

ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Salem 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. 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	DESCRIPTION
Keyboarding and Digital Literacy	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 will receive a 9 week grade for Keyboarding and a 9 week grade for Digital Literacy. Prerequisite to Office Productivity.
Exploring Family and Consumer Sciences- Nutrition and Wellness	9 WEEKS	Students will study nutrition, MyPlate, food and kitchen safety and how to prepare healthy meals.
Exploring Family and Consumer Sciences- Relationships and Childcare	9 WEEKS	Students will study family types and friendships and become American Red Cross certified babysitters.
Exploring Technology	9 WEEKS	This course explores and defines technology.
Project Revive Technology	9 WEEKS	This middle school course focuses on applying the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system.
Visual Art Exploratory	9 WEEKS	An exploration of the Elements and Principles of Art using a variety of media and techniques.
Spanish Exploratory	9 WEEKS	This course is an introduction to Spanish language and culture.
Drama	9 WEEKS	Students will acquire knowledge on the basic fundamentals of the theatre world. Students will gain experience in basic theatre terms, vocal skills, movement, technical theatre, character development, and will get to perform a final scene for their classmates.
Beginning Band (BAND) Please list instrument __ Trombone __ Trumpet __ Clarinet __ Flute __ Percussion (limited availability, requires band director approval)	YEAR-LONG Do not choose any other elective	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. Prerequisite to Intermediate Band. (Saxophone is not offered initially. Contact the band director for further information-bhinson@wcpss.net)