

EAST MILLBROOK MAGNET MIDDLE

Academy of the Visual and Performing Arts



2020-21 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

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 6th grade students. Your child will select 4 arts electives and 2 arts alternates from this list. Your child will also select 1 CTE class and 1 CTE alternate 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:

<https://www.wcpss.net/eastmillbrookms> . **Please use this form as a tool when having conversations with your child regarding their course selection for next year.**

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 its availability in your child's individual schedule.

Course	Course Description
<i>Guild Classes</i>	<u><i>Guild classes are by audition or portfolio assessment only. If a sixth grader is able to audition and place into a Guild class, it may result in them having a slightly different schedule than their non guild sixth grade peers.</i></u>
Magnet Concert Band - Audition Only	Double Period Guild class - The most advanced level of band at the academy. Technical drills, scale studies, rhythm studies, and sight reading exercises are used to advance the students skills knowledge and reading ability in music.
Magnet Honors Orchestra - Audition Only	Double Period Guild class - Magnet Honors Orchestra students should have at least two years of previous Orchestral instruction. Students will continue to master scales, and technique. Extended ranges, shifting and further study of good intonation are emphasized along with an in depth study of style and interpretation.
Magnet Honors Chorus - Audition Only	Double Period Guild class-The most advanced level of choral proficiency. Students will extend their development in singing technique, musical interpretation, sight reading, and their ability to integrate and demonstrate mastery of rhythm, melody, harmony, timbre, tempo, dynamics and expression.
Magnet Piano III - Audition Only	Double Period Guld class-This course will include expectations of a rigorous repertoire to include mastery of high level literature. Students will gain proficiency through this opportunity to expand their skills in a more robust experience.
Magnet Drama Production - Audition Only	Double Period Guild class-Students will perform all functions necessary for production of in-depth plays, including script analysis, directing, acting and awareness of the importance of set design and construction, and lighting design.
Magnet Dance Company- Audition Only	Double Period Guild class - In this course, students develop various techniques, including stage presence, ensemble work, and an understanding of the relationship between dancer and choreographer. Opportunities are given for performance in director

	selected dance styles such as Modern Dance, Ballet, Jazz and Contemporary as well as student choreography.
Magnet Advanced 2Design - Portfolio Assessment only	Double Period Guild class-This advanced level course emphasizes the principles of design and elements of art to achieve strong compositions. Advanced work will feature multiple approaches to creative problem solving using a variety of two-dimensional mediums such as collage, graphic design, painting, and photography. Students will have the opportunity for independent study and are expected to be motivated to follow through on a project from ideation to finished product.
Magnet Advanced 3D Design - Portfolio Assessment only	Double Period Guild class- This advanced course emphasizes two principles and elements of design with a three dimensional focus. Advanced work will feature multiple creative problem solving using a variety of mediums such as clay, wire and paper mache. Students will be challenged to work with the forces of gravity while utilizing the elements of art and principles of design. They will have the opportunity for independent study and are expected to be motivated to follow through on a project from ideation to finished product.
Arts and Foreign Language	Course Descriptions
Beginning Band (Section A)	Beginning instruction on flute, clarinet, and saxophone
Beginning Band (Section B)	Beginning instruction on Trombone, Trumpet, Percussion
Magnet Acting I (S)	Beginning instruction in acting.
Magnet Introduction to Theatre (S)	Fundamentals of acting, directing, set design and playwriting.
Magnet Puppetry (S)	Fundamentals of puppet construction and puppet theatre.
Magnet Introduction to Dance Jazz I (S)	Foundational instruction in Jazz dance technique, students will also learn basic dance vocabulary and beginning choreography skills
Magnet Apprentice Orchestra (Y)	Beginning instruction on violin, viola, cello and bass instruments as well as reading musical notation.
Magnet Piano (S)	Beginning instruction on piano as well as reading musical notation.
Magnet Apprentice Chorus (Y)	Beginning instruction on vocal music as well as reading musical notation.
Magnet Drawing I (S)	Introduction to basic drawing through the elements of art.
Magnet Foundations of Art 2D (S)	Introduction to the elements of art with a focus on creating 2D work through drawing and painting
Magnet Foundations of Art 3D (S)	Introduction to the elements of art with a focus on creating 3D work. Clay, plaster, wood, and wire are some of the media explored in this course.
Magnet Our World through the Arts (S)	Exploring topics in Science and Social Studies through the visual and performing arts from a global perspective.
Beginning Spanish < 1 year (S)	Introduction to Spanish grammar and culture with emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
Career Technical Education	
Exploring Interpersonal Relationships/ Childcare (S)	Learn about interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness.
Exploring Technology (S)	Learn the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system.
Keyboarding & Basic Word Processing (S)	Learn touch method of keyboarding, digital literacy, and basic word processing.