

Century Middle School

2024-25 6th Grade Core Plus Course Request Form

Student's Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

All student schedules will include Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, German Explo, Spanish Explo, specific music course (if selected by student) and randomly assigned elective(s) as the student schedule allows.

*****Carefully read the course descriptions on the reverse side before completing this form.*****

Check this box to select OPTION 1
“I want to select a specific music class.”

Check the above box and one music course below if this is the option you wish to select. Students selecting this option will take one music course as selected below, Spanish Explo, German Explo and one or more randomly assigned electives to complete the student schedule.

Place an “X” next to your one preferred music course below:

_____ 6230 Beginning Orchestra/Music Explo

_____ 6260 Choir

_____ 6205 Beginning Band- **BRASS**
(**circle one**: baritone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba)

_____ 6295 Music Explo

_____ 6205 Beginning Band- **WOODWIND**
(**circle one**: clarinet, saxophone, flute, oboe)

Check this box to select OPTION 2
“I want to try a variety of electives that may not include a music class.”

Students selecting this option will take Spanish Explo, German Explo and randomly assigned electives to complete the student schedule.

I have selected my preferred option above.

Student Signature

Date

I/We approve of the above selection.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

6th Grade Core Plus (Elective) Music Course Descriptions

Beginning Band: Students choose an instrument from the woodwind (clarinet, saxophone, flute, oboe), brass (baritone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba), or percussion family (tryouts are after the first concert.) No previous music experience is necessary. Students will perform at four school concerts throughout the year in the evenings. Students maintain their own instruments - which may be purchased or rented from a music store. Some instruments can be provided by the school.

Beginning Orchestra: Students learn to perform on the violin, viola, cello and string bass. A variety of musical styles from pop to classical are introduced. Students maintain their own instruments, which may be purchased or rented with the exception of the cello and string bass, which will be provided by the school for student use. No previous experience is necessary. **Students that select Beginning Orchestra will have Music Explo automatically added to their first semester schedule.**

Choir: This performing music class is offered to students who love singing. Students will continue to develop vocal music skills and techniques necessary for individual and group musical experiences. Students will continue to develop musical literacy as well. Students will be required to participate in evening performances. The purchase of a choir uniform is required.

Music Explo: Music Explo will explore the foundations of music including music notation, music history and composition. This class will have the opportunity to learn these skills through the playing of predominantly stringed instruments. We will learn about and analyze many different genres, forms and styles of music. If students enjoy this class, they can opt to continue on with one of our other music classes (Band, Orchestra, or Choir) if available in the second semester.

Important Reminders:

- Carefully read the course descriptions before completing this form
- **Choose classes carefully** - no schedule changes will be made in the fall
- If form is not returned, classes will be selected for student based on availability
- Course offerings are based on course requirements per funding, facilities, and availability. Described offerings may change prior to the start of the new school year.
- We will make every attempt to give students the elective option selected, but it is not always possible to honor every request.
- German Explo and Spanish Explo will be automatically added to all 6th grade student schedules.

German Explo (Q) + Spanish Explo (Q): These courses provide an introduction to both German and Spanish language and culture. These courses stress progressive acquisition of effective community skills in both written and spoken language and an understanding of the practices of the German and Spanish cultures by utilizing games, songs, real life situational role playing and the integration of technology.