



**West Millbrook Magnet Middle School**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Descriptions**  
**2019 – 2020**

West Millbrook Magnet Middle School students take one (1) course in each of the following subject areas each school year: English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Healthful Living/PE, World Language, Arts, CTE/Design.

Please select one course from each of the following course groups: World Language, Arts and CTE/Design. 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.

<b>WORLD LANGUAGE ELECTIVES</b>	<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Chinese Beginning less than 1 year (Beginning)</b>	This course is an introduction to Chinese language and culture. Major topics include classroom objects, numbers, colors, the calendar, greetings, telling time, weather expressions, common verbs, foods, the family, clothing, animals, basic prepositions, negative expressions, adjectives, and commands. Students who complete this course successfully should next take Intermediate Chinese.
<b>French Beginning less than 1 year (Beginning)</b>	This course is an introduction to French language and culture. Major topics include classroom objects, numbers, colors, the calendar, greetings, telling time, weather expressions, common verbs, foods, the family, clothing, animals, basic prepositions, negative expressions, adjectives, and commands. Students who complete this course successfully should next take Intermediate French or French A.
<b>Spanish Beginning less than 1 year (Beginning)</b>	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.

ARTS ELECTIVES	COURSE DESCRIPTION
<b>Beginning Band</b>	Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument.
<b>Beginning Strings</b>	Beginning Strings is a course designed for students who are interested in playing a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass) for the first time.
<b>Introduction to Dance</b>	This course introduces creative movement, improvisation, and choreography through basic modern dance techniques.
<b>Magnet Introduction to Theatre</b>	This course is an overview of dramatic techniques. Students develop communication skills through study in dialogue, pantomime, improvisation, speech/diction, and role play.
<b>Visual Arts Exploratory</b>	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.
DESIGN ELECTIVES	COURSE DESCRIPTION
<b>Computer Application Skills I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keyboarding &amp; Basic Word Processing</li> <li>- Digital Literacy</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.
<b>Exploring Engineering &amp; Design I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project Revive</li> <li>- Exploring Technology</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. Students develop skills in researching information, communicating design information, and reporting results.
<b>Exploring FACS – Consumer Focus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exploring Apparel and Interior Design</li> <li>- Understand Personal Finance-Hospitality</li> </ul>	The modules that are covered in this course are: personal finance and resource management, food service and hospitality, apparel, and interior design.
<b>Exploring FACS – Family Focus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exploring Wellness and Nutrition</li> <li>- Exploring Interpersonal Relationship</li> </ul>	The modules that are covered in this course are: interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, child development and education.
<b>Magnet Odyssey of the Mind</b>	Students develop problem-solving skills through logic activities, and prepare for the annual OM competition. Students apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.
<b>Magnet Science Olympiad</b>	This course enables students to apply Science and Mathematics concepts and principles in innovative situations that enhance problem-solving skills. Independent and group projects are completed under the guidelines of the National Science Olympiad. Students in this course will have the opportunity to compete in local and regional competitions.

