

6th grade Elective Course Description Guide

Beginning Art

This course offers students the basic building blocks to learn elements and principles of Art. Students do not need experience in drawing to take this class. Drawing skills will be taught. Each month students will learn about a new artist, and most of their projects will be based off this artist. Sometimes, students perform LIP SYNC battles. Art encompasses visual learning experiences. Students taking art will need to be prepared to participate in these activities, not just in the visual art projects. They will be introduced to a variety of media as well. Art class size is limited. You will need an art binder, sheet protectors, and a pencil for class everyday. Art fee: \$20

Beginning Band

This course is an entry-level class designed to cover the basics of playing a musical instrument and reading music. The following instruments are offered in the program: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion. Some instruments can be rented from the school. The students are divided into three class periods: brass, woodwind, and percussion, which allow the director to give more individual instruction. Students will perform a Christmas Concert and a Spring Concert. Students have the option to participate in social events such as band officer elections, parties, and a trip in the spring. Four after-school rehearsals will be required. Fee: TBA

Beginning Choir – 6th Grade

In this class, students will learn how to sing and read music. In addition to learning proper singing technique and how to read and write music, we perform a variety of styles of music from Classical Choral music to Pop. Students will have two major concerts during the year as well as several smaller performances. We visit the nursing home during the Christmas season and sing each year at different school events such as the incoming sixth graders visit and Awards Day. We also have a fun end of the year trip! Singers have the option to audition and sing in All-District Honor Choir (takes place at ULM), All-State Choir (takes place in New Orleans) and National Honor Choir (takes place in a different city each year – Dallas, Chicago, New York, etc.) These things are not required, but highly recommended if you enjoy singing. Choir is a wonderful place to meet new friends and experience new things and does not interfere with other extra-curricular activities. Students do not need to have past singing experience. Fee: TBA

Strings (Orchestra)

String instrumental music is a course that offers instruction on violin, viola, cello, and string bass. Students will perform string orchestra literature, will learn proper playing techniques, and be engaged in understanding and analyzing music. Violin and viola students are required to provide their own musical instrument. String basses and cellos may be available through the school system. Participation in rehearsals and performances are required. Fee: \$30

Beginning Family and Consumer Science (FaCS) (aka Home Ec.)

This course is designed as a comprehensive entry-level course for first-year FaCS students. Students will explore foods and nutrition, consumer education, child and family development, housing, and character development on an introductory level. Class size is limited. This class is a prerequisite (requirement) to be able to take a second year of FaCs (FaCSI). Fee: \$20

Robotics

Robotics incorporates the engineering design process to challenge student's skills in science, technology, engineering, and math. Students will learn to code Lego Spike Prime robot sets to compete regionally with Sumobots, Mat Challenges, & Drag Racing. Students will end the year learning to fly a drone and creating creative photography and videography with the photos and videos as well as coding drones to complete tasks. This class requires extensive teamwork skills. The class is open to 6th-8th grade students who achieved a 2.5 GPA or Mastery or Advanced test scores. . Fee \$25; 1 high school credit.

*As this class will require field trips, competition participation, etc., our administration reserves the right to select students in good standing (absences, discipline, etc.) to participate in this class.

Keyboarding/Keyboarding Applications

The Keyboarding course is designed for middle school students to master the skill of entering alphabetic, numeric, and symbolic information on a keyboard. Emphasis is placed on development of accuracy and speed, proper techniques, and correct finger positions. Students will further develop and enhance touch skills for entering information using a keyboard to compose and produce personal, educational, and professional documents. Digital literacy, composition, and language skills are embedded throughout the course. The 1st two 9 weeks will focus on accuracy and speed of keyboarding, while the 2nd two 9 weeks will focus on utilization of applications on the computer. This course is offered for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students. Fee \$5; 1 high school credit.

You will receive a high school credit if you complete **one year** of the following electives in middle school:

Keyboarding

You will receive a high school credit if you complete **two years** of the following electives during middle school:

Art
Band
Strings
Choir
FaCS
Robotics