



# Apex Middle School 2019-2020

## Sixth Grade Elective Information



### Career & Technical Education

Course Name	Description
Exploring Engineering & Design I (9 weeks = Quarter)	Focus is on applying the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process or system. Offers engaging activities and hands-on projects, students focus on understanding how criteria, constraints, and processes affect designs.
Family Focus (9 weeks = Quarter)	Emphasis placed on interpersonal relationships, nutrition, wellness, child development and education. Students are eligible to receive the American Red Cross Babysitter Certification.
Keyboarding & Basic Word Processing (9 weeks = Quarter)	Students learn the touch-typing method of keyboarding skills. Additionally, students learn basic formatting, editing, and word processing. This course is strongly recommended to learn necessary computer classroom and lifelong skills.

### Fine Arts

Course Name	Description
Beginning Band (year long)	Emphasizes the acquisition of basic musical skills. No previous musical experience is required. Several musical selections are performed for an audience. A few evening performances should be anticipated. Students may begin on flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone, and will have an opportunity to transition to other instruments, later in the school year. Initially, classes are divided between brass instruments and woodwind instruments.
Music Exploratory (9 weeks = Quarter)	Introduction to the skills necessary for singing and playing music with accuracy and expression 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.
Exploratory Art (18 weeks = Semester)	Introduces students to art history, elements and principles of art. Projects emphasize skills & techniques through a variety of media that may include: drawing, painting, print-making, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. Application of these elements to the students' own original artwork is the major emphasis.

### World Languages

Course Name	Description
Exploratory Spanish (9 weeks = Quarter)	An introduction to the Spanish language and culture. Student will explore Spanish vocabulary and structures in order to communicate using short, memorized phrases. Topics include introductions, greetings, and biographical information. This course is not included in the curriculum series for high school credit.

### Elective Choices

Course Length	Choose
9 Weeks (Quarter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 - 9 week courses</li> <li>2 - 9 week alternates</li> </ul>
18 Weeks (Semester)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 18 week course</li> <li>2 - 9 week courses</li> <li>2 - 9 week alternates</li> </ul>
1 Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - year long class</li> <li>2 - 9 week alternates</li> </ul>

**\*Note:** Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE will automatically be assigned to all 6th grade students.