

Please return to your teacher by: **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

## TOKI MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEET

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Long, School Counselor at 608-204-4748 or [emlong@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:emlong@madison.k12.wi.us).

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_ Fifth Grade Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Required 6th Grade Courses:

English Language Arts	Music
Mathematics	Physical Education
Science/Social Studies	Unified Arts (Technology 1, Art, Health, Technology 2)

**MUSIC ELECTIVE:** You may choose from the following electives. Please read the descriptions on the back carefully. Indicate a **first (1<sup>st</sup>)** and **second choice (2<sup>nd</sup>)**; your first choice will be scheduled, if possible.

Choir	Students will sing with a group of students							
Band	Students will play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. Ex: clarinet, flute, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, percussion.							
Orchestra	<b>Must have participated in ONE year of 5th grade strings to continue in Orchestra</b>							
Please choose one:		Cello		Bass		Violin		Viola

### DEADLINE TO ADD OR DROP CLASSES:

All students will have a **two week window** at the beginning of the year in which they may request an elective change with the approval of their parent/guardian and course availability. Sixth grade students are committed for the remainder of the year.

### STAFF WILL NOT HONOR REQUESTS FOR A SPECIFIC TEACHER.

If your child has special learning needs and is not in a special program, please send a letter to the principal explaining those needs. Staff will then place your child in the most appropriate crew/homeroom.

### CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE: (Check one)

\_\_\_ My child **WILL** attend Toki Middle School next year.

\_\_\_ My child **WILL NOT** attend Toki. They will attend \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Music/Physical Education Descriptions

*Please read each description carefully,  
students are expected to commit to their choice for the full year.*

## **CHORUS:**

Choir is a class is for students who enjoy singing and want to improve their vocal abilities as a singer. Choir students should be prepared to make music, listen to music, and think critically about music. Students will work together to develop listening skills and musical literacy, build community, and enhance their understanding of their voice. Students will also build sight reading and rhythm skills. Students should expect to be exposed to music from many different cultures and styles. Rhythm instruments and dance movements may be used to enhance musical selections. Students in choir are expected to participate in two evening concerts per year as part of their grade.

## **BAND:**

*Students who want to learn how to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument should sign up for Band.* Students in Band play individual instruments as a group the majority of the time in this course. Playing a band instrument involves the entire body and brain, including breathing, fingering, note reading and listening. Students should expect to practice at least 10-15 minutes per day at home. Students in band are expected to participate in two evening concerts per year as a part of their grade.

## **ORCHESTRA:**

*Students who already know how to play the violin, viola, cello, or double bass and look forward to expanding their skills should sign up for Orchestra.* Students in Orchestra play individual string instruments as a group, learn new techniques and continually take on more diverse and challenging music. Students should plan to practice at home to support classroom learning. Students in orchestra participate in two evening concerts per year.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:**

Students participate in Physical Education classes two or three times a week. Music and PE classes are on alternate days of the same class period (Example: Music [period 3] scheduled M / W / F and PE [period 3] scheduled M / T / Th with alternating Mondays). Expectations of PE class are participation in the daily activity and changing into/wearing appropriate clothing and shoes for physical activity. Lockers are provided for students to store their clothes and binders while in gym class.

## Fall 2020 Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Information

Please take a moment to tell us a little bit about your child. We will use this information as we create 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams and as students transition into middle school next year. Please feel free to contact Elizabeth Long, School Counselor at 608-204-4748 or [emlong@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:emlong@madison.k12.wi.us) with questions.

**Student Name:**

My child's unique learning/social needs include:

What is the most important thing you want us to know about your child?

Please provide any additional information you feel would be useful.