BECS Elective Course Descriptions

6th Grade Elective Course Descriptions

Course	Grade	Description
Art 6	**6th**	Students will explore art from a variety of cultures and time periods and create 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artworks utilizing a variety of materials and techniques. Techniques may include but are not limited to painting, drawing, sculpting, photography, and printmaking. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Band 6	**6th**	6th Grade Band is designed to provide students with an introductory experience with band instruments. The curriculum for this course is an extension of the skills and concepts introduced in general music classes from elementary school. Beginning Band is open to all Sixth Grade students. Prior instrumental music experience is not required. Recruiting and enrollment registration occurs in the spring of the Fifth Grade year or upon enrolling at Bromley. Students must own or rent instruments. Public performances are required. This course is year-long.
Team Sports	**6th**	This class is designed to give students a second PE course (in addition to Fitness and Wellness) and to give them exposure to a variety of traditional and non-traditional sports and activities. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).

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Fitness and Wellness	**6th**	Students will learn about physical health through engaging in fitness activities that address the four components of fitness. Students will also engage with the Colorado Comprehensive Health Standards focusing on personal decision-making around emotional and social well-being, positive communication, healthy eating, hygiene and physical activity. The standards underscore important skills for navigating today's society with its complex and often confusing messages around health, beauty, and happiness. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Spanish 6	**6th**	Students will begin the journey of learning Spanish at a beginning level. Students will learn a solid foundation of vocabulary, grammar and commonly used phrases that will allow them to hold basic conversations. We will do this through practice, repetition and storytelling. Students will also explore and compare different cultures through art, music and history. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
STEM 6	**6th**	We utilize SmartLab technology and Learning Hub, a STEM-based curriculum, to explore a variety of project-based learning projects. Students explore STEM challenges in pair groups by planning and asking questions, researching and exploring their options, then doing the work and reflecting on the outcome. The final phase is sharing their discoveries as they navigate the Learning Hub curriculum via computer programs or hands-on activities. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Theater 6	**6th**	Students will build a foundation in theater by studying Improvisation, Greek Theater History, Introduction to Musical and Technical Theater, Auditioning Basics, write and perform their own Monologue, and rehearse a children's theater piece to be performed for Bromley's K-2nd grade students. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).

7th Grade Elective Course Descriptions

Course	Grade	Description
Art 7	**7th**	Students will explore art from a variety of cultures and time periods and create 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artworks utilizing a variety of materials and techniques. Techniques may include but are not limited to painting, drawing, sculpting, photography, and printmaking. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Band 7	**7th**	The class will build upon the knowledge learned in Beginning Band. Students will continue to develop their ability with breathing, technique and music reading skills. The music will increase in difficulty and new, more difficult musical concepts will be introduced. Students must own or rent instruments. Public performances are required. This course is year-long.
Team Sports	**7th**	This class is designed to give students a second PE course (in addition to Fitness and Wellness) and to give them exposure to a variety of traditional and non-traditional sports and activities. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Fitness and Wellness	**7th**	Students will learn about physical health through engaging in fitness activities that address the four components of fitness. Students will also engage with the Colorado Comprehensive Health Standards focusing on personal decision-making around emotional and social well-being, positive communication, healthy eating, hygiene and physical activity. The standards underscore important skills for navigating today's society with its complex and often confusing messages around health, beauty, and happiness. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Spanish 7	**7th**	Students will continue the journey of learning Spanish at a beginning level. Students will build on their prior knowledge of the language. At the end of this course, students will be able to order at a restaurant, ask for directions and shop at a market. We will do this through practice, creating real life scenarios and storytelling. Students will explore culture through music, art and history. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).

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STEM 7	**7th**	We utilize SmartLab technology and Learning Hub, a STEM-based curriculum, to explore a variety of project-based learning experiences. Students explore STEM challenges in pair groups by planning and asking questions, researching and exploring their options, then doing the work and reflecting on the outcome. The final phase is sharing their discoveries as they navigate the Learning Hub curriculum via computer programs or hands-on activities. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Theater 7	**7th**	Students will build upon their improvisation skills and work with a partner on our Scene Study unit before studying Elizabethan Theater with one of Shakespeare's works. Students will learn about Radio Theater culminating in a live performance for Bromley's 3-5th grade students. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).

8th Grade Elective Course Descriptions

Course	Grade	Description
Art 8	**8th**	Students will explore art from a variety of cultures and time periods and create 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artworks utilizing a variety of materials and techniques. Techniques may include but are not limited to painting, drawing, sculpting, photography, and printmaking. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Band 8	**8th**	Students will continue to grow as musicians. Emphasis will be placed on technique, the elements of music and the performance of a variety of band music. Students must own or rent instruments. Public performances are required. This course is year-long.
Team Sports	**8th**	This class is designed to give students a second PE course (in addition to Fitness and Wellness) and to give them exposure to a variety of traditional and non-traditional sports and activities. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).

Course	Grade	Description
Fitness and Wellness	**8th**	Students will learn about physical health through engaging in fitness and team sports activities that address the four components of fitness. Students will also engage with the Colorado Comprehensive Health Standards focusing on personal decision-making around emotional and social well-being, positive communication, healthy eating, physical activity, tobacco, drug, and alcohol abuse prevention and violence prevention. The standards underscore important skills for navigating today's society with its complex and often confusing messages around health, beauty, and happiness. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Spanish 8	**8th**	Students will continue the journey of learning Spanish. Students will build on their prior knowledge of the language. At the end of this course, students will be able to take many of their previous skills (like ordering at a restaurant, asking for directions, etc) to a higher level by conversing more naturally and with more complexity, mirroring more natural conversations. We will still use practice, real life scenarios and storytelling; in addition to learning about Spanish culture. By the end of this course students should have a wealth of background knowledge that will make learning language at the high school level more smooth and less overwhelming. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
STEM 8	**8th**	We utilize SmartLab technology and Learning Hub, a STEM-based curriculum, to explore a variety of project-based learning projects. Students explore STEM challenges in pair groups by planning and asking questions, researching and exploring their options, then doing the work and reflecting on the outcome. The final phase is sharing their discoveries as they navigate the Learning Hub curriculum via computer programs or hands-on activities. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).
Theater 8	**8th**	These advanced students will put their characterization skills to use as they study the stock characters and various elements of Melodrama and will have multiple opportunities to write their own theater scripts in our Mystery Theater unit. These students will also study one piece of 20th Century Modern theater before rehearsing, staging, and producing their mainstage production to be performed for an audience of their middle school peers. This course is one trimester (12 weeks).