

6th Grade Enrichment Course Descriptions 2017 - 2018 school year

6th Grade Computers

1 Semester

6th grade

This class will introduce 6th graders to the school network, Infinite Campus, and basic Windows 7 navigation and file management. Also included in the class will be Google Cloud navigation, Google applications and Google Mail. Keyboarding will be a major focus. Students will get an account in typing.com and begin lessons that they can continue at home throughout the year.

Physical Education

1 Semester (required)

6th grade

\$15 uniform fee

Physical Education emphasizes health-related fitness and developing the skills and habits necessary for a lifetime of activity. These courses provide students with opportunities to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness and increase their knowledge of fitness concepts. The program includes: (1) health-related fitness activities (cardiorespiratory endurance, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and body composition), (2) aerobic exercise, (3) team sports, (4) individual and dual sports, (5) outdoor pursuits, (6) dance, (7) recreational games, (8) how technology can assist you in developing fitness. Ongoing assessment includes both written and performance-based skill evaluations.

Music (minimum of 1 semester required)

Beginning Band

Full year

6th grade

\$50 sectional fee for the year

This course is for students new to an instrument. Classes are split into groups: **brass** (trumpet, cornet, French Horn, trombone, baritone) and **woodwinds** (flutes, clarinet, alto sax). Those wishing to play percussion will be accepted into the program by audition only. Students must provide their own instruments and band method books for their respective instrument. Students are expected to practice a minimum of 100 minutes per week at home. Students will be expected to participate in an evening concert at the end of each semester.

Chimes

1 Semester

6th, 7th or 8th grade

Students will learn to read music, play chimes (hand-bells) and play songs. Students may be required to perform at some point during the semester. There is no prior experience necessary.

Pitch Perfect Panthers

1 Semester or Full Year

6th grade

This is a beginning choir that requires no audition. This is a performance group that will have at least 1 required concert per semester, and may have more as the schedule dictates. Participants will need to have a dressy, all black outfit to be worn at concerts. Students will not only learn proper choral technique, but will learn basic music theory and sight reading.

Enrichment Choices

Art 6

1 Semester

6th grade

\$15 fee for supplies

Art 6 is a course designed for sixth grade students to explore and experience creative expression, critical evaluation, greater self-awareness and appreciation for visual art. This course develops student's drawing and designing skills. The elements of Art are defined and implemented. The color wheel and color mixing is covered and used as a foundation. A variety of art materials will be used and explored. Lessons in art history are incorporated into the curriculum.

Speech and Drama

1 Semester

6th grade

This class is designed to develop the skills and confidence for public speaking, acting and drama. We will be focusing on developing creativity and characters. All performances will be in class. Participation on the Forensics Team and Drama Club are not required.

Family and Consumer Science

1 Semester

6th grade

\$15 fee for supplies

This is an introductory level class to teach My Plate, basic nutrition, basic measuring and equivalents, and basic cooking skills. They also learn sewing machine parts and how to sew two simple projects. The quarter ends with some babysitting skills.

STEM

1 Semester

6th grade

The course explores the foundations of engineering in fields such as robotics, aerospace and energy regardless of previous experience. This course may include building simple robots, designing working models of flying machines and or designing alternative energy models.