



6th GRADE ELECTIVE REGISTRATION WORKSHEET 2023-2024

Welcome to Scott Highlands Middle School! In May, current fifth grade students will participate in middle school transition activities and parents and students are invited to an orientation meeting. We look forward to partnering with you in creating a valuable, enriching middle school experience for your child.

All 6th grade students are required to take a full year of the following classes:

Full Year, Daily

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies

Full Year, Alternating Days

- Physical Education
- Reading

Please take a moment now to review the elective course descriptions (located on the reverse side of this form) and elective combinations with your child. Based on the student registration data, the school administration will determine the classes to be offered, the staff needed and a master schedule of classes for next year.

The trimester classes Art/Family & Consumer Science/Technology Education are required courses for *most* 6th grade students. The current fifth grade students attending **Diamond Path School of International Studies** have all studied one of two foreign languages, either Chinese or Spanish, 90 minutes per week for FIVE years. In order for your child to continue his/her study of a foreign language as a 6th grade student at SHMS, it is important to note that the Chinese or Spanish class may replace either the elective course (Band/Music) or the combination of courses Art/Family & Consumer Science/Technology Education. As parents, if you choose to have your child continue his/her foreign language study in Chinese or Spanish, this class will meet every other day for 53 minutes per class. If you choose not to have your child continue with a foreign language in sixth grade, you will register your child for Band or Music and the combination of courses Art/Family & Consumer Science/Technology Education.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Place a checkmark (✓) next to your ONE elective combination.
*Use the two Course Numbers to register online for TWO courses.
2. Click here to log onto [Infinite Campus](#) to complete course registration online.
3. Click here for step-by-step [Online Course Registration Instructions](#).
4. Click here for two-minute instruction [VIDEO](#) on the course registration process.

✓	Elective Combination Options	Course 1 Number	Course 2 Number
	CHINESE 1A & BAND	60FOR1	60MUS1
	CHINESE 1A & GENERAL MUSIC	60FOR1	60MUS3
	CHINESE 1A & APPLIED ARTS COMBINATION (ART+FCS+TECH)	60FOR1	60AA1
	SPANISH 1A & BAND	60FOR7	60MUS1
	SPANISH 1A & GENERAL MUSIC	60FOR7	60MUS3
	SPANISH 1A & APPLIED ARTS COMBINATION (ART+FCS+TECH)	60FOR7	60AA1
	BAND & APPLIED ARTS COMBINATION (ART+FCS+TECH)	60MUS1	60AA1
	GENERAL MUSIC & APPLIED ARTS COMBINATION (ART+FCS+TECH)	60MUS3	60AA1

_____ My child will not be attending Scott Highlands Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Please call SHMS 952-423-7581 to provide specific information about school of enrollment for 6th grade.
I understand I must complete paperwork in order for my child to attend a middle school outside my assigned attendance area school.

6th GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

APPLIED ARTS COMBINATION (60AA1) (*By choosing a full year APPLIED ARTS COMBINATION, you are agreeing to take one trimester each of the courses listed below.)

ART classes are designed to provide a wide variety of artistic experiences at the middle level. Projects may include, but are not limited to: clay, colored pencil, watercolors/tempera, pencil/charcoal, oil/chalk pastels, brush and ink, plaster, paper maché and woven materials. The art projects are designed around the elements and principles of design, art history and self-evaluation.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE classes prepare students to begin their journey toward becoming independent, productive citizens. Students will engage in hands-on food and sewing labs. The areas of concentration include nutrition and wellness (cooking procedures, measurement, safety, recipe preparation), career planning, money management, child development, life skills and resource management, and Design (Interiors, Apparel, and Construction).

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION is a program that incorporates both traditional hands-on machinery with the newest fab lab equipment. Using the Engineering design process students will be able to explore manufacturing, product design and thinking outside of the box. Safety, respect and responsibility in the work place is an underlying part of the curriculum. Students are encouraged to work within the constraints of their projects to design artifacts that express their creative and individual abilities.

BAND (60MUS1)

The SHMS band program consists of a large group band rehearsal and a 30-minute small group/individual lesson. In addition to learning new concert band songs, students will have the opportunity to participate in jazz bands, woodwind ensembles, brass ensembles, percussion ensembles and performance field trips. Studies have shown that playing a band instrument supports and enriches students emotionally, socially, and academically. All students who make a sincere, consistent effort will have a positive experience in the SHMS band program.

Band in District 196 is a sequential course that begins in 5th grade and continues through 12th grade. Like other sequential content areas, such as world languages and mathematics, it is best for students to begin band in 5th grade to learn the fundamentals at the same time. That being said, our district's band instructors will accept and welcome students into the band program in a way that best meets the needs of the student. If your child did not play in the 5th grade band, but would like to join band in 6th grade band, please check the box below.

€ **My child did not play an instrument in 5th grade band and is interested in joining 6th grade band. I would like to speak with a SHMS band instructor to learn more.**

GENERAL MUSIC (60MUS3)

Sixth grade music is designed to offer a wide variety of musical experiences. Students will make music by singing and playing instruments including: acoustic guitar, ukulele, and piano keyboards. Students will also listen to and learn about different styles of world music including: rock and roll, country, jazz, classical, musical theater and movie music. In addition, students will explore technology with GarageBand and other creative music resources.

CHINESE 1A (60FOR1) (*Must have participated in Chinese at Diamond Path or have previously taken Chinese)

You don't want to miss out on all the fun in Chinese class! Did you know that Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world? Students will learn the authentic language and cross-cultural communication with a native Mandarin speaker from China. Comprehensive practical language skills are taught through Chinese movies, cultural games and celebrations, making Chinese food and handcrafts. There are extended learning opportunities available, such as attending a Chinese weekend camp, or possibly an international trip to China. The Chinese curriculum at Scott Highlands parallels the high school Chinese curriculum (levels I & II). If students begin in 6th grade and continue through high school, there is the opportunity to participate in College in the Schools (CIS) program and earn college credits from the U of MN. Let the Chinese class fun begin by registering now!

SPANISH 1A (60FOR7) (*Must have participated in Spanish at Diamond Path or have previously taken Spanish)

The middle school curriculum is the same as the high school Spanish level 1 curriculum, the only difference is that the course is offered every other day over a period of 2 years. Topics covered in class will include basic vocabulary about personal likes and dislikes, food, describing yourself and others, school activities, time, feelings, family, going shopping and traveling around town. Students will begin to understand fundamental grammar concepts. Students must be prepared to study in and out of class and to complete homework outside of class. Activities will revolve around speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Grading will be based on daily homework, quizzes, tests, and projects. Successful completion of this and future middle school Spanish classes will ensure entry into an advanced Spanish class in high school.

TARGETED SERVICES CLASSES

Targeted Services Classes are scheduled by the administration. If it is determined by assessment data that a student is below proficiency with academic achievement as compared to their same-age peers, the student may be placed in a class to work on the identified need areas. The need for this class may override personal elective choice. In addition, special education or English language learners may be placed into classes to support their individualized learning needs.

Questions?

Call SHMS 952-423-7581 for any of the following people:

- Jennifer Cullen, Student Registrar
- Sarah Blasing, Counselor
- Andrea Larson, Counselor
- Jesse Kramer, Counselor
- Sarah Dahl, Assistant Principal
- Dan Wilharber, Principal