

Wm. Mendenhall Middle School
6th GRADE COURSES

COURSE	TYPE OF COURSE	DESCRIPTION
English 6	Required Course	This is a systematic literature-based course that is aligned with the Common Core State Standards for sixth grade language arts. It integrates reading, written and oral language, and spelling. This is done through core literature books, a literature anthology, a spelling textbook, and a grammar textbook.
Social Science 6	Required Course	This course is aligned with the California State Standards for sixth grade social science. The course covers history and geography of ancient civilizations including prehistoric people and the early civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome.
Reading 6	Required Course	This course is aligned with the Common Core State Standards for sixth grade language arts. The course specifically covers the reading standards.
Mathematics 6	Required Course	This course is aligned with the Common Core State Standards for sixth grade mathematics. The areas of emphasis include number sense, algebra and functions, measurement and geometry, statistics, data analysis and probability, and mathematical reasoning.
Science 6	Required Course	This course is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards for sixth grade science. Students will learn about cells and living systems, earth systems including water cycle and weather/climate, global warming and human impacts, and energy and matter.
Physical Education 6	Required Course	This course is aligned with the California State Standards for sixth grade physical education. Students will participate in a program emphasizing active participation, fitness, and motor development. Proper physical education attire is required. A recommended uniform is for sale at registration.
Band	Optional Course (Students will be required to take a "0" period class)	Students will be playing woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. The school may provide instruments for students playing French horn, trombone, baritone horn, or tuba. All other instruments should be provided by the student. Attendance at all performances is required.
Orchestra	Optional Course (Students will be required to take a "0" period class)	Students will be playing a stringed instrument. The school may provide instruments for students playing viola, cello, or bass. All other instruments should be provided by the student. Attendance at all performances is required.
Vocal Music Performance	Optional Course (Students will be required to take a "0" period class)	This is an elective course designed to introduce students to the musical concepts of tone, pitch, rhythm, and music reading. This course will offer students the opportunity to learn the basics of vocal production. As members of a choral ensemble students will be exposed to a variety of music styles. Attendance at all performances is required.