

Name _____ Current School _____

Below are elective choices students may choose to participate in during 6th grade. The first section are semester long classes. Please rank the following electives; 1 being your first choice and being your last choice. YOU WILL ONLY USE EACH NUMBER ONCE. If you are interested in participating in band and choir, please mark these with an X. Although we strive to place students in their top choices, we cannot guarantee that all choices will be met.

RANKING	<p>Problem Solving in Mathematics: (Checks and Balances) This course will develop students' problem solving skills as they relate mathematics to the real world. Students will be given the opportunity to work as individuals and as well as with groups. Interesting projects that will involve patterns, data, and geometry will be developed and completed by the students. The class will utilize multiple resources in appropriate areas. Some sample activities may include creating a model structure, studying fractal geometry, creating instruments for data collection, and evaluating representations of such information, as well as other activities generated by students.</p>
	<p>Physical Education/Fitness This course provides students with the opportunity to learn a variety of sports and sports related movements, as well as fitness concepts. Students are provided an opportunity to continue to improve and explore individual, dual, and team sports with a special focus on lifetime sports. Emphasis is placed on active participation and positive social interaction. As students gain competence in a particular skill within the confines of a safe and secure environment, they experience the challenges of competition, which require discipline, responsibility, teamwork, and cooperation.</p>
	<p>Health Health will focus on enhancing and strengthening skills in the areas of physical, emotional, and social wellness and using those individual skills in family, school, and community environments. In each grade, the standards ask students to deepen their understanding of ways to set and maintain healthy relationships and continue to investigate healthy eating/living habits, positive communication strategies, effective decision-making, and ways to ensure personal and community safety.</p>
	<p>Introduction to Drawing and Painting This semester-long class is designed to give students a wide variety of 2-dimensional art experiences and to help develop self-confidence and creative thinking as well as a better understanding of aesthetics and art appreciation. Students will study and apply basic art principles while creating 2-dimensional art in a variety of drawing (pencil, charcoal, pen and ink) and painting (watercolor, tempera) media. Learning activities are based on art theories, history, subject matter, and styles of art.</p>
	<p>Introduction to Ceramics and Sculpture This semester-long class is designed to give students a wide variety of 3-dimensional art experiences and to help develop self-confidence and creative thinking as well as a better understanding of aesthetics and art appreciation. Students will study and apply basic art principles while creating 3-dimensional art in a variety of media (clay, found objects assemblage). Students will learn construction processes and developmental techniques to create three-dimensional artwork. Learning activities are based on art theories, history, subject matter, and styles of art.</p>
	<p>Intro to Technology Applications Basic computer skills and keyboarding with an emphasis on word processing will form the basis for Technology Applications I. Students will also use spreadsheets, databases, and drawing and painting programs.</p>

Intro to Robotics	<p>This course provides students the opportunity to select/use media and technology tools to access, organize, create, communicate information in order to solve problems and construct new knowledge, products, and systems. To meet academic needs and personal needs students will use an information problem-solving process to access, evaluate, apply information from a variety of sources in print, non-print, and electronic formats. Students will apply technological and information skills to issues of personal and academic interest by demonstrating critical reading, listening, and viewing.</p>
Creative Writing	<p>Creative Writing is designed to utilize thinking skills while examining the writing process. Students will learn to write critically for a variety of purposes and audiences. There will be an emphasis on composing, from prewriting strategies to the development and organization of ideas. Additional focus will be placed on voice, word choice, and sentence fluency through the use of figurative language and other creative writing techniques. Examples of this may include the use of metaphors, similes, and symbolism. Students will be exposed to various forms of literature and asked to respond imaginatively and inventively.</p>
Science Investigations and Projects	<p>Using research, inquiry, statistical analysis, and experimentation, students will explore their personal passion areas in science. Students will select and work with a community-based mentor to guide the inquiry process. Based on this inquiry, students will produce written and oral presentations. As students will be working on individual projects, it may be necessary for some materials to be provided by each student.</p>
Exploring International Languages	<p>This course is an exploratory class in International Languages. The students will be taught basic communicative phrases and vocabulary and explore the cultures where the language is spoken.</p>
<p>Please indicate if you would like to participate in band or choir by marking with an 'x'. **Students will be expected to participate for the entire year.**</p>	
Beginning Band	<p>YEAR LONG COURSE THAT MEETS EVERYDAY The band program is open to all students who wish to play a musical instrument or transfer to another instrument. Beginning band will stress notes, counting, and music theory as related to the individual instruments. The band program provides a variety of musical experiences with emphasis on the study and performance of select musical literature representative of a wide range of periods, styles, nationalities, forms, and composers. Public performances will occur periodically throughout the year.</p>
Beginning Choir	<p>YEAR LONG COURSE This choir program is open to all students who wish to study and perform in a variety of vocal music experiences. Beginning choir will stress notes, counting, and music theory. Public performances will occur throughout the year.</p>

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

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