

SIXTH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Beginning Band 6 (Year-long)

A year-long Beginning Band 6 course will be taught every other day. This course will be offered during the 6th grade Encore block in lieu of the Exploratory Wheel. If your child begins band in the 6th grade, he/she may continue as a 7th grade intermediate band student the following year. Students who are interested in participating in the band in middle school but who wish to take the Exploratory Wheel or Chorus may elect to wait until 7th or 8th grade to take a year-long band class. **Please view this link to learn more about Band & Chorus:**



Exploratory Wheel 6 (Four Quarterly Courses)

Students rotate through four quarterly exploratory courses that meet every other day. The quarterly courses are randomly assigned. Exploratory Wheel courses may include a combination of any four of the following:

DRAMA 6 (Quarterly)

This course provides opportunities for students to explore various aspects of informal drama and theater through learning the basic skills of expression and communication.

DIGITAL LITERACY (Quarterly)

This course helps students gain proficiency by using a variety of technology tools and applications that support content lessons and student products.

CAREER INVESTIGATIONS (Quarterly) This course satisfies the VA state requirement for all students to take a middle school career course. This course provides opportunities to explore interests, career clusters, occupations, pathways, and workplace readiness skills.

SET FOR SUCCESS (Quarterly)

This course helps students incorporate personal learning styles to help develop effective study techniques, time management, communication skills, and academic work habits.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES 1 (FACS 1) (Quarterly)

This course provides a foundation for managing individual, family, career, and community roles and responsibilities. Students practice financial management, clothing maintenance, food preparation, and self-assessment as related to career exploration.

Chorus 6 (Year-long)

We endeavor to offer year-long chorus 6 classes; however, depending on staffing needs, a semester (1/2 year) chorus class may be offered instead. In this case, students may choose to repeat the semester course or take chorus one semester along with two of the quarterly wheel courses.

Sixth grade chorus is a mixed group of male and female vocalists. Emphasis is placed on the development of singing skills, music theory, and a repertoire of musical selections that can be utilized for school and community performances. In Chorus, students will experience singing in a class ensemble and will perform in the Winter and/or Spring Concerts. Students will indicate whether or not they desire to take one or two semesters of chorus should staffing & course counts permit. **Please view this link to learn more about Band & Chorus: <https://tinyurl.com/3yudpdv5>**

