

2019-20 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS Rising 7th and 8th Graders

Carnage 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. It is important to note that the availability of elective courses is dependent upon our master schedule. Choosing an elective does not guarantee it's availability in your child's individual schedule.

Student Name _____ Student ID: _____

Course Name	Description
Quarter Electives (9 Weeks)	Please select 20 quarter electives
Business Procedures and Leadership	This course exposes students to proper etiquette, communication, leadership and teambuilding practices to excel as a professional. Proper methods of searching for, gaining and maintaining employment are also explored. Work-based learning activities like service learning projects and hands-on leadership workshops offer authentic experiences for students to gain skills.
Chorus	This course is an introduction to vocal music, which provides students the opportunity to learn some skills while exploring various musical sources and styles. Much emphasis is placed on providing a positive musical experience to students through class activities
Exploring Apparel and Interior Design	Students explore factors influencing clothing choices, basic clothing construction techniques, and marketing clothing. Students also learn interior design through investigation of basic design principles, sustainable action and managing a living space.
Exploring Business Activities	Students gain an understanding of business activities and careers in finance, business management, information technology, marketing, small business management and entrepreneurship.
Exploring Business & Entrepreneurship	This course develops students' basic knowledge of business terms, types and functions. Technology use is emphasized and employability skill development is reinforced throughout the course. Students also explore skills and procedures for starting their own business.
Exploring Careers & Employment	What do you want to do when you enter the working world? These classes will help you begin to find out by exploring different careers and their educational pathways. Students consider their interests and skills and match them with a variety of career possibilities. Students also develop an understanding of the skills needed to be a successful employee. Hands on "soft-skills" workshops and work-based learning activities are integrated to help students develop skills for gaining and maintaining employment.
Exp Interpersonal Relationships – Child Care	Students learn about interpersonal relationships by understanding themselves, their families, and ways to communicate. Students also become familiar with the stages of development and the care of young children as they pursue Red Cross Babysitter Certification.

Exploring Nutrition and Wellness	Students explore nutritional food choices, kitchen basics, meal planning and preparation techniques. Students participate in hands on labs to develop their food service, food safety and sanitation skills. Culinary Arts & Hospitality career pathways are explored.
Exp Personal Characteristics & Careers	What do you want to do when you enter the working world? This classes will help you begin to find out by exploring different careers and their educational pathways. Students consider their interests and skills and match them with a variety of career possibilities.
Magnet Botany	Take this elective to learn about and study the amazing functions of plants! Experiment to learn the functions of each part of a plant, and learn the interrelated nature of each of these parts. Grow and study plants from the “ground-up”!
Magnet Environmental Ecology	Explore ecological concepts and environmental choices as they relate to the use and protection of air, land, food, and our waterways. Experiments and simulations are used to learn about the local environment. May also be taught as a focus area, such as freshwater ecology or land/soils ecology.
Magnet Lab Busters	This course is designed to help students thoroughly understand the scientific method, and to be able to successfully construct experiments of their own using the scientific method. They will also demonstrate and understanding of many of the different disciplines of science, (biology, physics, earth science, chemistry, etc.) and how some experiments incorporate different science disciplines. Students will also learn about some notable scientists from each discipline covered in the curriculum.
Magnet Acting I	This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of acting through improvisation, theatre games, expression, concentration, voice, movement, characterization, monologues, and scene work
Magnet Animal Science – Pet Vet	Come journey into the science of our most loved pets. Explore the habitats, adaptations, relationships, and care of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, aquatic life, and insects. Learn the classification system scientists use to study these fascinating creatures. Conduct your own research using books, internet, and live animals. Discover animal careers and the challenges and joys they bring. If you love animals, this is the place for you!
Magnet Archaeology	Archaeology helps us to appreciate and preserve our shared human heritage. It informs us about the past, helps us understand where we came from, and shows us how people lived, overcame challenges, and developed the societies we have today. In this course students will learn about basic archaeological processes and tools, methods for site selection, and interpretations of the profession.

