

Coulter Grove Intermediate School

Registration: Orientation & Assessment

6th Grade Elective Course Descriptions, 2018-2019



6th Grade Hour Courses

Band (2nd year): Students will expand and refine the skills and techniques developed in year one while continuing individual musicianship. Students will explore more instruments such as oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, horn, baritone euphonium, and tuba. Grade Two music is performed. Since this course is a continuation of the previous year's learning, any students who wish to begin band will need to speak with the director and will need to enroll in private lessons in order to develop the skills required for 6th grade band.

Orchestra (2nd year): Students will expand and refine the skills developed in year one. New skills involve the development of vibrato and shifting. Individual musicianship and ensemble skills will mature. Since this course is a continuation of the previous year's learning, any students who wish to begin orchestra will need to speak with the director before the end of this school year, and will need to enroll in summer orchestra camp as well as private lessons in order to develop the skills required for 6th grade orchestra.

Music: Creative Productions: It's not too late to learn an instrument! UKULELE is introduced in 6th grade Creative Productions & students love it! One famous ukulele player said, "If everyone played the ukulele, the world would be a better place! There's not much you can do with a ukulele that doesn't sound happy." In addition to ukulele, students in Creative Productions learn the science of sound, how to write music for commercials, jingles, & cell phone ringtones, as well as learning famous composers in music history.

STEM: In this first Project Lead the Way course, students will expand the STEM understanding and skills as they imagine, design, and test their ideas using advanced modeling software and our 3-D printer. The students will learn and use engineering sketching techniques to communicate final project results. Participants will also be introduced to the Automation and Robotics mechanical systems and building process. The students will be learning in collaborative groups to problem-solve and complete projects.

Academic Success: Academic Success is a scheduled class aimed at teaching specific academic skill gap weaknesses in reading and math identified by testing. Research based instructional programming is utilized to remediate academic weaknesses. In addition, this class also seeks to teach students prevocational skills such as organization and work completion. Student placement in this class is by IEP team decision only. If you have questions, please ask your child's IEP case manager.

6th Grade Mini Courses

Band Mini: Recommended in addition to the hour-long course for band students who need refinement of skills, for those changing instruments, and for those who aspire to make first chair.

Orchestra Mini: Recommended in addition to the hour-long course for orchestra students who need refinement of skills and for those who aspire to make first chair.

Music: Chorus: Do you love to sing and perform and want to have fun doing so? Then choir is for you! In addition to performing concerts for friends and family, choir students enjoy serving in the community as they sing for area events such as the city Christmas tree lighting, Last Friday Art Walk, Blount County Public Library, Ben Atchley State Veteran's Home and our favorite **SPRING SING IN THE SMOKIES!** Everyone can sing in choir!

Art: Project-based: Students will create art projects using various studio techniques and will explore a variety of materials. Students that would like to improve their artistic talents are encouraged to sign up, but anyone who loves art and is willing to work hard is welcome. In addition to studio projects, we will also work on entries for local & national art competitions, art shows, & other community events.

STEM: (same curriculum as hour course; cannot take both)

Leadership: Designed to develop the leader within. Major focuses will be on Public Speaking, Presentation Skills, and finding individual leadership style.

Real U: This mini may increase students' knowledge and ability in using the skills necessary for everyday living. It may include topics such as community service, emotional intelligence, study strategies, nutrition, finance, grit, social media, conflict resolution, interpersonal skills, and other topics based on student interests.

Study Skills Support: The Study Skills Support Class is a class that will help students who struggle with organization, time management skills, and study skills when completing assignments or projects. It is also a class geared to help students who need additional time to complete homework, independent reading, projects, and study time.

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