

2017-18 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Durant Road 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 (6) electives from this list. All students will take a yearly Healthful Living course that meets daily. 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/durantroadms)

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	Course Description
Computer Skills and Applications: Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing/ Digital Literacy	This middle school course is composed of instructional modules designed to allow students to learn the touch method of keyboarding, digital literacy and computer knowledge, and basic word processing and document formatting skills.
Visual Arts Exploratory	This course introduces students to the elements of art through a variety of media that <u>may</u> include: drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, pottery, and weaving. Application of these elements to the students' own original artwork is the major emphasis while being introduced to art history and critical analysis of master work as well as their own.
Introduction to Theatre	Get immersed in a whole new dramatic world by taking Introduction to Theatre. Students will begin learning to act using their words, their movements, and music! Learn to pantomime like the great silent film stars of yesteryear. Learn how to lip sync like the stars of today. And become a star of the future in your own unique music video! Students will be introduced to the lights and sound of the theatrical stage as well as dive deep into the history of American Musical Theatre. For beginners and experienced actors alike, get ready to enjoy the wonderful experience of Introduction to Theatre.
Beginning Band = YEAR LONG	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. Students should anticipate some after-school practices and evening performances.
Family and Consumer Science (FACS): Exploring Nutrition and Wellness/ Exploring Interpersonal Relationships and Childcare	This 18 week middle school course is composed of instructional modules designed to explore basic Family and Consumer Sciences foundations and skill sets. The modules that are covered in this course are: interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, child development and education. Students are eligible to receive the American Red Cross® Babysitter certification. English language arts and mathematics

	<p>are reinforced. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competitive events, community service and leadership activities provide the opportunity to apply essential standards and workplace readiness through authentic experiences.</p>
Music Exploratory	<p>In this course students are introduced to the skills necessary for singing and playing music with accuracy and expression using instruments and the voice, 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.</p>
Beginning Spanish	<p>This course begins the study of the Spanish language and culture and is the first part in the Spanish curriculum series for high school credit. Major topics include greetings, conversation questions, telling time, classroom objects, asking for help, the parts of the body, infinitive verbs, expressing likes and dislikes, definite and indefinite articles, adjectives, subject pronouns, the present tense of -ar verbs, and the plurals of nouns and articles. Students who successfully complete this course should continue the Spanish curriculum series for high school credit by taking Intermediate Spanish.</p>
Exploring Engineering and Design: Project Revive/Exploring Technology	<p>This middle school 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, students focus on understanding how criteria, constraints, and processes affect designs. Emphasis is placed on brainstorming, visualizing, modeling, testing, and refining designs. Students develop skills in researching information, communicating design information, and reporting results.</p>