Magnet Around the World in 45 Days	Create a travel agency so that you can craft travel experiences for your customers. Don't be fooled-you and your team will need to become geographic and cultural experts in order to create successful trips for your customers, ensuring continued business. Are you up to the challenge?
Magnet Basketball	This is a course for those who want to improve basketball skills and game knowledge.
Magnet Best of Broadway	Students will be introduced to the American art form of musical theatre, emphasizing the Broadway musical, through analyzing film clips from the 1940s through the present.
Magnet Brain Games	This course challenges students to solve many types of word and logic puzzles relating to the language arts curriculum. They will create and publish their own puzzles for their classmates and for the rest of the school. In addition, students will participate in "quiz-bowl" type activities using electronic buzzers and computers. Students will research and create their own Jeopardy and quiz-bowl questions. They will create quiz-bowls on the computer to challenge their classmates. Students will also have the opportunity to post their contests on the school's World Wide Web site or in the school's literary magazine
Magnet Carolina Crafts	Crafts of the Carolinas are introduced in this course, and the students may be involved in the making of such crafts as stitchery, appliqué', jewelry, basketry, and pottery. A study of local craftsmen is a part of this course
Magnet Commercial Art	This course is an introduction to the industry of advertising, which is a combination of graphic design and business. Students will study elements and principles of design to create different types of commercial art. Possible projects include poster design, package design, logo/mock billboard design, or lettering/font designs. Generally, students will explore the evolution of commercial art from the medieval era to the twenty-first century.
Magnet Create a Nation	Understand the 5 themes of geography and government structures by creating your own "ideal" of what a nation can be. Study nations and situations around the world to learn from others, while increasing your cultural knowledge. Human environment interaction impacts you every day-if you were given the chance, how could you make this better?
Magnet Creative Writing	Express yourself! Through this course, you'll discover and refine a variety of writing styles that will allow your thoughts to come alive! Polish your writing and make it more effective, lively, descriptive, and cohesive. This course is for the undiscovered writer in all of us!
Magnet Drawing I	This is a basic, but intensive, beginning drawing class. Students will have the chance to experiment with various media such as graphite, charcoal, color pencils, color markers, and ink. Generally, projects will explore techniques used for drawing figures, portraits, still life, animals, or architecture.

Magnet Film Analysis I	Through the study of various genres and time frames of film, students will analyze the connections between personal preference, objective view, and critical reference. Students will have multiple opportunities to compare and contrast classroom and personal experience with experiences portrayed in selected films. Students will develop the ability to critically view a film, and relate connections that support that point of view
Magnet Financial Finesse	Learn what you need to know to get on a great financial path! The skills you learn in this elective will give you the “financial intelligence” you’ll need to know to set yourself up for a healthy financial future. Use what you learn to manage the money you have now-allowance, small jobs-and the money you’ll earn in the future. A fun, interactive way to learn about personal finance.
Magnet Foundations of Art	This is an exploratory course designed to broaden a student's concept of the realm of Visual Arts. Featuring various media, students will explore elements of design and techniques used to create possible projects such as paintings, sculptures, drawings, or ceramics. Additionally, students will study Art styles from different cultures and time periods to understand the 'total picture' of art.
Magnet Geography-Where (World) Are We?	Learn about your place within the five themes of geography in this interactive elective. Visual arts, music, and satellite imagery help you learn about your world. Become a “global thinker” in more ways than one! Students may also acquire geography skills and knowledge by playing geography games, solving geography puzzles, and competing in classroom Geography Bees.
Magnet Global Conflicts	Learn about the major global conflicts of the 20 th Century. This course includes studies of WWI&II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Persian Gulf War, as well as current world conflicts
Magnet Grey Matter	Do you know your pons from your pituitary? What’s a medulla? How does your personal processor make you unique? Learn about your brain’s function, and the theories of learning.
Magnet Guitar	Technical drills, scales studies, finger chords and sight-reading exercises are used in the teaching of this class. Performance opportunities during recital times.
Magnet Heritage of Wake County	“Wake” up to the “living treasures” of our diverse county in this engaging elective. Trace Wake County’s history through historic records, personal stories, places, and cultural comparisons. Discover the unique qualities of the place we call home!
Magnet In the Days of Knights	Knights, kings, castles, and all Medieval things are the focus of this exciting nine week elective
Magnet Insects Up Close: A Bug’s View	A hands-on elective that teaches entomology through lab-based and project-based lessons. Investigate the anatomy and morphology of insects. Use microscopes, study movements and habits of particular species. Complete a personal insect collection using still images or preserved, mounted specimens.

