

# SALEM MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

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. Students must register for electives that total **36 weeks for primary** and **18 weeks for alternates**. 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: ([www.wcpss.net/salemms](http://www.wcpss.net/salemms))

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 it's availability in your child's individual schedule.

Course	Length	Course Description
Exploratory Language	9 WEEK	This course begins the study of the Spanish language and culture, with a link between the elementary programs or as an initial introduction to the language.
Visual Art Exploratory	9 WEEK	An exploration of the Elements and Principles of Art using a variety of media and techniques
Introduction to Theatre  *Course offerings are based on student demand for the course, in some cases courses are not offered due to low interest*	9 WEEK	This course is an overview of dramatic techniques. Students develop communication skills through study in dialogue, pantomime, improvisation, speech/diction, and role play.
Music Exploratory  *Course offerings are based on student demand for the course, in some cases courses are not offered due to low interest*	9 WEEK	Students are introduced to the skills necessary for singing and playing music with accuracy and expression while interpreting the sound and symbols of music. Students will analyze, evaluate and understand the music and concepts from other areas, through the study of various genres and cultures
CSA I: Keyboarding and Digital Literacy <b>(Highly recommend for all MS)</b>	18 WEEKS	This course will teach students to apply the touch method when operating a keyboard, apply appropriate formatting to documents, and use editing tools and operational keys effectively. Students receive a 9 week CSA I grade & a 9 week Digital Literacy grade. Prerequisite to Intro to CSA II.
Exploring Nutrition and Wellness, Exploring Relationships and Childcare	18 WEEKS	This course explores life skills essential for adolescence now, and in the future. Students will study nutrition and MyPlate, food and kitchen safety and how to prepare healthy meals. Students will be certified American Red Cross® Babysitter's through our study of Early Care and Education.
Exploring Engineering & Design 1: Project Revive 1A Exploring Technology 1B	18 WEEKS	This course explores and defines technology. This middle school course focuses on applying the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system.
Beginning Band (BAND) <b>Woodwinds (W)</b> __ Clarinet __ Flute <b>Brass (B)</b> __ Trombone __ Trumpet *Percussion (limited availability, requires band director approval.	36 WEEKS (YEAR-LONG)  <b>Do not choose any other elective</b>	Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Band classes prepare several concert compositions that are performed for an audience. There will be two evening performances. Prerequisite to Intermediate Band.  <b>(Saxophone is not offered initially. Contact the band director for further information-bhinson@wcpss.net)</b>

