

SILVER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Home of the Mustangs”



2020-2021 School Year SIXTH GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



Beginning Band

Band provides training in basic band instrument playing skills, including tone production, musical terms and note reading. No previous musical experience is required. Band is a **full year** course and will meet daily.

Physical Education

The physical education program consists of a variety of instructions in physical fitness, lifetime and leisure activities, individual, dual, and team sports. Physical Education is a **full year** course and will meet daily.

Speech/Debate

The purpose of this course is to increase students' understanding of the communication process, argument construction, and research as it applies to oral communication concepts and strategies for debate in a variety of given settings. Speech/Debate is a **full year** course and will meet daily. **A Speech/Debate application/teacher approval is required.**

ICT Essentials

Silver Trail Middle School's MULTIMEDIA DIGITAL COMPUTING course will introduce students to everything they need to know to create masterful online digital presentations. Students will use online digital software to design and create presentations including animation and integrating audio, video and original graphic elements.

Global Scholars

Would you like to have an opportunity to connect with your peers around the world? Global Scholars allows students to do just that! Global Scholars is an international digital exchange program for middle school students in cities around the world. Each year, the curriculum focuses on a topic of current interest. Each unit explores an aspect of the main theme where students will participate in various activities and global discussions culminating in a project based outcome. Students will engage in building critical thinking, writing and speaking skills, using technology skills, while collaborating and creating innovative projects. **(This course is recommended for levels 3, 4 and 5 in ELA).**

Lit Whiz

This is an elective course offered to students in all grade levels. Students are engaged in project-based learning and activities that target literacy through film and literature. The course explores what happens when a variety of short stories, novels, or plays are made into a film. We analyze literary text, view the film, and form ideas based on the author's and production perspective. Students will participate in collaborative discussions and projects, which will lead to a comparative analysis of literature and film. **(This course is recommended for levels 2 and 3 in ELA).**

Pre-Peer Counseling

This elective course (prerequisite screening) is designed to develop and enhance the health, safety and well-being of our students by focusing on peer education through a comprehensive preventive program and curriculum that encompasses social and emotional skills and awareness, peer mediation, academic opportunity, student service and referral for 6th graders. Through classroom instruction, role-playing and skill building activities, peer counselors develop basic knowledge and life skills to help their peers with academic and individual concerns during Peer Counseling 1 and 2. This course is an elective class that provides preventive training in different areas as well as general instruction in the area of conflict resolution and learning strategies. Basic units of study are provided in peer counseling, communication skills, the helping relationship, learning about self, learning about others, and the family.