

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

### West Millbrook 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 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: [www.wmms.net](http://www.wmms.net)

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
Beginning Spanish	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
Chorus	Students apply correct singing technique and various elements of musical expression through developmentally appropriate and historic vocal literature.
Beginning Band	Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument.
Beginning Strings	Beginning Strings is a course designed for students who are interested in playing a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass) for the first time.
Visual Arts Exploratory	This course introduces students to the elements of art through a variety of media that may include: drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, pottery, and weaving.
Introduction to Dance	This course introduces creative movement, improvisation, and choreography through basic modern dance techniques.
Computer Application Skills I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Keyboarding &amp; Basic Word Processing</i></li> <li>- <i>Digital Literacy</i></li> </ul>	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.
Exploring FACS- Family Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Exploring Nutrition and Wellness</i></li> <li>- <i>Exploring Interpersonal Relationship</i></li> </ul>	The modules that are covered in this course are: interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, child development and education.
Exploring FACS- Consumer Focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Exploring Apparel and Interior Design</i></li> <li>- <i>Understand Personal Finance-Hospitality</i></li> </ul>	The modules that are covered in this course are: personal finance and resource management, food service and hospitality, apparel, and interior design.
Exploring Engineering and Design I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Project Revive</i></li> <li>- <i>Exploring Technology</i></li> </ul>	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.
Exploring Middle Grades Computer Science Prerequisites: Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing (CSA1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Intro to Computer Science</i></li> </ul>	This course will extend the logical and computational thinking skills introduced in math courses. It will serve as an introduction to students with limited knowledge of how to apply these skills to problem solving using a computer and extend learning for those that have Computer Science experience.