2020-21 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Mills Park 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 6th grade students. Your child will select **4** electives from this list. 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: (http://www.wcpss.net/millsparkms)

It is important to note that the availability of elective courses is dependent upon each school's master schedule, and choosing an elective does **not** guarantee its availability in your child's individual schedule. *Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing/Digital Literacy is a prerequisite for all future technology courses and as a BYOD school is considered a recommended course for students. All incoming students not taking band will be enrolled in Introduction to Keyboarding as one of their electives by the end of their 7th grade year.

Course	Course Description
Beginning Band Woodwinds - CLARINET (This is a year-long course. Do not sign up for other courses.)	Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play clarinet
Beginning Band Woodwinds - FLUTE (This is a year-long course. Do not sign up for other courses.)	Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play flute
Beginning Band Brass - TROMBONE (This is a year-long course. Do not sign up for other courses.)	Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play trombone.
Beginning Band Brass - TRUMPET (This is a year-long course. Do not sign up for other courses.)	Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play trumpet
Visual Arts Exploratory	Elements and principles of design are the focus through famous and original 2D & 3D creations. Students learn techniques and safety for numerous mediums such as clay, wire, metallic paint, watercolor, and oil pastel.
Introduction to Theatre	This course is an overview of dramatic techniques. Students develop communication skills through study in dialogue, pantomime, improvisation, speech/diction, and role play.
Introduction to Dance	This course introduces students of any level to the elements of dance (space, time, energy), improvisation, and choreography through basic dance/movement techniques
Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing/Digital Literacy	Students will learn proper keyboarding techniques while working on building their speed and accuracy. Students will use online modules and classroom activities to take a look at Digital Literacy with a focus on Computer Basics, the Internet, and World Wide Web, along with Computer Security and Privacy and Productivity Programs.
Project Revive/Exploring Technology	In this course, students learn all about the nature of technology, creative thinking and problem solving. They learn about the core concepts of technology and engineering, including engineering design and experimentation.
Exploring Childcare/Exploring Nutrition & Wellness	This course will give students the opportunity to explore interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness and child development
Understanding Personal Finance & Hospitality/Exploring Apparel & Interior Design	This course will give students the opportunity to explore personal finance and resource management, food service and hospitality, apparel and interior design.
Spanish Beginning 1 Year *It is recommended that students have scored a level 3, 4, or 5 on the Reading EOG.	Major topics include greetings, colors, numbers, classroom objects, the calendar, telling time, weather expressions and geography, questions and interrogatives, likes and dislikes, pastimes, school subjects, holidays and art.