

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

### **Fuquay-Varina 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: <http://www.wcpss.net/fuquayvarinams>

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>Course</b>	<b>Course Description</b>
<b>Beginning Band-Year Long ( must begin in 6<sup>th</sup> grade) Instruments-Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Alto Saxophone, and Percussion</b>	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.
<b>Beginning Chorus (1<sup>st</sup> Semester Only)</b>	Students will study vocal music and its relationship to other cultures, eras and geographical locations.
<b>Computer Skills and Applications-Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing (Semester)</b>	This middle school course is composed of instructional modules designed to allow students to learn the touch method of keyboarding, basic digital literacy and computer knowledge, and basic word processing and document formatting skills.
<b>Exploring Middle Grades Computer Science (2nd Semester Only)</b>	Students will understand the interactions between humans and computers. Also they will Learn how to apply computing concepts to solve problems and apply procedures to develop a web page and develop a working software program.
<b>Exploring FACS-Consumer Focus-Understanding Personal Finance and Hospitality (Semester)</b>	The modules that are covered in this course are: personal finance and resource management, food service and hospitality, and apparel.
<b>Exploring FACS-Family Focus-Exploring Nutrition and Wellness (Semester)</b>	The modules that are covered in this course are: interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, early child care and education, and interior design. Students are eligible to receive the American Red Cross® Babysitter certification.
<b>Introduction to Theatre (2nd Semester Only)</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>Project Lead The Way-Design and Modeling (Semester)</b>	In this course, students use solid modeling software, a sophisticated mathematical technique for representing solid objects, as part of the design process.
<b>Spanish Beginning Year 1 (Semester)</b>	Major topics include greetings, numbers, telling time, calendar, weather expressions, holidays, hobbies/pastimes, school vocabulary, and personality traits.
<b>Visual Arts Exploratory (Semester)</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.