

## 2020-21 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

### Apex Middle School

Elective courses are not required subject areas like reading and math, but are optional courses that may be of interest to your child. Each middle school offers unique elective courses that your child can choose to take. The elective courses listed below are options for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Your child will select **Band** as an elective or participate in our **Exploratory Path**. This means that they will be assigned a four 9 week electives from the list below. Your elementary school will support your child in entering their selections in our system. You can find out more information on our school's website: (<https://www.wcpss.net/ApexMS>)

<b>Course</b>	<b>Course Description</b>
Beginning Band (year long)	Emphasizes the acquisition of basic musical skills. No previous musical experience is required. Several musical selections are performed for an audience. A few evening performances should be anticipated. Students may begin on flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone, and will have an opportunity to transition to other instruments, later in the school year. Initially, classes are divided between brass instruments
Exploring Social and Emotional Skills	Basic instruction on Family and Consumer Sciences foundation and skills. Students explore how social and emotional skills develop, and strategies to support and encourage healthy social and emotional skill development.
Computer Science Discoveries	Empowers students to create authentic artifacts and engage with computer science as a way to explore creativity, communication, problem solving. This course inspires students as they build their own computing devices.
Keyboarding	Students learn the touch-typing method of keyboarding skills. Additionally, students learn basic formatting, editing, and word processing. This course is strongly recommended to learn necessary computer classroom and lifelong skills.
Music Exploratory	Introduction to the skills necessary for singing and playing music with accuracy and expression while interpreting the sound and symbols of music. Through the study of various genres and cultures students will analyze, evaluate and understand the music and concepts from other areas.

Exploratory Art	Introduces students to art history, elements and principles of art. Projects emphasize skills & techniques through a variety of media that may include: drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. Application of these elements to the students' own original artwork is the major emphasis.
Exploratory Spanish	An introduction to the Spanish language and culture. Students will explore Spanish vocabulary and structures in order to communicate using short, memorized phrases. Topics include introductions, greetings, and biographical information. This course is not included in the curriculum series for high school credit.

**\*Elective courses are subject to change per district guidelines\***