

OLENTANGY HYATTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIXTH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSES 2022-2023

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL FITNESS

Physical Education (6 week course)

Students will be introduced to a variety of team and individual sports. Students will participate in a variety of skill based lessons with lead-up activities into game play. **Students take this course twice throughout the school year.** **Grading is dependent upon proper dress and participation.

Health 6 (6 week course)

Health Education is required course for all 6th grade students. The purpose of health education is to help students adopt and maintain healthy behaviors. The following topics are covered throughout the six weeks: Health & Wellness, Growth & Development, and Healthy Eating. Other current health issues and guest speakers will be included as time permits. Additionally, the students will participate in the *Too Good for Drugs* program which helps students to learn how to target their goals as well as how tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, and other drugs can interfere with their dreams.

VISUAL ARTS

Art 6 (6 week course)

In 6th grade Art we will use a variety of techniques to manipulate clay. As you create, you will discover artists and cultures that have successfully worked with clay in many different artistic styles. In addition, we may experiment with a variety of drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage media.

FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE

Academic Lab (6 week course)

Academic Lab is a required course for all 6th grade students. Students will focus on how to keep track of assignments, budgeting time to study, goal setting and motivation. Another focus in Academic Lab is improving social and emotional health.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Discovering Computers (6 week course)

Students will learn the basics of computing and skills for the digital world. Some of the skills covered include networks, student email accounts, Olentangy Social Media, basic productivity (Google Apps) and keyboarding skills along with critical thinking skills to evaluate websites and databases. Students will apply these skills in creating practical projects they can use in their core classes.

STUDY HALL

Study Hall: (36 week course)

Study hall is a large group study time during the school day when students are not scheduled in an academic class. Study halls will be monitored by OHMS school personnel. Students will take a full year (36 weeks) of study hall at the sixth grade level unless Band, Choir and/or Orchestra are selected on the course selection sheet.

PERFORMING ARTS

The music classes are full year (36 week) classes. Students are expected to honor their commitment to the music program for the entire school year. All students have the option of combining 2 music disciplines Choir/Band, Choir/Orchestra and Band/Orchestra. All students who choose to enroll in two music courses will alternate between classes every other day. Because they will receive a full credit for each music course in which they are enrolled, students will be expected to complete all course work in BOTH classes each day. Students who choose dual enrollment will receive 50% less instruction than their peers. Dual enrollment is recommended only for advanced musical students who are committed to independent practice. Private lessons on their instrument or voice are also strongly encouraged."

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Band: Full Year (36-week course)

6th grade band is a year-long course for students interested in learning to play woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. In this class, students will learn fundamental musical skills such as music reading, instrument technique, and how to practice efficiently and effectively to speed their development. Students will apply these skills daily as we learn to perform fun music in a group setting. Band students perform three evening concerts during the year and may have additional performances in various venues and circumstances as opportunities allow.

No prior instrumental experience is required, and it is not necessary to choose a specific instrument before signing up. Instrument fittings for all band students will be facilitated by the director before class begins in August. **Students are expected to honor their commitment to the band program for the entire school year.**

Choir: Full Year (36-week course)

6th Grade Choir is a yearlong course. Through the rehearsal process students will rehearse and learn 2-3 part music, recognize standard musical terms/markings within the choral repertoire, recognize and apply proper vocal techniques, acquire and apply sight reading and ear training skills to a given piece of music and will demonstrate awareness of and tolerance for the diversity of choral repertoire. We will explore various genres and styles including pop, folk, secular concert, sacred concert and musical theater. 6th Grade choir will participate in 3 choir concerts. **Students are expected to honor their commitment to the choir program for the entire school year.**

Orchestra: Full Year (36-week course)

6th Grade Orchestra is open to ALL incoming 6th graders (prior experience playing an instrument is not required). It is performance-based group comprised of stringed instruments such as the violin, viola, cello and double bass. As a member of the Hyatts Orchestra program, students are given the opportunity to develop their musicianship skills through working and playing together as an ensemble in both large and small group settings. Students will play music in a variety of musical styles including classical, contemporary, pop, and international. 6th grade orchestra is focused on developing a good instrument hold and learning new notes and rhythms. **Students are expected to honor their commitment to the orchestra program for the entire school year.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THE UNIFIED ARTS COURSES REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL FEE
FINAL COURSE OFFERINGS ARE DEPENDENT UPON ENROLLMENT & INSTRUCTOR AVAILABILITY