EAST MILLBROOK MAGNET MIDDLE Academy of the Visual and Performing Arts	Elective Course Descriptions for Rising 6th Graders 2019-2020 Academic Year
Parents/counselors: Courses are subject to change from year to year. While we strive to keep this catalog up to date, unforeseen circumstances and student interest drives what electives are offered. Not every course in this catalog is offered every semester, or every academic year.	
Music	
Beginning Band	Students learn to play Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet, Alto Sax, Alto Trombone, or Percussion. Emphasis is on learning basic musical skills. Band classes prepare several concert compositions that are performed for an audience. Students should anticipate some after school/evening performances.
Magnet Apprentice Orchestra	Magnet Apprentice Orchestra is designed for students who are interested in playing a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass) for the first time. Emphasis is on learning basic musical skills such as rhythm, note reading, posture and learning how to perform as a group. Student prepare a number of concert selections that are performed for an audience. Students should anticipate some after school/evening performances.

Magnet Apprentice Chorus	Students are introduced to the skills necessary for singing music with accuracy and expression. Emphasis on interpreting the sounds 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. Student prepare a number of concert selections that are performed for an audience. Students should anticipate some after school/evening performances.
Magnet Piano I	Students will learn to read the musical staff in treble and bass clefs, and basic rhythmic notation. They will learn basic piano technique. They will practice daily exercises in hand and finger positions and learn basic melodies.
Theatre	
Magnet Introduction to Theatre	Students learn the basics of theatre production by studying acting, directing, design and playwriting. This class is designed to give students a broader perspective of what theatre is all about.
Magnet Acting I	Students will explore characters and situations through their creative resources using theatre games and extended improvisational situations and prepared scripts. They begin to understand the proper use of voice and diction.
Magnet Costume and Makeup Design	Learn how to make the show happen! This class will explore theatre costumes and makeup design. In this course students will learn about the role of designer. Hands on activities, peer collaboration, design projects and development of creative skills can be expected.

Magnet Improvisation	Students explore improvisation techniques to develop skills in spontaneous acting. Students will learn to create scenes and situations through theatre games. Students learn cooperative learning and the rules of improvisation.
Magnet Puppetry	Learn the techniques of puppetry performance and construction. In this class you will learn the history of puppet theatre, develop spoken expression, create puppet plays and build your own puppets.
Magnet Readers Theatre	Students will use novels, short stories, poems, and other materials to learn the art of oral interpretation through the Readers Theatre process. Students will gain an experience that is similar yet different from conventional theatre. Students will focus on the verbal expression of text and textual content and less on the staging and production of theatre.
Dance	
Introduction to Dance	Students explore basic technique, improvisation, and composition as it relates to Ballet, Modern, Contemporary, Jazz and Hip Hop Dance styles. Students prepare a number of concert selections that are performed for an audience. Students should anticipate some after school/evening performances. Students will dress out daily.
Visual Arts	
Magnet Foundations of Art	Students are introduced to elements of art and the principles of design in two dimensional or three dimensional mediums.

Magnet Drawing I	A wonderful choice for students who are interested in taking two dimensional art in middle school. Students learn to apply and understand drawing basics as related to elements of art Line, Shape, Value, and Texture. Drawing media utilized in this course includes drawing pencils, pen and ink, charcoal, and mixed media.
Magnet Carolina Crafts	The craftwork traditions of NC are introduced in this course. Students will learn the skills and history of folk craft. The class will focus on the historical utility of crafts and the progression of crafting into the artistry of today. Students will create crafts using techniques such as basketry, weaving, and pottery techniques.
Magnet Printmaking	Prerequisite: Foundations of Art Printmaking will be presented as a commercial art form through the creation of multiples. Students will learn how vital planning and the artistic process are. Students will create printing plates which will allow them to make multiples of a chosen media. Students will learn how to safely handle all tools involved in the printing process.
General Arts	
World Through the Arts 6	Examine topics such as but not limited to Change, Self Expression, Identity, Personal History, Creativity, Space, Community, Relationships, and Communication through hands on art, music, drama and dance activities with a global/cultural lens. Students may paint about the cosmos, create dances about community, explore communication through theatre and create art which reflects identity.

Career and Technical Education Electives	
Exploring Technology and Design I	This course works through a project called Revive. Students apply 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.
Facs Family Focus - Exploring Interpersonal Relationships/Childcare	Students learn about interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, child development and education and are eligible to receive the American Red Cross® Babysitter Certification.
Keyboarding/Basic Word Processing and Digital Literacy	So you can text, tweet and post to Instagram with your eyes closed but how well can you type research papers and emails? This course is designed to teach students the touch method of typing at a rate of 30 WPM or faster. Basic word processing, and formatting skills are also a part of the curriculum. English Language Arts and Mathematics are reinforced.
Beginning Spanish	This course introduces grammar and includes emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, writing and culture.