



Sixth Grade

Union 6/7 Grade Center

**2024-2025
Course
Offerings**

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Dear Parents / Guardians of Fifth Grade Students:

I want to welcome you to the Union 6th Grade Center and to tell you how excited we are about the upcoming school year. It is that time of the year when we begin preparation for the 2024-2025 school year and begin to collect information for enrollment purposes. Please complete online enrollment form by March 8th, 2024. You can view multiple resources related to enrollment on our website: www.unionps.org/union67.

Daily Schedule – Students will attend four core courses (Math, Language Arts, Geography, and Science). Classes are in close proximity to each other making the school setting seem smaller. Your child's instructional team will consist of four core teachers, an elective teacher, a counselor, assistant principal and a sixth grade principal.

Sixth graders have the opportunity to be considered for advanced classes in Language Arts and Math. Advanced classes are open to any student who feels he/she is capable of handling the more rigorous workload. Students who have been identified as ARC students and have excelled academically are encouraged to consider advanced courses. Teacher recommendation is not mandatory for students to take an advanced course, but we do find the teachers' input to be very helpful. Please be aware that a student who signs up for an advanced course but does not meet the minimum grade criteria may have his or her schedule changed. This may result in a change of team for that particular class or even other classes.

Elective Courses – Students can enroll in a year-long fine arts course such as Band, Orchestra, Competition Choir, or Art. Students not choosing a year-long fine arts course will be enrolled in the Exploratory Wheel.

We look forward to a wonderful year with your child and want to offer our guidance and support as you prepare your child's enrollment form. If you have any questions about the enrollment process, please contact a sixth grade counselor.

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Respectfully,

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Class Principal

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The Union School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, qualified individual with a handicap or disability in any of its policies, practices, or procedures. This provision includes, but is not limited to, admissions, employment, and educational services, in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws. However, the student's participation rights may be withdrawn for disciplinary reasons, e.g., unbecoming conduct, violation of rules or laws, etc.

Sixth Grade Curricular Offerings

Core/Required Courses

Language Arts

The sixth grade Language Arts course is a combination of reading and writing instruction. The purpose of the course is to develop students into successful readers and writers. Students will interact with both fiction and non-fiction text. Students will develop communication skills through instruction in oral and written communication, grammar and mechanics, research study skills, vocabulary, and reading

Advanced Language Arts*

The sixth grade advanced Language Arts course is a combination of reading and writing instruction. The purpose of the course is to develop students into successful readers and writers. Students will interact with both fiction and non-fiction text. Students will develop communication skills through instruction in oral and written communication, grammar and mechanics, research study skills, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. Students will be expected to work independently with the material at home and at school.

Math

The sixth grade math course serves as a bridge between the concepts learned in elementary school mathematics and the expectations of middle school and high school mathematics. The purpose of the course is to help students learn the value of mathematics in everyday life, become confident in their own ability, and become mathematical problem solvers. Areas of study include but are not limited to: whole numbers, decimals, fractions, ratio, percent, measurement, geometry, integers, probability, and an introduction to algebra.

Advanced Math*

The sixth grade advanced math course is composed of students who have mastered the basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The purpose of this course is to continue developing problem solving and critical thinking skills as well as prepare students to enroll in Pre-Algebra as they enter seventh Grade. Areas of study include but are not limited to: integers, fractions, decimals, percent, proportion, measurement, geometry and algebraic skills.

Pre-Algebra*

Prerequisite: 5th grade qualifying test

In order to qualify for Pre-Algebra in the sixth grade, a student must pass the fifth grade qualifying test for Pre-Algebra and must master the basic math concepts along with master of fractional operations. This course is two years advanced for the sixth grade level, and covers the required objectives for both seventh grade math and Pre-Algebra. The purpose of the course is to provide the foundation in algebra, geometry, and problem solving so that students will be prepared to enroll in Algebra I as they enter seventh grade. Areas of study include: variables, expressions, integers, solving equations, inequalities, exponents, rational numbers, ratio, proportions and probability, percents, and linear functions.

Science

The sixth grade science course will study the areas of life, physical, and earth science. The course will be a challenging and beneficial experience for your child as he/she learns through “hands-on” activities.

Geography

The sixth grade geography curriculum will include the study of people and places in the Western Hemisphere. The focus will be on the physical geography of North, Central, and South America including map skills, vocabulary, and the location of key places. Students will also become familiar with the past and present people groups of the Western Hemisphere.

**Parents may choose to enroll their child into Advanced courses. Grades below 75% in an advanced class during any grading period will result in removal from the advanced class.*

Sixth Grade Curricular Offerings

Elective Courses

Orchestra (Full Year)

This is a beginning strings class for those students with no experience playing a stringed instrument. A method book and an instrument - violin, viola, cello, or bass – are the only mandatory materials used in this course. The students will be provided technical training to prepare for two concerts given during the year. This training will provide a solid foundation from which the students will be able to continue playing in the orchestra through high school.

Band (Full Year)

This is a year-long course offered to sixth grade students interested in learning how to play a band instrument. Students are taught fundamentals in music and performance techniques on woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments. No prior musical experience is expected or required. ***Instruments, textbooks, and necessary accessories must be provided by the student /parent.***

The instrument choices are flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion. The Union Band staff will visit each elementary school in the spring of fifth grade and evaluate all prospective band students in order to recommend the appropriate instrument. All students who wish to play percussion must qualify through the percussion instructor. A limited number of clarinet students will be allowed to change to saxophone during the spring semester of beginning band. Prospective saxophone students must start on clarinet and later qualify for saxophone.

Instruments should not be obtained until school has started and the band director has approved the student's instrument selection.

Competition Choir (Full Year)

This course is specifically designed for students who love to sing! Competition Choir will stress the basic fundamentals of good singing, which include proper breathing and support, vowels, diction, tone, and sight-reading skills. This choir performs at numerous concerts and prepares for the annual District Solo/Ensemble and Choir contests. Students will be required to purchase a uniform (approximate cost will be \$20.00). In addition, we traditionally make at least one competition trip which includes other 'fun' activities for the students. Students participate in a fund-raising project to help alleviate some of the expenses associated with the trip.

Art Expressions (Full Year)

This course will cover the fundamentals of color, perspective, composition, and technique through various painting and print-making media. Students will be rated on work completed and turned in, participation, following instructions, and craftsmanship.

Exploratory Wheel (Full Year)

This course provides students an opportunity to explore multiple areas of interest. Students will explore PE, Drama, and STEM. Introduction to STEM will provide students with an opportunity to learn about the STEM pathways of Engineering, Computer/science and bio med.

*Electives are subject to change based on instructor availability.