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2021-2022 6th Grade Elective Courses Description

The academic courses offered to 6th grade students for the 2021-2022 school year include Language Arts, Mathematics, Earth/Space Science and World History. Students will be placed in each academic course based on an analysis of their reading and math achievement data along with any teacher recommendations from their elementary school.

Accelerated Math and Science classes such as GEM and GEARS 1, will be assigned to students who are highly academically accelerated.

Communications & Humanities

Introduction to Speech & Debate - project based course to develop communication and public speaking skills. Narrative and argumentative techniques are explored as well as opportunities for tournament participation. *Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 or above.*

Beginning Spanish - The purpose of this course is to provide opportunities for improvement in student self-development through the study of Spanish language and culture. The content includes, but is not limited to, the following: exploration of basic principles of Spanish language; cultural concepts related to the Spanish-speaking world, and comparisons between the students' own language and culture and that of Spanish-speaking countries.

M/J Law Studies 1 - The primary content for this course pertains to the principles, functions, and organization of the American legal system. The content should include, but not be limited to, the purpose of law, the role of citizens, the impact of laws on the lives of citizens, civil and criminal laws, fundamental civil and criminal justice procedures, causes and effects of crime, consumer and family law, comparison of adult and juvenile justice systems, and career opportunities in the legal system. Students will study methods of historical inquiry and primary and secondary historical documents.

M/J Beginning Band (Band I) - skill based course where the fundamentals of reading music and playing instruments will be explored.

M/J Intermediate Band (Band II) - skills based course that builds on skills learned in Band I. Music theory and application through instrumental play will be further developed.



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Health, Social & Emotional Learning

Fitness (P.E.) - life skills course that focuses on healthy living in the forms of nutrition, exercise, and team play. **State Legislation requires at least 1 semester of physical education each year in middle school.* Condition is waived if the student is in a remedial course, participates in a physical activity outside of school equal or in excess of requirement, if the parent completes the waiver below indicating that an optional elective was selected in its stead.

Personal Development & Financial Literacy - life skills course focusing on human development, manners & etiquette, self-control, time management, and conflict prevention. Financial literacy pertains to the study of learning the ideas, concepts, knowledge, and skills that will enable students to make sound personal finance decisions; to become wise, successful, and informed consumers, savers, borrowers, investors, risk managers, and future employees or employers; and to be participating and informed members of the global economy.

Communications & Technology

Orientation to Career & Technical Occupations - project and skill based course where the fundamentals of Microsoft Office Applications and HTML are discussed. Deep dive into PowerPoint and the HTML coding language. (1/2 year course paired with Intro to A/V Arts)

Introduction to Audio/Visual Arts - project and skill based course on the fundamentals of journalism and media that utilizes Adobe Photoshop and other graphic based programs. (1/2 year course paired with Computer Applications I)

Coding Fundamentals - project and skill based class focusing on the basics of coding languages like HTML, CSS, JAVA, etc. *Recommended for students with an FSA Reading level of 3 and above.*

Cambridge Global Perspectives I - project and challenged based course that tackles major global issues. Skills used and learned are critical thinking, collaboration, research and global citizenship. This is a 3-year progression course that requires an FSA score of 4/5.

Information & Communication Technology - project based course where students use and learn the basic skills needed for PowerPoint, Web Design, and Keyboarding.



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