

SIXTH GRADE - ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Physical Education – The physical education program consists of a variety of instructions in physical fitness, lifetime and leisure activities, individual, dual, and team sports.

2-D Art – Students investigate a wide range of media and techniques, from both a historical and contemporary perspective, as they engage in the art-making processes of creating two-dimensional works, which may include drawing, painting, printmaking, and/or collage. Student artists reflect on their own artwork and that of others through critical analysis to achieve artistic goals related to craftsmanship, technique, and application of 21st-century skills.

Beginning Chorus – Students with little or no choral experience develop beginning vocal technique and skills, critical and creative thinking skills, and an appreciation of music from around the world and through time. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

Theater - Students learn the basics of building a character through such activities as pantomime, improvisation, and effective speaking using articulation, projection, and breathing. Students also learn the importance of technical theatre and explore the use of such elements as costumes, props, and scenery. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

Concert Band – The Concert Band is for students wishing to learn to play an instrument. This class will develop the basic fundamentals of tone production and musicality. The Concert Band also serves as the tool for students who would like to learn to play a secondary instrument.

Engineering I – Students will have the opportunity to work towards their Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Industry Certification. Teacher-planned experiences will require students to work cooperatively and independently on assignments. Problem-solving activities will focus on the areas of communication, construction, manufacturing, energy/power, transportation, and biotechnology.

Coding Fundamentals – Students will have the opportunity to work towards their Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Industry Certification. The course takes a wide lens on computer science by covering topics such as programming, physical computing, HTML/CSS, and data. Students engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun. The course inspires students as they build their own websites, apps, games, and physical computing devices.

Beginning Spanish – This course introduces students to the target language and its culture. Students will learn beginning skills of listening and speaking and be introduced to basic skills in reading and writing in Spanish.



“Pride, Passion, Purpose”

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at Glades Middle School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2020-21 School year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Glades Middle School. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student’s success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child’s studies, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want . . . we need . . . and we value your involvement and support in your child’s education! Your active participation is key to the success of your young Glades Cougars during his/her middle school years.

Again, we welcome you to The Glades Family and to our wonderful learning community . . . a place alive with *Pride . . . Passion . . . Purpose!* It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here’s to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Sincerely,

Ricardo Santana
Principal
Glades Middle School