Magnet Intro Dance I/Ballet/Modern Dance	This is an exploratory movement class for the student who has never had a dance class. Students experience various dance forms including modern, ballet, jazz, and folk while building strength, flexibility, and coordination. This course also builds an appreciation for dance as an art form.
Magnet Intro to Costume/Make-up Design	Students will explore theatrical costuming and makeup through the role of the designer. Costume renderings and color schemes will be created as well as makeup designs for believable characters on stage.
Magnet It's Hilarious	Develop your "funny bone" through this course! Knowledge of the elements, levels, and forms of humor throughout history are explored through analysis of creative productions. Appreciate the need and usefulness of humor, and develop your awareness of appropriate humor for different audiences.
Magnet It's In the News	How aware are you? In-class competitions, information gathering, and scintillating conversation revolve around current events in this exciting elective. On-line news agencies, newspapers, magazines, and news stories are just some of the mediums that are used in the classroom to promote awareness and help build a 21 st century learner.
Magnet Journalistic Reporting	Our world is filled with information – ever think about being someone who provides that information? If so, this exciting elective is for you! Explore the major types of news formats from brief historical beginnings through our ever-changing, fast-paced mass-media news culture. Learn how to analyze, evaluate and create dynamic journalistic pieces.
Magnet Lab Busters	Solving "myths" using the Scientific Process-Urban legends or truth? How can you find out if what you hear about something happening is truth, a colorful hoax, or a little of both? Use the scientific process to discover whatever "myth" you choose to "bust"!
Magnet Logical Minds	Study analogies, tease your brain, stretch your mind, grasp a paradox, and reason to your heart's content! Individual projects are used to extend thinking skills. Circle logic, deductive and inductive reasoning, matrix logic, brain teasers, and syllogisms challenge you to "think differently"!
Magnet Mask Making	Students will have the opportunity to explore the superstitions and functions of masks from various time periods and cultures. Each assignment is designed to broaden the students' concept about masks and to challenge their ability to create new identities. Materials used are cardboard, paper, plaster, polymer clay, papier mache, wire, or aluminum.
Magnet Math Art	Explore and enjoy math through art and puzzles. Work with tangrams, paper folding/origami, thread geometrics, and patterning as you advance your skills in geometry and logical thinking.

Magnet Mystery and Suspense	What makes a reader hang on the edge of their seat? You'll be a master and have the answer to that question after taking this elective! Learn about the elements of mystery in literature, and apply these sneaky skills as you create your own suspenseful stories.
Magnet Mythology (Classical)	This elective includes comparisons between Greek and Roman myths. Investigate the influences of mythology on several major cultures, as well as modern life.
Magnet Net Games	Net Games is a physical education elective that incorporates games such as volleyball, badminton, and table tennis.
Magnet Oceanography	Examine the structure and function of marine life, organism interactions, and specific ecosystems such as coral reefs, estuaries, and lagoons. Investigate the history of ocean exploration, topographical features, water circulation, and marine life. Concepts will be reinforced through hands-on activities.
Magnet Odyssey of the Mind I	In this course, thinking process development and logic skills are stressed as students develop their problem solving abilities. Students create and study truth tables, Venn diagrams, Euler circles, analogies, paradoxes, puzzles, and symbolic proofs. Skills in application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation are stressed.
Magnet Painting	Students will explore a variety of styles, techniques, and mediums to create different types of paintings. The course provides an introduction to color theory and basic skills such as learning how to control brush strokes, color mixing, and recognizing simple shapes. Students will use only water based mediums such as tempera, acrylic, oil pastels, and watercolor paints.
Magnet Passages to Other Cultures	Want to communicate with students from around the world? If so, come learn with us! Stereotypes and misconceptions that lead to prejudice and intolerance will be explored. Guest speakers from different ethnic and cultural groups will be invited to share information and customs. Delight in the diversity in the world around you, and learn to appreciate the similarities in humanity
Magnet Personal Fitness	This course is designed for students interested in an overall fitness program.
Magnet Piano	This class is for students who have had limited or no prior piano instruction.
Magnet Poetry in Motion	Love poetry? Want to learn to love it? This elective is a student-centered approach to the art, beginning with a student created anthology "textbook", to be expanded with his or her own work. Student collaboration, artistic interpretation, non-competitive writing, and use of computer technology are incorporated.
Magnet Printmaking	Printmaking is the art of making multiple originals. Students will practice the techniques of etching, relief printing, mono-printing, and stamping. Only water based materials are used. Additionally, students will be introduced to the history of Printmaking and various Artists.

