

# Mesa View Middle School Course Descriptions

## 2023-2024 School Year

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Mesa View Middle School's elective program is composed of semester-long and year-long classes. Every effort is made to honor individual student's requests for elective classes; however, scheduling conflicts, staffing, and/or limited enrollment may make it necessary to modify requests. For any elective, if the number of applications exceeds the class size, a lottery system will be implemented. For placement, Mesa View administration will look at individual elective rankings if the class size has reached its capacity.*

## Year Long Electives

### Beginning Band (Year Long Class)

A course designed for students with little or no experience with wind or percussion instruments. Instruction will strengthen the necessary skills to qualify for Advanced Band. Emphasis is on the fundamentals of note and rhythm reading, tone production, and concert experience. Large and more expensive instruments will be provided, as available. Some rehearsals and performances outside of class time are also components of this elective.

### Choir (Year Long Class)

Through enrollment in Chorus, students develop skills to sing correctly and learn the basics of good musicianship through music theory, part-singing, various choral techniques, balance, and blend. The group performs at district music festivals, school and community concerts, and more!

### Beginning Strings (Year Long Class)

This is an introductory course in how to play a string instrument. In its first year, it is designed for students at any playing level with differentiated instruction on violin, viola, cello, and bass. Correct playing position, characteristic tone quality, basic note reading, rhythmic value, appropriate vocabulary, and instrument care are stressed.

*Selection Criteria:* Based on interest. (Mr. Nicolosi)

## Elective Exploration

(Semester Long Elective Offerings)

The Exploratory Wheel Rotation gives students **two elective experiences** throughout the year. Classes **MAY** include (Students do not get to choose their selections):

- Industrial Tech (Shop)
- STEM
- Coding
- Public Speaking / Theater Arts
- Introduction to Leadership
- Visual Art (Digital or Drawing/Painting)
- Conversational Spanish

NOTE: Elective offerings are subject to change pending staff expertise and schedule.

**Complete your choices by clicking on the link below by **June 16th**:**

**[6th Grade Elective Form](#)**

**[6th Grade Electives Video Sneak Peak](#)**