

OLENTANGY HYATTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIXTH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSES 2023-2024

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 various 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 a required course for all 6th-grade students. Health education aims to help students adopt and maintain healthy behaviors. The following topics are covered throughout the six weeks: Health & Wellness, Growth & Development, Healthy Eating, and Mental Health topics. Other current health issues and guest speakers will be included as time permits.

VISUAL ARTS

Art 6 (6 week course)

In 6th grade Art, we will use various techniques to manipulate clay. Students will discover artists and cultures that have successfully worked with clay in many different artistic styles. In addition, we may experiment with various 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 student well-being.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Digital Exploration (6 week course)

In Digital Exploration, students will use the design thinking process to identify a challenge in their life to solve or improve. Students will leverage various digital tools for brainstorming, seeking feedback, prototyping, and communicating their ideas in a creative way.

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 can combine two music disciplines: Choir/Band, Choir/Orchestra, and Band/Orchestra. All students who enroll in two music courses will alternate between classes every other day. Because they will receive full credit for each music course they are registered in, students are expected to complete all coursework 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 committed to independent practice. Private lessons on their instrument or voice are also strongly encouraged.

Band: Full Year (36-week course)

6th Grade Band UA1

6th Grade Band Woodwind is an introductory course for students that would like to play the Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, or saxophone. Students will learn the fundamentals of playing an instrument and the art of playing as an ensemble. 6th Grade band is a place to master the fundamentals of your instrument and have a lot of fun in the process. No prerequisite class is required, but an instrument fitting is necessary before joining. This usually happens in April at

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OHMS and helps students find an instrument that suits their natural abilities. All bands have 3 concerts per year. **Band relies on teamwork and therefore is a yearlong commitment.**

6th Grade Band UA2

6th Grade Band Brass and Percussion is an introductory course for students that would like to play the Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, or Percussion. Students will learn the fundamentals of playing an instrument and the art of playing as an ensemble. 6th Grade band is a place to master the fundamentals of your instrument and have a lot of fun in the process. No prerequisite class is required, but an instrument fitting is necessary before joining. This usually happens in April at OHMS and helps students find an instrument that suits their natural abilities. All bands have 3 concerts per year. **Band relies on teamwork and therefore is a yearlong commitment.**

Choir: Full Year (36-week course)

6th Grade Choir is a great place for students to have FUN, make new friendships, work together as a team, and have an enjoyable learning experience. The choir classroom is a welcoming place where students, through the rehearsal process, will 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 become aware of the rich diversity of choral repertoire. We will explore various genres and styles of music, including Pop, Country-Pop, Secular, Spirituals, Disney, and Musical Theater. 6th Grade choir will participate in 3 choir concerts. Choir students are allowed to double up and take another music discipline. If students decide to double, they will alternate between choir and the other music discipline chosen. **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**