

**Bailey Middle School**  
**6th Grade Elective Course Offerings & Descriptions 2026-2027**

**Yearlong Courses - 36 weeks** (every other day)

**Band 6th:** 6th Grade Band is a fantastic opportunity for beginning level instrumental instruction. Students will learn a new instrument (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone), develop musical skills, and perform with their classmates! They will learn to read music, play in ensembles, and work as a team. Band is a fun and rewarding experience that fosters creativity, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for music. No prior playing experience required!

**Orchestra 6th:** In 6th Grade Orchestra is a fantastic opportunity for beginning level instrumental instruction. Students will learn to play the violin, viola, cello, or bass, focusing on foundational skills like music reading, sound production, and basic technique. Students will work towards achieving Level I performance standards through group practice and performance. They will explore different musical styles, build confidence, and develop teamwork skills.

- ***Please review the “Instrumental Music Study Interest Form” for additional information.***

**CTE Courses - 18 weeks** (every other day):

- **Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing** is a CTE (Career and Technical Education) course designed to help students master basic keyboarding. Students will use the typing program ***Typing.com*** for their practice and skill building. Students will learn the entire keyboard which includes alphabetic symbols and numeric keypad. Students will then put to use their new skills while learning basic word processing. They will type Memorandums, Business Letters and Personal Letters with the ability to create and save Microsoft Word Documents.
- **Computer SC Discoveries I:** Students learn how computers input, output, store, and process information to help humans solve problems. Students will also learn how to create and share the content on their own web pages using HTML and CSS.
- **PLTW Medical Detective:** The sixth grade Medical Detectives course introduces students to the human body. They will learn medical terminology and explore the basic structures of the skeletal, circulatory, and nervous systems, understanding their primary functions and how they work together to maintain life. By the end of the course, students will be able to identify major body parts and understand how the body functions as a whole.
- **PLTW Design & Modeling:** Students step into the shoes of a real engineer. Instead of just reading about how things are made, students actually get to design and build them! Students start by learning how to sketch ideas on paper and then use Tinkercad's computer software to turn those drawings into digital models. Throughout the year, students work with partners to solve fun challenges, like creating a new toy or designing a tool to help someone in need. By testing their inventions and making them better, students learn how to think like a creative problem-solver and see how math and science are used in the real world.
- **Exploring Economic Systems:** Students learn about the stock market and build/manage a stock portfolio. They will learn about basic economic concepts/systems through simulations and games. Use CIA World Factbook to build the economic profile of a country. Students learn about the Federal Reserve Bank, E-commerce, and personal finance.

## **Additional Semester Courses - 18 weeks** (every other day)

**Art 6th:** 6th Grade Art builds on knowledge and skills learned in 5th grade. During this course students will focus on art processes, procedures and art history as they create original artwork. Students will create 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional works of art using a variety of art mediums. 6th graders will explore the elements of art and principles of design, color theory, vocabulary and art criticism. Problem-solving and decision-making skills will be emphasized during this semester class.

**Chorus 6th:** Join 6th Grade Chorus to develop healthy vocal technique, breath control, and music-reading skills. Students will sing pieces from a range of styles and cultures, rehearse ensemble blending and active listening, and have opportunities for small solos and leadership within the group. Performances are part of the course and support growth in confidence, teamwork, and musical expression. No prior experience required—just bring your voice and a positive attitude.

**Dance 6:** This movement-based class introduces Elements of Dance, creative/improvisational & hip-hop movement, dance basics, and explores cultural connections through Dance.

**Drama 6:** In 6th grade Drama, students will learn audience etiquette expectations, how to read a script and interpret stage directions, pantomime, improvisation, puppetry, and Readers Theatre. Students will perform a short scripted scene, create an original pantomime performance, improvise a fractured fairy tale, and create puppets for a Readers Theatre performance of a children's picture book.

**Exploring Spanish 6:** This one semester introductory course provides students with an understanding of the culture and the phonology of the Spanish language, and equips them with the language tools, vocabulary, expressions and concepts essential to carrying out basic day-to-day conversations with speakers of the language.

Students engage in building their abilities to listen to, speak, read, interpret, and write in Spanish.

The class emphasizes functional language in Spanish.

We sing, play games, watch videos and engage in a variety of pair and team work.

## **Outside Cycling 6**

Outside Cycling PE and Health Class is semester long. It is your Health/PE class credit for the school year. You will learn best cycling practices, safety, road rules, shifting and trail etiquette. Students will earn a certificate of Road Readiness with completion of class and final assessment.

## **Video Production I**

Basics of Photography and Videography

Basics of Video Editing

Learn how to correctly and safely use all video and camera equipment

Learn how to create and the purpose of all camera shots, angles, camera movements

Learn how to create short, basic videos combining above info, and basic video editing skills

## **Journalism I**

Journalism I extends the learning from 6th Grade Core ELA and serves as an introduction to journalism in which the students learn how to gather, assess, create, and present news and information. As they learn how to recognize and utilize various text structures and text features, students create a portfolio of articles aligned to their interests and present their portfolio in a fully realized, self-designed digital magazine format.