

# Centennial Middle School

## Elective Course Descriptions

2023-24

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### Elective Course Offerings Overview:

<p><b>Year Long Elective Courses Offered Each Year</b></p> <p>N21 - Middle Level Band          N22 - Middle Level Band 2          N23 - Middle Level Band 3          N24 - Middle Level Orchestra 1          N25 - Middle Level Orchestra 2          N26 - Middle Level Orchestra 3          N11 - 6th Grade Choir          N12- 7th/8th Grade Choir          F1A - French 1A          F1B - French 1B          F7A - Spanish 1A          F7B - Spanish 1B          F7C - Spanish Language Arts          F8A - Middle Level Spanish 2          C80- Latinos In Action</p>	<p><b>Additional Semester Long Electives Offered As Available</b></p> <p>X02 - Study Hall          X102 - Office Assistant          X103 - Academic Assistant</p> <hr/> <p><b>6th Grade Elective Wheel</b></p> <p>A06 - Explore Art WHEEL          D10 - Explore Computers WHEEL          P06 - 6th Grade PE (S Course)</p>
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<b>Semester Elective Courses Offered Each Semester on Rotation</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2023-24</b></p> <p>A12 - Art 2            A21- Draw Paint            J36 - Middle Level Robotics            T04 - American History and Film            A28 - Middle Level Digital Art</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2024-25</b></p> <p>A11 - Art I            A20 - Three Dimensional Design            D08 - Multimedia Production            J20 - Middle School Design Tech            K62 - Creative Writing            P11 - Outdoor Ed            D04 - Middle Level Programming</p>
<b>Semester Elective Courses Offered Each Year</b>	
<p>H15 - Food Facts and Fun            A23 - Ceramics            A27 - Middle Level Photography            P18 - Middle Level Fitness and Conditioning            J04- Woodworking &amp; Crafts</p>	

### 6th Grade Elective Options:

Code	Course Name	Course Descriptions
F7A	Spanish 1A <i>*Year-Long</i>	Level 1 introduces students to target foreign cultures and to the four basic language skills: listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Students acquire skills through oral repetition, dialogues, short compositions, dictations, reading, and written exercises. For the Novice-Low Range Level, students learn to communicate, comprehend, and present on very familiar topics using isolated words and high frequency phrases in the context of Culture, Connections and Comparisons.
F7C	Spanish Language Arts <i>*Year-Long</i>	Do you speak Spanish at home? Then this class is for you! This is a great opportunity for you to start studying or continue to develop your Spanish communication skills with a focus on reading, writing and culture.  ¿Hablas español en casa? ¡Entonces esta clase es para ti! Es una buena oportunidad para empezar a estudiar o continuar tus estudios y desarrollar tu comunicación en español. Nos enfocamos en la lectura, la escritura y la cultura.
N11	Choir <i>*Year-Long</i>	Choir is a course designed to promote academic achievement through music expression, creation, theory, and aesthetic valuation. Students enrolled in choir will actively participate in rehearsals and performances. Students will learn music fundamentals such as sight reading, music theory, and musicianship. A variety of performance opportunities will be provided throughout the school year including school concerts, field trips, and music festivals.
N21	Middle Level Band 1 <i>*Year-Long</i>	Students in this course build on skills and concepts learned in previous years. In addition to progressively more demanding large ensemble work, there is an increasing emphasis on ensemble awareness and individual musicianship. Students focus on playing with more confidence in smaller groups and will continue to expand their musical experience through creation, theory and aesthetic valuation. Instrumental repertoire is at a Level II on a scale from 1 to 6. Culminating performances are a meaningful component of this full year course.
N24	Middle Level Orchestra 1 <i>*Year-Long</i>	Orchestra 1 is open to any of our 6th grade students who wish to play a string instrument. We play a variety of music from classical to contemporary. Performance opportunities are provided through concerts, field trips and music festivals. This class provides students the opportunity to work in a collaborative manner, develop musicianship and promote critical listening skills. No audition is required for this class.
A07	Explore Art (WHEEL) <i>*One Quarter, 6th Grade ONLY</i>	A short, 1 quarter, introduction to many mediums like paint, drawing, color theory, clay and paper design (photography/cameras are not used in this class.)
D10	Explore Computers (WHEEL) <i>*One Quarter, 6th Grade ONLY</i>	This is a quarter class that introduces technology to 6th graders. Presentation skills, photo editing (PhotoShop), application programming (gaming), physical computing (microcontrollers), robotic programming (Sphero), 3D modeling (SketchUp), digital animations, digital music (GarageBand), video editing (WeVideo), electronic teardowns
P06	6th Grade PE (WHEEL) <i>*One Semester, 6th Grade ONLY</i>	Physical Education at the 6th grade middle level offers students a variety of physical activities through which they will develop positive attitudes toward group interaction, sportsmanship, the joy of effort, fair play, cooperation, initiative and an appreciation for

		the abilities and limitations of self and others. The program is designed to continue development of physical fitness, motor, perception, rhythm, and movement skills.
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**Required Electives:** *All 7th & 8th Graders are required to take the yearlong combined Health/PE class each year. Students will be automatically enrolled in these courses.*

