

## 2017-18 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

### Daniels Magnet Middle School for Global Studies

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 choose 6 quarters of electives and 3 alternates from this list. *Alternate electives must be different from your primary electives.* 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](#). 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.

**Magnet Students** will choose the following:

Option 1: Digital Literacy and Keyboarding, Magnet Global Studies, World Language, 1 quarter elective, and 2 alternate quarter electives (from the list below)

Option 2: Beginning Band and World Language

| Course                                                                                                                       | Course Description                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Beginning Band Woodwinds (Flute, Clarinet, and Saxophone)<br><b>Year Long course (4 Quarters)</b>                            | Sixth grade is the only time Beginning Band is offered at Daniels. Incoming 6 <sup>th</sup> graders need NO prior musical experience to succeed in beginning band.   |
| Beginning Band Brass (Trumpet, Tuba, Baritone, French Horn, Trombone, and Percussion) <b>Year Long course (4 Quarters)</b>   | Course focuses on basics for performing: instrument-posture, playing position, breath support, and quality tone production. Focus is on fundamental music theory.    |
| Spanish Beginning Less Than 1 Year <b>Semester course (2 Quarters)</b>                                                       | Course is an introduction to Spanish language and culture with an emphasis on written language.                                                                      |
| French Beginning Less Than 1 Year <b>Semester course (2 Quarters)</b>                                                        | Course is an introduction to French language and culture with an emphasis on written language.                                                                       |
| Chinese Beginning Less Than 1 Year <b>Semester course (2 Quarters)</b>                                                       | Course is an introduction to Mandarin language and culture with an emphasis on written language.                                                                     |
| Digital Literacy; Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing<br><b>Semester course (2 Quarters)</b>                               | Course increases keyboarding skill through drill practice and reinforcement of correct techniques while learning general computer literacy.                          |
| Exploring Interpersonal Relationships and Childcare; Exploring Nutrition and Wellness<br><b>Semester course (2 Quarters)</b> | Course explores basic Family and Consumer Sciences foundations and skill sets: interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, child development and education. |
| Visual Arts Exploratory<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b>                                                                 | Course focuses on elements of global art and their relationship to a variety of media and processes such as basic drawing and shading techniques.                    |
| Exploring Technology<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b>                                                                    | Course focuses on applying the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system through engaging activities and hands-on projects. |
| Science Lab (Olympics of Science/Math)<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b>                                                  | Course focuses on science skills of observation, prediction, and testing predictions under controlled conditions.                                                    |

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| Magnet Mathcounts<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b>                         | Course focuses on developing and applying analytical skills to the solutions of complex math problems. Collaboration is emphasized.                                                             |
| Music Exploratory (Chorus)<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b>                | Course introduces the skills necessary for singing and playing music with accuracy and expression while interpreting the sound and symbols of global music.                                     |
| Magnet Global Archt/Design/Infrastructure<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b> | Course focuses on investigation and designs using the <b>4 C's: Collaborate, Create, Think Critically, and Communicate</b> to study global architecture.                                        |
| Magnet Future City I Introduction<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b>         | Level I -Do you ever wish you could create the perfect place to live? This STEM elective is a hands-on environment in which you can create and present your vision of a future city!            |
| Invention and Innovation<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b>                  | Course focuses on applying the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system through engaging activities and hands-on projects.                            |
| Magnet Survey of Global Studies<br><b>Quarter course (1 Quarter)</b>           | Course in which students learn and experience the world and its many cultures by exploring the global concepts and issues of society, geography, environment, education, economy, and politics. |

