

Course Offerings

6th Grade Required Courses

The courses in this section are available to current 5th grade students who are coming 6th graders. Students will select one course in each of the required area (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, P.E, and Odyssey).

English Language Arts (ELA)

ELA 6 (0630) – 2 Semesters

In grade 6, students refine and master previously learned knowledge and skills in increasingly complex presentation, reading selections, and written compositions. The course uses the writing process to produce different forms of writing while varying sentence structure and using complex punctuation. Students edit writing based on knowledge of grammar, usage, spelling, punctuation, and other conventions of written language. Students use knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and prefixes and suffixes in reading. Students recognize how style, tone, and mood contribute to the effect of the text.

Advanced ELA 6 (0633) – 2 Semesters

In grade 6, students refine and master previously learned knowledge and skills in increasingly complex presentation, reading selections, and written compositions. The course uses the writing process to produce different forms of writing while varying sentence structure and using complex punctuation. Students edit writing based on knowledge of grammar, usage, spelling, punctuation, and other conventions of written language. Students use knowledge of Greek and Latin roots and prefixes and suffixes in reading. Students recognize how style, tone, and mood contribute to the effect of the text. This course is designed to prepare students for advanced courses in high school. This is in addition to grade-level expectations in regular ELA classes.

Mathematics

Mathematics (0640) – 2 Semester

The course consists of emphasis on the four basic operations with both decimals and fractions, study of geometry and measurement as well as being introduced to Algebraic concepts at the intuitive level and increase skills in computation, quantitative literacy, and problem solving.

Advanced Mathematics (0643)

The course consists of emphasis on the four basic operations with both decimals and fractions, study of geometry and measurement as well as being introduced to Algebraic concepts at the intuitive level and increase skills in computation, quantitative literacy, and problem solving. This course is designed to extend the math curriculum in preparation for advanced courses in high school.

Math Strategies (0645) – 2 semesters

This course is designed to build math skills of students who do not perform as well on state testing as they should. This course will reinforce concepts that are mastered as well as increase knowledge on concepts that a student may be having difficulty mastering.

Social Studies

World Cultures (0660) - This course will expand the students' understanding of history by studying the people and events that began in the major western and non-western ancient civilizations. Geography will also be significant in the development of the human study. There will be a continuous emphasis on the everyday lives, problems, and accomplishments of people and their roles in developing social, economic, and

political structures, as well as in establishing and spreading ideas that helped transform the world forever.

G.T. World Cultures (0661) - **This course is designed for currently identified GT students only.** This course will expand the students' understanding of history by studying the people and events that began in the major western and non-western ancient civilizations. Geography will also be significant in the development of the human study. There will be a continuous emphasis on the everyday lives, problems, and accomplishments of people and their roles in developing social, economic, and political structures, as well as in establishing and spreading ideas that helped transform the world forever. In addition to the knowledge and skills taught in grade 6 Social Studies, students are taught the foundation for building academic student learning projects. All students are required to participate in the National History Day Competition.

Science

Science (0650) - Students in this course will complete field and lab investigations while emphasizing science progress skills and knowledge. They will also complete content including physical, life, and earth sciences.

Physical Education

Physical Education (Boys 0670/Girls 0671) - Students in this course will complete field and lab investigations while emphasizing science progress skills and knowledge. They will also complete content including physical, life, and earth sciences.

6th Grade Elective Courses

Art

Art (0696) - One Semester Four basic strands - perception, creative expression / performance, historical and cultural heritage, and critical evaluation - provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Students express their thoughts and ideas creatively, while challenging their imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and problem solving skills. By analyzing artistic styles and historical periods students develop respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures.

Music

Band (0699, 0681, 0680) - Two Semesters This course is a continuation and progression of sixth grade band. Basic music theory is developed further. Four basic strands - perception, creative expression / performance, historical and cultural heritage, and critical evaluation - provide broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire. Daily class period is used for practice. Students buy or rent their own instrument. Band experience develops leadership, responsibility, cooperation, self-discipline, and diligence. Students participate in contests during the spring. Some extra rehearsals are required as necessary. Students must be tested for an instrument before the end of the current school year.

Choir (0694)- One Semester The purpose of the choir class is to increase understanding and appreciation of choral music through ensemble performances. There are four strands to the learning process in choir. They are perception, creative expression, historical / cultural heritage, and critical evaluation. These four strands provide

broad, unifying structures for organizing the knowledge and skills students are expected to acquire at this level.

Theater

Introduction to Theater Arts (0690) – One Semester

Students will explore the world of theatre arts in this one semester class. They will become familiar with various acting techniques, as well as a broad spectrum of theatre styles. This is a performance-based class.

Family and Consumer Science

Exploring Careers (0692) – One Semester Achieving proficiency in decision making and problem solving is an essential skill for career planning and lifelong learning. Students use self-knowledge, educational, and career information to set and achieve realistic career and educational goals.

Computer

Computer Technology Applications (0682) – One Semester This class develops technology skills with applications to personal and business situations focusing on word processing. This class will prepare students for the 8th grade computer competency test.

Other

Student Aide (0693/0699) – One Semester Students are allowed to be student aides for the front office or library. Students who would like to sign up for Student Aide positions need to have passing grades and conduct grades no lower than Satisfactory.

Students must have satisfied all other course requirement before they may be allowed to register for a student aide position. In other words, students must have room in their schedule for the class - student aides. Special circumstances will be considered individually.