

## **2024/2025 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploratory Options**

- *Music students (Band, Orchestra, and Chorus) will take 1 elective course.*
- *Non-music 6<sup>th</sup> grade students: Select 3 Quarter electives and 1 alternative (backup) elective. These students must take Career Investigations.*

### **YEAR-LONG ELECTIVES**

#### **Band 6**

Students who play band instruments receive sequential instruction on their instrument. They typically perform several formal concerts during the year and may participate in competitive district events, festivals, and parades. Advanced students should have participated in the 5th grade program or have prior instruction.

#### **Chorus 6**

Students practice and perform choral literature drawn from a variety of musical styles and foreign languages, including Latin. They may participate in festivals and district events beyond the school day. Selected advanced students may also participate in the county's Honors Chorus Program.

#### **Orchestra 6**

Students will learn to play a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass). Those who play stringed instruments receive sequential instruction. 6th graders are taught at a beginning level so anyone is encouraged to give it a try. Strings instruments typically perform several formal concerts during the year.

#### **Spanish Immersion 6**

This course will support students who have previously been enrolled in a dual language program or who are heritage or native Spanish speakers and want to continue their study of Spanish. The focus will be on continuing to practice biliteracy skills, while also refining the finer points of Spanish study to prepare for upper level Spanish courses in high school.

### **QUARTER ELECTIVES**

#### **AVID 6: Advancement Via Individual Determination** *(application required)*

AVID is a class for students who would like extra support in fulfilling a dream of going to college. It focuses on writing, inquiry, reading, and collaboration to prepare students for the required course load in high school.

#### **Art 6**

Art students at the 6th Grade develop a basic understanding of the elements and principles of art and design, and apply this understanding to a variety of projects. In one semester, we work with four basic materials. These are drawing (pencil/graphite, charcoal, pen), paint, printmaking, and clay (though sometimes other 3 dimensional/sculptural media are substituted). Students study works of art of historical importance, as well as artist's working in the present. This class can be fun, but it is sometimes work, so be prepared!

\_\_\_\_\_ **CTE Career Investigations (*required for non-music students*)**

Students will investigate a variety of career clusters, analyze their personal assets, select career fields or occupations for further study, and create a plan based on their academic and career interests. They will also explore Albemarle County's specialty centers and academies.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CTE Coding, Cyber, and IT Exploration 6**

Students will learn how computers work and will practice computational thinking as they code computer programs to display graphics, design interactive stories, create games, and animate objects. Topics will include sequential logic, conditionals, loops, and variables.

\_\_\_\_\_ **STEM Design and Construction Exploration 6**

Students will apply the design thinking process to examine and explore their learning around topics of personal interest to examine real-world problems. Students study technological resources through problem-solving processes and various hands-on activities. They relate the impact of technology on society, environment, and culture to future consequences and decisions. They will examine and use processes and mental models, teamwork, and communication to design and create projects hinged on their personal development of life-long learner competencies as identified by Albemarle County Public Schools.

\_\_\_\_\_ **World Language Explore 6**

Coursework includes a strong emphasis on speaking, listening, reading, writing, and cultural awareness. Basic vocabulary and essential grammar are taught. Participation in the grade 6 world languages courses is open to all students and a good way to explore various cultures and make decisions about taking future world language courses.

Student name: (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_