P15	7th Grade Combined Health/PE <i>*Year-Long</i>	Health/Physical Education in the 7th grade emphasizes physical fitness and development of basic movement skills through team, individual, and dual sports and rhythmic activities. Within this course they will have the opportunity to apply strength training and aerobic conditioning principles. Health Education in 7th grade is based on developing skills in relationship to developing age appropriate Health topics. By developing skills related to effectively accessing Health resources, communicating, analyzing peer and media influences, goal setting, decision making, and health advocacy, students in BVSD will be able to achieve and maintain optimal wellness. Emphasis in Physical Education is placed on the introduction of basic fundamentals of sports; developing the knowledge of rules, building personal responsibility, good sportsmanship, and leadership.
P17	8th Grade Combined Health/PE <i>*Year-Long</i>	Health/Physical Education in the 8th grade level emphasizes refinement of skills learned in the 7th grade, developing a greater understanding of game strategies. Continued emphasis is placed on personal responsibility, good sportsmanship, and attaining a higher level of personal fitness. Health Education in 8th grade is based on developing skills in relationship to developing age appropriate Health topics. By developing skills related to effectively accessing Health resources, communicating, analyzing peer and media influences, goal setting, decision making, and health advocacy, students in BVSD will be able to achieve and maintain optimal wellness.

**7/8 Grade Yearlong Elective Options:**

Code	Course Name	Course Descriptions
F7A	Spanish 1A <i>*Year-Long</i>	Level 1 introduces students to target foreign cultures and to the four basic language skills: listening comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Students acquire skills through oral repetition, dialogues, short compositions, dictations, reading, and written exercises. For the Novice-Low Range Level, students learn to communicate, comprehend, and present on very familiar topics using isolated words and high frequency phrases in the context of Culture, Connections and Comparisons.
F7B	Spanish 1B <i>*Year-Long</i>	This is the second half of Spanish 1, so once you have completed Spanish 1A with a B or above, you are ready to take this class. We continue working on our listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Spanish and study themes including extracurricular activities, families, ordering in a restaurant, the house and clothing.
F8A	Spanish 2 <i>*Year-Long</i>	Level 2 furthers the study of grammar, vocabulary and an understanding of the culture. Students improve listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Students improve language skills through oral repetition, dialogues, short compositions, dictations, reading, and written exercises. For the Novice-Mid Range Level, students learn to communicate, comprehend, and present in oral and written form on a

		variety of familiar and predictable topics using isolated words, learned phrases, and learned grammatical structures in the context of Culture, Connections, and Comparisons.
F7C	Spanish Language Arts <i>*Year-Long</i>	Do you speak Spanish at home? Then this class is for you! This is a great opportunity for you to start studying or continue to develop your Spanish communication skills with a focus on reading, writing and culture.  ¿Hablas español en casa? ¡Entonces esta clase es para ti! Es una buena oportunidad para empezar a estudiar o continuar tus estudios y desarrollar tu comunicación en español. Nos enfocamos en la lectura, la escritura y la cultura.
F1A	French 1A <i>*Year-Long</i>	In this class, students will begin to acquire French and communicate naturally through class discussion of everyday activities, likes and dislikes, personal experiences, cultural tales, imaginative stories, French music and more. We will also share in cultural celebrations and of course, sample food from Francophone regions! Students' experience in class will largely consist of listening, reading, and interacting in comprehensible French. *Not for native French speakers!
F1B	French 1B <i>*Year-Long</i>	<b>Students must complete French 1A before taking this class..</b> This is the second half of French 1. Students will continue their acquisition of French language through personalized class discussions and stories, and further their knowledge of francophone culture. By the end of this class, students will begin to write and speak in past, present and future tenses in French.
N12	Choir <i>*Year-Long</i>	Choir is a course designed to promote academic achievement through music expression, creation, theory, and aesthetic valuation. Students enrolled in choir will actively participate in rehearsals and performances. Students will learn music fundamentals such as sight reading, music theory, and musicianship. A variety of performance opportunities will be provided throughout the school year including school concerts, field trips, and music festivals.
N22	Band 2 <i>*Year-Long</i>	Students in this course build on skills and concepts learned in previous years. In addition to progressively more demanding large ensemble work, there is an increasing emphasis on ensemble awareness and individual musicianship. Students focus on playing with more confidence in smaller groups and will continue to expand their musical experience through creation, theory and aesthetic valuation. Instrumental repertoire is at a Level II on a scale from 1 to 6. Culminating performances are a meaningful component of this full year course.
N23	Band 3 <i>*Year-Long</i>	Students in this course build on skills and concepts learned in previous years. Students focus on playing longer and more difficult pieces of music (grade 2.5-3 on a scale of 1-6) and the skills needed to become an effective soloist. Students will continue to expand their musical experience through creation, theory and aesthetic valuation. Culminating performances are a meaningful component of this full year course.
N25	Orchestra 2 <i>*Year-Long</i>	This course is designed for students who have completed one year of 6th Grade Orchestra. Open to 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students. We play a variety of music from classical to contemporary. Performance opportunities are provided through concerts, field trips and music festivals. This class provides students the opportunity to work in a collaborative manner, develop musicianship and promote critical listening skills.

