



NELSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

2025 – 2026 COURSE REGISTRATION - RISING 6TH GRADE

Hello families, it's time for your student(s) to register for their middle school courses! The information in this packet is for **current 5th grade students transitioning to 6th grade** for the 2025-2026 school year. Please review and complete this packet with your student and return it to their 5th grade teacher.

The middle school academic year is broken down into **three trimesters**. Each trimester all students will take **six classes**.

- Four of these classes are required yearlong classes: Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science.
- All 6th grade students will take 2 trimesters of Physical Education (PE) and 1 trimester of Health.
- For elective courses, students can either choose:
 - 1 yearlong elective (Band, Orchestra or Choir) OR Two trimester-long electives

See the example student schedule below:

Period	Schedule w/1-Yearlong Elective		
	Trimester 1 (Fall)	Trimester 2 (Winter)	Trimester 3 (Spring)
1	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
2	Science 6	Science 6	Science 6
3	Math 6	Math 6	Math 6
4	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 6
5	Orchestra	Orchestra	Orchestra
6	PE	PE	Health

Period	Schedule w/1-Trimester Electives		
	Trimester 1 (Fall)	Trimester 2 (Winter)	Trimester 3 (Spring)
1	Language Arts (H)	Language Arts (H)	Language Arts (H)
2	Science 6	Science 6	Science 6
3	Math 6 (H)	Math 6 (H)	Math 6 (H)
4	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 6
5	Creative Writing	Intro to Leadership	Intro to Spanish
6	PE	PE	Health

6th GRADE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR COURSE REGISTRATION**STUDENT NAME:**

6th grade Core Courses	6th grade Self-Select Honors Courses Please note: Students should consider their strengths and interests when self-selecting an Honors course.
English Language Arts - Please select one course below	
Course Description: Students will investigate complex characters and the impact of setting on characters, conflict, and theme. They will participate in fiction and non-fiction texts and books clubs, and will practice various forms of writing, developing claims, and supporting ideas with evidence and explanation. ☐ I am registering for 6th grade English Language Arts	Course Description: Students can expect to learn similar skills and content to the core class, with a focus on complex texts, discussions, and vocabulary. ☐ I am registering for 6th grade Honors English Language Arts Honors
Social Studies - Please select one course below	
Course Description: Students learn about ancient civilizations throughout the globe by analyzing how geographic and environmental factors impact the development of civilizations and how the impact can be seen in our present world. ☐ I am registering for 6th grade Social Studies	Course Description: Students can expect to learn similar skills and content to the core class, with a focus on complex texts, discussions, application, and student-led inquiry. ☐ I am registering for 6th grade Honors Social Studies
Math - Please select one course below	
Course Description: Students develop the skills, habits, and attitudes identified in the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and the embedded Standards for Mathematical Practice in a launch, explore, summarize instructional model, where students share and construct thinking with one another. ☐ I am registering for 6th grade Math	Course Description: This course presents extended opportunities to engage in a deeper understanding of mathematics. This includes engaging in discourse specially to justify mathematical concepts and understanding; extensions of content beyond 6th grade standards; and opportunities to engage in mathematical problem solving, both routine and non-routine. ☐ I am registering for 6th grade Honors Math

6th grade Elective Options

NOTE: All 6th grade students will take two trimesters of Physical Education (PE) and one trimester of Health. Students may also qualify for an intervention class in reading or math, based on test scores and other academic criteria; this would limit elective course options.

Please review and complete the following steps to select your elective courses. Course descriptions can be found on the following page.

Step 1: Do you want to take a yearlong course? If so, please place a checkmark by the course you would like to take.

YEARLONG COURSES
☐ Band
☐ Orchestra
☐ Choir

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| ☐ Band |
| ☐ Orchestra |
| ☐ Choir |

Step 2: Please label the two classes you would like to take. Number 1 or 2 (#1 is the top choice). If you chose a yearlong elective above, please only choose 1 trimester elective below.

TRIMESTER COURSES
☐ Art I
☐ Drama
☐ Leadership 1
☐ Spanish Intro

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| ☐ Art I |
| ☐ Drama |
| ☐ Leadership 1 |
| ☐ Spanish Intro |

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

6TH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BAND: Learn to play instruments such as flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and saxophone. Play different types of music like classical, jazz, musical theater, movie, and pop. Share learning by performing in concerts & events on and off campus. Yes, that means field trips! Students can rent instruments through Nelsen and scholarships are available for instrument rental.

ORCHESTRA: Learn to play instruments such as violin, viola, cello and stringed bass. Here you will learn technique, music theory skills and performance skills. Students share their learning by performing a wide variety of music in concerts and on fieldtrips. Students can rent instruments through Nelsen and scholarships are available for instrument rental.

CHOIR: Be part of the largest and best middle school choir program in the area! If you are interested in learning more about your voice, singing with purpose and performing great music, this is the class for you. Students will develop sight-reading skills, basic music theory knowledge, healthy vocal technique and performance skills while learning diverse music for concerts. There is also an opportunity for field trips.

ART I: Be prepared to create! This course is exploratory and good for all skill levels. New art experiences will be offered each trimester. Topics can include: drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, collage, photography, crafts, and more!

DRAMA: In Drama students will learn 1) Acting: build acting skills, rehearse & perform 2) Improv: play games to improve response time, storytelling and 3) Technical Design: costumes, set, lights, sound and makeup. Students will have the opportunity to be a designer or work as part of the production team.

LEADERSHIP 1: Anyone can be a positive leader, even you! This course focuses on encouraging students to be empathetic, thoughtful, kind, and successful. Students will build character through community builders, projects, team work, and other fun activities.

SPANISH INTRO: Curious about the Spanish language? Give this class a try! This one trimester class will introduce you to the basics of Spanish. Students will learn to read, write, listen and speak while exploring the cultures of Spanish speaking countries.