

2024-2025
Marcus Whitman
6th Grade Elective Choice Form

Student's Name: _____

Please make **ONE** selection from the following elective choices by checking a circle below. Please return completed forms to the registrar, Clare Honn: honn@skschools.org

○ **Encore Exploration in Arts (& AVID)**

These are two 6th grade courses taught as an overview of the MW's elective arts programs and AVID. Students will rotate through various course offerings, including drawing, painting, and AVID. The course work will be an exploration of the arts, activity-oriented with a hands-on emphasis. Exploration in Arts has a co-requisite with AVID: one semester in Exploration in Arts and the other semester in AVID. In AVID, students will develop an understanding and demonstrate their capabilities in the following areas: Time management, focused note taking skills, setting and reaching goals, leadership skills, navigating middle school and setting goals beyond middle school. In order to strengthen leadership skills, we will discuss how we can give back to our communities (family, friends, school, and Port Orchard).

○ **Encore Music - Band**

This yearlong course is designed for students with 0-1 year of experience on their instrument. Students will review and learn music reading fundamentals, expand their music theory knowledge, and play a variety of music from various cultures with large and small ensembles. Performances outside the school day are mandatory for all participants.

○ **Encore Music - Choir**

This yearlong course is designed for students who want to begin or continue their training as singers and musicians. Students will learn proper singing techniques, expand their music theory knowledge, and sing a variety of music from various cultures, styles, and time periods. Performances outside the school day are mandatory for all participants.

○ **Encore Music - Orchestra**

This yearlong course is designed for students with 0-1 year of experience on their instrument. Students will review and learn music regarding fundamentals, expand their music theory knowledge, and play a variety of music from various cultures.

Note: All 6th grade students will also take Physical Education and Introduction to Technology, a course that explores computer science and wood technology.