

Foreign Language - Sixth Grade Spanish (One Semester)

The study of Spanish in 6th grade develops communication skills in listening, speaking, writing, reading, and non-verbal communication. It also develops cultural awareness by developing an understanding and appreciation of Spanish-speaking people, their cultures, and civilizations. Students learn through a variety of methods including (but not limited to) listening activities, projects, cooperative group learning, lecture, technology, oral presentations, and individual discovery.

Foreign Language - Accelerated Sixth Grade Spanish (Two Semesters)

Accelerated 6th grade Spanish, presents all content traditionally covered in both 6th and 7th grade Spanish. This course emphasizes the development and practice of communication skills in listening, speaking, writing, reading, and non-verbal communication. Students also develop cultural awareness by developing an understanding and appreciation of Spanish-speaking people, their cultures, and civilizations.

Recommendations for Accelerated 6th Grade Spanish are based on teacher recommendation and scoring in the 88th percentile on either the Vocabulary or Reading Comprehension sections of the ERB.

Physical Education/Health

During 6th grade physical education, students will participate in a variety of team, individual, and conditioning activities. This development is encouraged in a positive atmosphere emphasizing sportsmanship, team cooperation, and sports psychology. The program is designed for participation at all levels of athletic ability by placing emphasis on total participation rather than on the development of the gifted athlete. Included among the team sports activities in the curriculum are soccer, speedball, flag football, volleyball, handball, basketball, hockey, ultimate Frisbee, and various team games. Individual sport activities encompass badminton, conditioning, tennis, and bowling. Fitness assessments are conducted twice yearly with resulting discussion on the components and strategies for improvement.

The health course is designed to give students an understanding of and encouragement to use healthy behaviors. The course covers disease prevention, stress management, the benefits of exercise, the importance of food and nutrition, and an understanding of emotions. Students will work both individually and in small groups.

Technology - Problem Solving & Web Design (Nine Weeks)

The 6th Grade technology enrichment course, Problem Solving & Web Design, introduces students to a problem-solving process in which they learn how computers input, output, store, and process information. Students are also introduced to basic web development as they learn valuable skills such as debugging, commenting, and structure. At the conclusion of the course, students compile their work to create a personal website they can publish and share.

Fine Arts – Music (Nine Weeks)

The study of music in this 6th grade enrichment course is designed to build the skills that are associated with the elements of music, including the appreciation, performance, and creation of music. Content includes instrument families, reading and writing music, vocal and instrumental performance, musical styles and genres, music vocabulary and symbols, the historical eras in music, as well as how to critique a performance.

Fine Arts – Art (Nine Weeks)

Sixth grade art is a survey of art fundamentals designed as a general introductory studio course to familiarize students with the major studio areas and art concepts including an emphasis on the basic elements and principles of composition and design. This study will include drawing and painting, ceramics, printmaking, graphic arts, and art history. The art elements and principles of design reinforce the processes of “learning to see.” Students are encouraged to find the creative potential of several media as it applies to the individual problem solving process.

Fine Arts – Drama (Nine Weeks)

Designed as an enrichment course for 7th grade students, this course is a survey of the many aspects of theatre. Students will have an introduction to theatre as an art form, as well as opportunities to foster and develop production and performance skills.