N26	Orchestra 3 <i>*Year-Long</i>	In this class, students will refine and build upon the skills learned in 6th and 7th grade. We play a variety of music from classical to contemporary. Performance opportunities are provided through concerts, field trips and music festivals. This class provides students the opportunity to work in a collaborative manner, develop musicianship and promote critical listening skills. Open to 7th & 8th grade students.
C80	Latinos In Action	

### **2023-24 Semester Long Elective Options:**

A12	Art 2 <i>*Semester-Long</i>	If you have already taken ART 1 and would love to either do MORE (with many different media choices) or would love to take your art to the next level within a project-based studio, this is the class for you. In this class you will be able to create pieces based upon a theme that should really prepare you for high school art. Art movements and art from different cultures are also introduced within historical contexts.
A21	Draw/Paint <i>*Semester-Long</i>	This class is for artists that either want to have more strategies and time for drawing or are artists that would like to advance their techniques. Many different media are used for this class such as pencil, graphite, charcoal, pastels, pen, marker, watercolor, tempera and acrylic paints.
A23	Ceramics <i>*Semester-Long</i>	Clay, handbuilding, electric wheel and glazing techniques. The class also includes learning how to stack the Kiln, and the stages and science behind clay and glaze. Students build 5-8 theme based projects in a studio setting.
A28	Middle Level Digital Art <i>*Semester-Long</i>	Using the computer to create original art and graphic design. Applications used in this class are Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop and Wick Editor (animations).
J36	Middle Level Robotics <i>*Semester-Long</i>	Robotics uses a classroom set of LEGO Spike robot kits. This semester-long class will explore robotics in the world and then students will build and program their own robots to complete a series of challenges and competitions. No prior experience needed..
K91	Theatre Arts 1 <i>*Semester-Long</i>	Do you have a love of performance or being behind-the-scenes helping a performance come to life? Theatre Arts is meant for actors and techies of all experience levels, with fun games, projects, and performances that will build your confidence and grow your acting and tech abilities.

T04	American History and Film <i>*Semester-Long</i>	Students in this class will be introduced to the exciting world of film studies, and will learn about the history of Hollywood and the movies that it has created over the last century, as well as how these films have both reflected and created American culture. The majority of time will be spent watching and discussing some of the most famous movies of all time, and the people that made them.
J04	Woodworking and Crafts <i>*Semester-Long</i>	This course is a hands-on class focused on using a variety of tools and techniques to create woodworking and craft projects. No prior experience in shop work is needed. In this course, the students will learn how to use hand and power tools. Students will learn elements of shop safety with an emphasis on proper tool use. Students will then learn to select and use the appropriate tools to complete four or more projects through a design and production process.
A27	Photography <i>*Semester-Long</i>	Learning the basics about the digital camera, light and composition within different genres of photography.
H13	Food, Facts and Fun <i>*Semester-Long</i>	This course provides students with the opportunity to follow recipes and prepare nutritious foods from the My Healthy Plate guidelines. Students will learn a variety of cooking techniques, and get to enjoy eating the dishes they create. Topics of study will include kitchen safety and sanitation; the identification and use of a variety of kitchen appliances, utensils and tools; reading food nutrition labels; measurement skills and conversions; and unit pricing in order to compare for the best value when food shopping.
P18	Middle Level Fitness & Conditioning <i>*Semester-Long</i>	Students will work to improve all aspects of their fitness utilizing traditional strength training techniques as well as the newest and latest trends in the industry.
K69	Middle Level Publications (Yearbook) <i>*Semester-Long</i>	