



NORTHBROOK CONNECTIONS CLASSES

In addition to core academic classes (Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies), Gwinnett County middle school students take two Connections classes each semester. Middle school Connections classes are like Specials classes in elementary school. They offer wonderful enrichment and are lots of fun!

There are two types of Connections classes:

1. **Non-Elective, Semester-Long Classes** – Courses include Health, P.E., Beginning Spanish, Visual Arts, Computer Science, and Engineering. These classes are randomly assigned to students.
2. **Elective, Year-Long Music Classes** – Students may choose to take Band, Orchestra, and/or Chorus. These classes are on the student's schedule for the full school year.
 - Band students will be guided in choosing the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, or percussion.
 - Orchestra students will be guided in choosing the violin, viola, cello, or double bass.
 - Chorus students will learn performance singing, vocal production, and ensemble singing.

All sixth-grade students are strongly encouraged to elect a year-long music course as one or both of their two Connections classes. Music allows your child to learn a fun and challenging new skill.

Here's what you need to know about Northbrook Middle School's music electives:

- No previous music experience or training is required! Beginners are welcome – in fact, most of our sixth-grade music students are beginners.
- Beginning band, orchestra, and chorus instruction is offered only in the sixth grade, so it's important for sixth grade students to take advantage of this unique opportunity for beginning instruction. Class sizes are limited, so register early.
- Students enrolling in band or orchestra must arrange for their own instruments. Further information will be provided.
- Band and orchestra teachers will guide students and parents on instrument selection and rental at the beginning of the school year to help determine the right instrument for your interests, experience level, and budget.

To register, visit <https://forms.office.com/r/VrCyLxieYW> or scan the QR code below.