Magnet Public Speaking and Debate	Write, deliver, classify and critique formal and informal speeches. Elective includes organization of material, voice projection, and persuasion of an audience, as well as panel discussion. Do you love to argue? Learn to do it constructively and persuasively! Learn to consider both sides of an issue. Writing, classifying, delivering, and critiquing speeches, as well as debating and panel discussions will be part of this elective. Argue your point-what could be more fun?
Magnet Robotics	"You get to build really cool robots," says a sixth grade student! This elective provides students with hands-on opportunities to enhance STEM skills by using Lego blocks, gears, motors, and computer programming to build and problem solve.
Magnet Soccer	This is a course for those who want to improve soccer skills and game knowledge.
Magnet Sports Variety	Three-week units of basketball, flag football, softball, volleyball, or soccer.
Magnet Storytelling	Come learn how to turn your own personal experiences into engaging stories! Master the art of storytelling by learning the history and oral traditions from cultures around the world, and learn how to put your own "spin" on a classic fairy tale. Create a website to showcase your work by making your stories, fables, legends, myths, and folk tales come alive.
Magnet Studies in African American Literature	In this elective, you'll develop an appreciation for the contributions of African American writers to American literature, and how that literature reflects culture. You will experience multiple opportunities for discussion of the works you are reading, and opportunities for written reflection and evaluation of the authors you have read or discovered through this course.
Magnet Tech Theatre I	Students will learn about technical theatre through stage management, set design, costume design, makeup design, props, publicity, lighting, and sound. Students will construct and paint sets for productions when needed.
Magnet The Number Devil	Based on an international best seller, you'll learn about and participate in an amazing world of numbers. Robert, who hates math, has twelve dreams in which he gets to explore and learn that numbers are much more than he thought. How about you?
Magnet Video Literature	Discover how film media has been used to depict different aspects of literature from the core subject areas of language arts, social studies, and science. Compare and contrast the "movie" and the "book" version of a story. See if you can identify the differences in technique in telling a story vs. "showing" a story-which do you prefer, and why? Which types of media lend themselves to tell a story best? Analyze the connections between how a story is presented in written vs. cinema format. Be ready to put your discussion and analysis skills to the test as you participate in this high-interest, engaging elective!
Magnet Video Production	In these courses, you will learn different aspects of how video is created and produced, and for what purposes.

Magnet Wonderful Words	Expand your vocabulary through knowledge of word derivations. Word origins, and their relation to the modern English language, as well as other romance languages will be studied. Whether you're a lexophile (lover of words!), wanting to be a better reader, or would like to prepare for the S.A.T. by learning suffixes, roots, and word derivations, this elective is for you!
Magnet Youth and the Law	How does the law affect you? Through "peer simulations" of trials, video examples, and guest speakers, you'll get a taste all the different aspects of the legal system. Learn about civil and criminal law, the court system, youth rights and responsibilities and consequences of actions or decisions.
Understand Personal Finance – Hospitality	Students develop their financial literacy through an online program. Topics covered include responsible money choices, income and careers, planning & money management, credit & borrowing, insurance & safety management and saving and investing. During the hospitality portion, students learn the basics for food service, food safety and sanitation in culinary and hospitality settings.
Semester Electives (18 Weeks)	You may select between 0-2 of these.
Magnet Jazz I	In Jazz Dance, students are trained in the classic styles, as well as, the current dance trends. Dance students learn about dance as a form of artistic expression and fitness. Dancers are taught the correct and safe ways to move their bodies for strength and wellness. Music is current pop, clean hip-hop, Motown, and other classics. All levels of experience and ability are successfully combined and challenged through differentiated instruction and student choreography projects.
Magnet Tap I	Students will be taught the basics of Tap technique. Music used includes current pop, clean hip-hop, Motown, Broadway, and other classics.
Year Long Electives (36 Weeks)	You may select between 0-2 of these.
Beginning Band	Students learn to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills and systematic progress rather than performance; however, band classes perform several concert compositions
Beginning Strings	This first-year instruction in strings (violin, viola, and cello) includes correct holding position, bow grip, selected major and minor scales, and rhythm studies. Appropriate musical terms, dynamic markings, and the parts and care of stringed instruments are emphasized. Beginning string classes prepare a number of concert selections, which are performed, for an audience.

German Beginning 1 Year	This course is an introduction to the German language and culture. Students study basic grammatical structures and vocabulary and use them in listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities at the beginning level.
Spanish 1A (Level 1 Part 1)	This course is an introduction to the Spanish language and culture. Students study basic grammatical structures and vocabulary and use them in listening, speaking, reading and writing activities at the beginning level.

* For advanced classes in band, dance, piano, strings, theatre and foreign language, teachers will provide us with a list of students for each advanced class. Students will not register for any class that has an asterisk by it. In case your student is currently attending a school other than Carnage, please contact the appropriate teacher to schedule an audition.

Band – mpellas@wcpss.net (Mr. Pellas)

Chorus – atraylor@wcpss.net (Ms. Traylor)

Piano – ccolquitt@wcpss.net (Ms. Colquitt)

Strings – wmarecheau@wcpss.net (Mr. Marecheau)

Theatre – cminjkives@wcpss.net (Ms. Minjkives)

- NC-MSEN Pre-College Program - This is a NC State collaborative program including the College of Education and the Friday Institute. The curriculum and program require an application process. Please contact Ms. Edwards at dedwards2@wcpss.net for the application.