encouraged to join the class--instrument assignment will depend on instrument demand/availability and is at the discretion of the director. Students will be taught the fundamentals of music including notes, rhythms, tone quality, intonation, bow control, and artistic interpretation. The Orchestra 6 is a performing group and will perform at school concerts and festivals.

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