

Abbott Middle School
School Year 2019 - 2020
6th Grade Electives Choices

**This form must be completed and returned to your school
with the student registration form.**

As part of the 6th grade, students will have new choices to make. Our 6th grade elective program consists of a variety to choose from. The course descriptions will give you an idea about each class. Please note that some courses are semester only as others are full year (two semesters).

- Students **must** complete this form to select elective classes.
- Required courses should not be listed on this form. Students are automatically assigned to these classes – English, Math, Science and World History

Course Descriptions

Art – Semester Class: This class includes traditional arts of drawing, painting, and printmaking and digital arts of graphic design and photography. Students explore applying elements of art and principles of design to a variety of fun and creative projects.

Gym – Semester Class: Students will explore the basic elements of fitness, including muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance and flexibility. Students will embrace the importance of fair play, sportsmanship and competition through team sports with an emphasis on the “spirit of the game”. In addition, students will develop skills to enable them to make life- long healthy choices though the importance of daily exercise. There is also a responsibility and accountability objective that is enforced through physical education protocol.

Musical Theatre – Semester Class: Perform in a live musical production and have fun learning skills to become an actor or actress on stage! This fun class offers opportunities to play improvisational games and learn to sing, dance and act as characters in a variety of Broadway musicals.

Computer Science for Innovators and Makers - Semester Class: This unit will allow students to discover computer science concepts and skills by creating personally relevant, tangible, and shareable projects. Throughout the unit, students will learn about programming for the physical world by blending hardware design and software development. They will design and develop a physical computing device, interactive art installation, or wearable, and plan and develop code for microcontrollers that bring their physical designs to life. Physical computing projects will promote student awareness of interactive systems, including Internet of Things (IoT) devices, and broaden their understanding of abstract computer science concepts through meaningful and authentic applications.

Advanced Studies in ELA/Social Studies Elective - Semester Class

A one semester course that provides an environment where education is individualized, collaborative and designed to help students think deeply and critically about English/Language Arts and Social Studies. Independent and group project work will be utilized. Classroom experiences are designed to foster a sense of passion and a spirit of discovery in our students. One focus is to encourage students to develop into confidently curious, creatively productive and ethically rooted world citizens. Cross-curricular integration and a diverse range of learning opportunities will be provided. **Criteria to the class:**

1. 85th percentile or higher on NWEA 2 out of 3 past assessment (Spring 18, Fall 18, Winter 19)
2. Semester grades of A in ELA and/or Social Studies (at least 2 out of 4) Second Semester 2018/ Fall Semester 2019
3. Successful performance on writing experience administered in March/April 2019.

STEAM 1: Designing and Modeling – Semester Class: The STEAM elective is for students who are a part of the STEAM program.

Designing and Modeling Students discover the design process and develop an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. They are then challenged and empowered to use and apply what they've learned throughout the unit to design a therapeutic toy for a child who has cerebral palsy.

Band – Full Year: Beginning Band 6 is an exciting introduction to the world of instrumental performance. Students wishing to learn how to play a band instrument will be exposed to a positive learning environment where they will develop skills to play, sing, write, improvise, read, and truly understand music. In addition to performing, students will begin to learn and understand the importance and daily relevance of music through their classroom experience.

The class will focus on the developments of technical skills and musical understanding by playing music that is both challenging and enjoyable. Every band student will improve their abilities on their instrument through a combination of practice, rehearsal and performance.

Strings – Full Year: Orchestra is an awesome place to learn how to play a musical instrument. Beginning violin, viola, cello and bass students will learn how to play, write, improvise, read music in a nurturing and supportive environment. Students will have fun learning to play a wide variety of musical styles. Students will also get the opportunity to perform in several concerts during the school year.

This is orchestra class for students who are interested in playing violin, viola, cello or bass. The course focuses on reading music, developing ensemble skills, and introduces advanced techniques.

Band and Strings Information:

Students will see a demonstration of these instruments at their elementary school and at West Bloomfield High School later in May. At that time, you may rent an instrument from one of our vendors that will be delivered in September to Abbott Middle School. More specific information will be sent to you.

AMS ELECTIVE OFFERINGS 2019-2020

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Open to All Students	Computer Science for Innovators and Makers Art Fitness Musical Theater 6 Beginning Band Beginning Orchestra	Computer Science for Innovators and Makers Computers 2 Varsity Choir Theater Visual Arts Intro to Spanish	Computer Science for Innovators and Makers Computers 2 Varsity Choir Theater Visual Arts Intro to Spanish
Open to Only STEAM Students	STEAM 1 (Design and Modeling)	STEAM 1 (Design and Modeling) STEAM 2 (App Creators)	STEAM 1 (Design and Modeling) STEAM 2 (App Creators) STEAM 3 (Robotics) Coming in 2020-2021
Application or Audition/Pre-req class Required	Advanced Studies in ELA/SS	Advanced Choir Show Choir Adv Theater Theater 3 Concert Band Concert Orchestra Advanced Studies in ELA/SS	Advanced Choir Show Choir Adv Theater Theater 3 Symphony Band Symphony Orchestra WEB Leadership Spanish 1 Advanced Studies in ELA/SS

Sixth Grade
2019 - 2020 Elective Course Request

Student's Name: _____

Grade _____

Parent's signature _____

(2019 - 2020 School Year)

Instructions:

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To ensure a complete schedule, please choose four elective courses and two alternates. Keep in mind that some courses are only offered during specific hours of the day. If you are unsure what level to choose, write a general course name.

Example: First Choice: Band
Second Choice: Art

If the course choice is a full year class, please just write it in once.
We will schedule it accordingly.

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Fourth Choice: _____

Alternates:

1. _____ 2. _____

*Return completed on or before March 15, 2019

For Roosevelt ONLY - Please complete both sides of this form

For Students currently enrolled at Roosevelt

STEAM Program Opt In or Out

I agree that my child will NO longer be part of the STEAM program at Abbott Middle School and will not be enrolled in the STEAM elective as part of their 2019-2020 school year.

If I choose to OPT my child OUT of the STEAM program, I am aware that to re-enroll back into the STEAM program, I would have to reapply and the most recent assessment will be considered.

If your child is a School of Choice student, you will still be enrolled in the West Bloomfield School District even if you OPT out of the STEAM program.

Please check the option you would prefer

_____ My Child _____ will continue to be part of the STEAM program.

_____ I am opting my child _____ out of the STEAM program.

Parent Signature

Date