



PINES MIDDLE SCHOOL
Carlton B. Campbell, Principal



COURSE SELECTIONS
SIXTH GRADE 2020-2021

Student Name _____

Please Print (LAST) (MIDDLE INITIAL) (FIRST) (STUDENT #)

In order to ensure that your child's records will be forwarded properly, if your child **WILL NOT** be attending Pines Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year, please write the name of the school he/she will be attending: _____

Registering Parent's _____

Home Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

We are in the process of scheduling students for the 2020-2021 school year. Please study the information below on academic and elective courses, as our programs will be developed on this information.

Academics - Scheduling personnel will review recommendations, standardized test scores, and other indicators to determine appropriate class placement for each student.

Required courses for each student are: Language Arts, Science, Math, and Social Studies

ADVANCED MATH (Office use only)
 (Current Math Teacher's Signature Required)

GEM MATH (Office use only)
 (GEM Teacher's Signature Required)

According to policy 6000.1, if your child is required to participate in a remedial course (level 1 or 2 on the FSA test), one or two of your son/daughter's four electives will be reading and or math support.

All 6th grade students will take a PE class.

This requirement shall be considered waived if:

1. The student participates in physical activity outside of school equal to or in excess of the requirement.
2. Due to medical issues, the parent requests an **optional elective** from the list below.

I, _____ am requesting a waiver of the State Physical Education requirement.
 (Parent/Guardian First and Last name)

I do not wish my child to participate in PE. _____
 (Parent/Guardian First and Last name)

Pines has Block Scheduling. This allows students to have up to 4 electives. (Please choose a 5th elective class as an alternate, just in case any of your first 4 choices are not available) Place a 1,2,3,4, or 5 on your choices

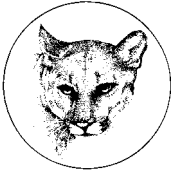
SELECT 4 - Every effort will be made to schedule your choices; however, scheduling conflicts may preclude your selection. A class may be cancelled due to insufficient course requests. (See back for elective explanations.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beginning Band Full Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Coding-1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Art Illustration | <input type="checkbox"/> Global Scholars (Yr-1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botany | <input type="checkbox"/> JLC | <input type="checkbox"/> Minecraft Ed Learning | <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature & Creative Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature & Film |

 Parent/Guardian First and Last name

 Student First and Last name

 Date



6TH GRADE ELECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS

ART ILLUSTRATION: Students will learn and practice perspective, landscaping, still life composition, and shading using a variety of art forms and mediums including pastels, chalk, and lead. Students will also get to experiment using technology to create works of art.

BOTANY: (The science of plants) Students will study and maintain the flora and fauna around the school and tend to the vegetable and butterfly gardens. Students will study and help develop sustainable ecosystems to help the environment. This course introduces 6th graders to Life Science.

BEGINNING BAND: Instrumental music group is for students interested in learning to play a band instrument and perform in public. Students are required to purchase/rent an instrument. Students participate in various school functions. Special after school rehearsals may be necessary. No musical experience required.

CODING (Yr-1): Students will learn the basics of HTML web design and how computers function. Minecraft Education Learning will also be incorporated for basic coding functions.

COMPUTERS: Students will learn how to use digital programs while working towards a Microsoft Industry Certification in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. As you work on projects using a variety of multimedia, success in this elective will make one proficient in these programs, and will be very valuable throughout your middle, high school, and college experience.

Global Scholars (Yr-1): Students will communicate through an e-classroom with peers from around the world. They have an opportunity to problem solve, collaborate in groups, and share opinions through various online activities. Students learn that although they live in different countries, they share common experiences. This year the Global Scholars are focusing on the effects of urbanization and finding ways to preserve natural areas in cities.

PEER COUNSELING: Students are taught to be student leaders and mentors. Students are responsible for encouraging Panther Pride by decorating hallways, developing competitions, and celebrating different events such as Red Ribbon Week, and our various heritage recognitions. They also work on building social and conversational skills to be a mentor and school leader as a foundation for possibly becoming a peer counselor in 7th grade.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP CORPS (Students as Leaders) Students will learn the tenets of good citizenship and teamwork, participate in physical challenges, compete in county competitions, and use the "Seven Habits of Effective Teens" to develop positive personal character traits.

LITERATURE & CREATIVE WRITING: Students will read from a variety of genres discussing the meaning of friendship and qualities of a good friend. They will also delve into the genre of mythology to read exciting stories of courage and friendship. Do you love to read, or hope to strengthen your reading skills? Sign up for this engaging course!

LITERATURE & FILM: Students will read about fairy tales and legends, complete activities related to fairy tales and legends and watch films in order to do comparison and contrast writing and analyze the literary elements within fairy tales and legends. Different genres will be studied in the same way including horror stories and film, mythology and film, and sports legends and film.

MINECRAFT EDUCATIONAL LEARNING: Students will learn coding techniques and complete challenges within an educational game setting. Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts will be incorporated through game play as well. They will also gain typing skills to help with everyday learning.

PERFORMING ARTS: Students will learn a rich variety of performing art disciplines which include drama, choir, and dance. Students also get the opportunity to be expressive and have fun as they experience the performing arts.