



2026 - 2027 MAPS Courses

Art

Students develop an appreciation of the visual arts through creating works of art. In addition, students will also study art history and aesthetics. Students will practice creative thinking skills through planning, revising, and evaluating their work and the work of others. Most work in this class will consist of drawing and painting. A supply fee is asked and will cover the purchase of individual sketchbooks, paint, and paper for the year. Please contact Mrs. Leggett (kleggett@bartlettschools.org) or Mrs. Sollis (msollis@bartlettschools.org) with any questions. All Art courses are held five days/week.

6th Grade Art: 6th grade students learn to think like artists as they create their own masterpieces throughout the year.

Art I: 7th and 8th grade students who are new to art or did not earn an A in their previous art course.

Art II: 7th and 8th grade students who have completed a year of art and earned an A. Students may submit a portfolio for review if they would otherwise like to be in the class.

Band

Students will have an opportunity to learn how to play a musical instrument in the 6th grade and continue to build upon their skills and expertise in the 7th and 8th grade. Instruction is focused on proper playing habits, fundamentals of music, detailed rehearsal of music for performance, and building a life-long love for music. Please contact Mr. McDermott (pmcdermott@bartlettschools.org) if you would like additional information. All Band courses are held five days/week. (Note: Participation in evening performances is required two times during the year and there is a band fee for all band students.)

6th Grade Band: Concert band serves our 6th grade students who would like to begin pursuing an instrument in class, focused on building the fundamentals of their instrument and music theory.

Band II - Brass: Advanced Brass Class is an accelerated class designed for second year (brass) band students in the 7th and 8th grade. Students will build upon skills learned in their previous band courses. Students in this ensemble will participate in WTSBOA Concert Festival, WTSBOA All West, and WTBOA Solo and Ensemble, as well as other performance opportunities. (Note: members of the BLMS Band will participate in select after school rehearsals leading up to performances.)

Band II - Percussion: This class is designated for any returning 7th or 8th grade percussionists. We will work on the fundamentals of the percussion family. Students in this ensemble will participate in WTSBOA Concert Festival, WTSBOA All West, and WTBOA Solo and Ensemble, as well as other performance opportunities. (Note: Advanced percussion students may be combined with other advanced band sections for performances.)

Band II - Woodwinds: Advanced Woodwind Class is an accelerated class designed for second year (woodwind) band students in the 7th and 8th grade. Students will build upon skills learned in their previous band courses. Students in this ensemble will participate in WTSBOA Concert Festival, WTSBOA

All West, and WTBOA Solo and Ensemble, as well as other performance opportunities. (Note: members of the BLMS Band will participate in select after school rehearsals leading up to performances.)

Choir

Choir is a performance-based class. The major emphasis of this course is on learning how to sing, performing different styles of music, and improving music literacy through curriculum-based learning and games. This standards-based course develops the skills necessary for performance: posture, breath support, articulation, etc. Music of a wide variety of styles, cultures, and time periods will be studied and performed, and students will have the opportunity to participate in other competitions and events. Please contact Mrs. Paluso (lpaluso@bartlettschools.org) if you would like additional information. All Choir courses are held five days/week. (Note: Participation in evening performances is **required** two times during the year and there is a choir fee for all students.)

6th Grade Choir: This is a non-audition class for beginning 6th graders. Learn how to sing, read music, and grow your confidence, while performing a mix of traditional and mainstream music.

Concert Choir (Choir I): This is a non-audition class for beginning and intermediate 7th and 8th grade singers. Learn how to sing, read music, and grow your confidence, while performing a mix of traditional and mainstream music.

Honor Choir (Choir II): This is an auditioned-placed group for advanced 7th and 8th grade singers. Students will perform a wide variety of music (pop, multicultural, jazz, classical), and take a deeper dive into music theory. This class requires more performance opportunities and field trips.

Exploratory Spanish

Students will explore the Spanish language in preparation to communicate with others through oral and written language, as well as media, in Spanish. Students will learn vocabulary, basic grammar, and cultural information (food, music, literature, media, etc.) to better understand the Spanish language and use it in correct context with others. Students are expected to practice Spanish daily and have fun! All Spanish courses are held five days/week. Please contact Profe Moore (smoore@bartlettschools.org) if you would like additional information.

6th Exploratory Spanish: For 6th graders in their 1st year of Spanish

Exploratory Spanish I: For 7th & 8th graders in their 1st or 2nd year of Spanish

Exploratory Spanish II: For 7th & 8th graders in their 2nd or 3rd year of Spanish

Physical Education

The Physical Education program provides each student with the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive program consisting of skill development, games, team sports, and physical fitness activities. The students receive instruction in rules, skills, and strategies associated with the different sports, as well as learning experiences involving conditioning activities. PE promotes the spirit of cooperation, leadership, fair play, and friendly competition. Students are expected to change into acceptable PE clothes and shoes daily and participate in all activities. All PE courses are held five days/week.

Strings (Orchestra Class)

All students are invited to join 6th grade Beginner Orchestra. No musical experience is needed in 6th grade! Instrument choices in Orchestra include Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass. Students will learn together in class as a string orchestra while developing technique, music reading skills, critical thinking, and expressive performance. Students will develop skills to become independent and lifelong musicians. Students in 7th and 8th grade continue

to progress in skill and may qualify for extended opportunities in the city and region. Together, students build a cohesive music community and explore a wide variety of musical styles. Please contact Mrs. Beth Smith at esmith2@bartlettschools.org if you would like additional information. All Orchestra courses are held five days/week. (Note: Participation in evening performances is **required** two times during the year and there is an orchestra fee for all students.)

6th Strings (Beginner Orchestra): For 6th graders in their 1st year of Orchestra. Open to all students, regardless of previous musical experience.

Strings I (Intermediate Orchestra): For 7th & 8th graders with 1 year (or less) of experience in Orchestra. Students will participate in WTSBOA Orchestra Concert Festival and will have the opportunity to participate in Solos and Ensembles Festival and All-West Orchestra Auditions.

Strings II (Advanced Orchestra): For students with 2 years of experience in Orchestra (or less, by teacher invitation). Students will participate in WTSBOA Orchestra Concert Festival and will have the opportunity to participate in Solos and Ensembles Festival and All-West Orchestra Auditions. These students will also represent our school in other performance opportunities outside of class.

Any student who already plays a string instrument upon entering middle school should contact Mrs. Beth Smith for proper placement.

[Please note that our MAPS courses request pre-determined fees, as set by Bartlett City Schools. You may view them [here](#).]