

**Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Course Selection Form  
2019-2020**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out, have your parent sign, and return to your teacher by Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

As a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student, you have the choice of a one semester elective course. Your required courses are:

English 6	full year
Mathematics 6	full year
Life Science 6	full year
World History 6: To 1400 CE	full year
Writing 6	full year
Physical Education 6	one semester
Spanish 6	one semester
Religion 6 (Old Testament)	one quarter
Health 6	one quarter

You may choose one of the following courses as your semester elective course. Descriptions for each course are listed on the back of this sheet. Please mark your first choice with a 1, your second choice with a 2, and your third choice with a 3. It is important to mark your second and third choices in case your first choice is not available.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Exploratory Design
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art 6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Choir 6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Creative Drama 6
- \_\_\_\_\_ Introduction to Percussion
- \_\_\_\_\_ Orchestra 6

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exploratory Design 6** - Exploratory Design 6 will engage students in interdisciplinary, real-world design and engineering challenges linked to topics covered in core classes. During the semester, students will work in a collaborative environment as part of a project team. Students will develop skills in critical thinking, design thinking, project planning, listening, self-reflection and oral presentation while using programming, 3D design and fabrication, circuitry, digital presentation tools, and video production and editing to meet project challenges.

**Art 6** – Sixth-grade art students will learn how to look at and analyze art with increasing confidence. The students will be introduced to drawing, painting, sculpture, and printmaking. They will explore traditional and non-traditional media. The students will create artwork inspired by cultural crafts and fine art. All assignments will focus on nurturing the students' creativity and their ability to express themselves nonverbally. The students will learn proper care and usage of art supplies, and they will become familiar with the art studio environment. Students will maintain a sketchbook throughout the course.

**Choir 6** - Sixth-grade choir requires no previous musical experience. Students focus on music making, exploring the fundamentals of various styles of singing, and learning the vocabulary and notation of written music. Beginning choir offers students a chance to sing for the first time or give those who have sung before an opportunity to build on prior experiences. Participation in concerts is required. Students enrolled in sixth-grade choir during the fall semester will perform in the Fall Concert and Christmas Concert, including performances at the State Capitol. Students enrolled in the sixth-grade choir in the spring semester will perform in the Fine Arts Showcase and the Spring Pop Music Show.

**Creative Drama 6** - Creative Drama 6 will immerse students in the process of theatrical playing. Students will explore improvisation, theatre games, and playmaking in ways that will develop skills in creativity, teamwork, humor, communication, and theatrical performance.

**Introduction to Percussion** - Sixth-grade percussion provides students an opportunity to experience all the different facets of drumming that make up the percussion classes at Episcopal Collegiate. Students will learn basic technique and music on snare drum, African drums, mallet percussion, drum set, and even steel band! Students will continue their music theory studies with further development in note and rhythm reading, scales, and basic notation skills. Students enrolled in the fall semester will perform at various school functions, including home football games. Spring semester student performances will include our annual Percussion Ensemble Concert in March.

**Orchestra 6** - This introductory course will instruct students in reading music and in the playing of violin, viola, cello, double bass, or piano. Through traditional methods, students may learn the instrument of their choice.