

EAST GARNER MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018-19 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 10 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/eastgarnerms>)

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 availability in your child's individual schedule.

Course	Course Description
Language Acquisition*	
Spanish Beginning 1 Year	Intro to Spanish
Spanish Continuing 2 Years	Previous Spanish classes
Advanced Spanish	Must be evaluated for placement
Heritage Learners for Native Spanish Speakers	Reading and Writing in Spanish
French	Intro to French
Chinese Beginning 1 Year	Intro to Mandarin Chinese
Magnet I.B./Creative Arts	
Visual Arts Exploratory	Introduction to all mediums of art
Visual Composition	Students learn how to view perspective in art
Magnet Cartoon Illustrations	Exploring storytelling through comics
Magnet Color Theory	Students explore color mixing and applications
Magnet Cultural Crafts	Art from around the world
Magnet Digital Imaging	From computer and camera to art
Magnet Weaving/Crafts	Explores weaving in many mediums
Broadcasting- <i>Elementary Experience required</i>	Be a part of EGMMS news team
Beginning Band	Intro to Band
Chorus	Intro to Chorus
Concert Chorus	Advanced Chorus class
Magnet Honors Orchestra	Intro to Orchestra
Magnet Piano	Intro to piano
Magnet Percussion Ensemble	Intro to drums, cymbals and rhythm section
Magnet Music in Society/Media	Viewing the influence of music in the world
Magnet Acting I	Beginning aspects of acting
Magnet Tech Theater	Students conduct an intensive study of the technical processes necessary for theatre productions.
Magnet Improvisation (Drama)	Active quick thinking performance class
Magnet Playwriting	How to write a script
Magnet Intro to Dance I/Ballet/Modern Dance	Learn a little bit of many different dance moves
Magnet Best of Broadway	Dances choreographed in a musical performance
Choreography	Intro to creating your own composition
Advanced Arts are available by audition only	Look for audition Dates coming up in April

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Magnet Courses	
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Magnet King Arthur and Camelot	Students will actively read selections from Beowulf and Once and Future King to gather information about the nature of heroism. This course will include examining the historical context of Feudalism and Medieval times in Europe. Students will also delve into why fantasy remains so popular across culture and geographic regions and how that affects contemporary literature and film.
Magnet Kitchen Chemistry	Where is the Chemistry in your kitchen? Students will utilize everyday kitchen items and substances to develop a basic understanding of acids, bases, reactions, bonds, and mixtures.
Magnet Lights, Camera, Global	Students will view acclaimed international films, including those with subtitles, in order to celebrate and examine the differences between that culture and our own. Students will analyze the literary value of the films and also develop an understanding of film as a political statement that transcends borders.
Magnet Night at the Museum	The blockbuster hit, Night at the Museum, will guide our analysis of history and geography and its accuracy as depicted by the film. Students will examine selected exhibition topics from the film and pursue their own investigations to find the truth behind the historical and geographical manipulations.
Magnet The Global Garden	Get back to our roots as students study and implement gardening techniques of cultures around the world. The classroom will be transformed into a garden blooming with internationalism and community service.
Magnet Under the Aqua	Have you ever wondered, What are cetaceans and why are they important? This course explores the world of dolphins and how these animals have played a role in history, myth, and reality. Through song, literature, and film, we will learn about these sea mammals.
Magnet Walk Like an Egyptian	Students travel back to time to celebrate culture, traditions, and language of Ancient Egypt as well as how it s influence on the modern world.
Magnet Who Am I?	Students will use print and non-print resources to engage in reading and learning strategies to explore themselves and their relationship to the world. Text will include fiction, non-fiction, poetry, film, and art.
Magnet Poetry Remix	This course examines a variety of poems as students engage in poetic research, coffee talks, and personal expression to connect poetry of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

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Magnet Survivor Wilderness	Students will actively read Gary Paulsen’s novel Hatchet to gather information about survival skills in the Canadian wilderness. Students will also delve into non-fiction and non-print text to learn more about how the environment affects survival and personal attributes that are essential for survival.
Magnet Race for the White House	This snapshot into the lives of American Presidents will focus on international policies and how the world climate affected their decisions and policies.
Magnet Punk’d Surprises in World History	Students will analyze various historical events that have been manipulated and shaped by internal and external forces to achieve a desired outcome. Although these events seem natural or at least inevitable, they are in fact products of propaganda and persuasion techniques. Students will examine historical situations and then pursue their own investigations to find the truth shrouded by history.
Exploratory Russian (French Beginning Less than 1 Year)	9 week tour through the geography, people, language and customs of Russia.
Exploratory Chinese (Chinese Beginning Less than 1 Year)	9 week tour through the geography, people, language and customs of China.
Exploratory French	9 week tour through the geography, people, language and customs of France.
Magnet I Have a Dream	This course is the continuation of the elective Africa to Freedom in which students will learn about the journey from Emancipation to the Civil Rights movement.
Magnet I Surrender	Joseph Heller said, “War is the continuation of politics by another means” In this course, students will analyze the history the American wars and how international relationships changed and developed, as well as how the countries influenced America.
Magnet Pizzathon	Explore Agricultural Sciences and careers as you embark on a journey from the soil to the table in the making of a pizza. You be the chef as you design, prepare and enjoy your own unique, never-seen-before pizza!
Magnet Once Upon A Time	Students study fairytales from around the world, discussing the similar lessons, concepts, and styles as well as the differences and iniquities. When this course is complete, students will certainly live happily ever after!
Magnet If You Build It, They Will Come	Students use the design cycle to investigate, design, plan, create, and evaluate projects in preparation for open-ended, problem-solving activities and investigations like science competitions.

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Magnet Fantasy Sports	Is winning really everything? In this course, students learn the gaming techniques involved in fantasy sports such as data collection, statistics, probability, and other complex variants and they will use current sources to gather information to actually play fantasy sports.
Magnet Intro to Japanese Culture/Anime	This course celebrates Japanese culture through the study of Animé, a distinct and influential type of cartooning and animation. Students will study Animé's origins, techniques, and media to gain a broader understanding of Japanese culture.
Broadcasting (7 th Graders only)	Students in the course will create a video news program for the school each week. Techniques include filming, video capture, and editing to create the weekly segments. Students write and conduct interviews for the program. Students write and star in anchor segments to introduce the weekly broadcasts. Some after-school time may be required to film school events.
Magnet From African to Freedom	This elective traces the history of slavery in the United States from its origins in Africa until Emancipation. Students will read various genres including fiction, poetry, essays, memoirs, and biographies, as well as experience non-print text such as film and art to gain a rich awareness of the history of slavery.
Magnet Geocaching	Where in the world am I? is the question that guides this course based on the pop-culture reality game. Students will learn to use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to acquire skills in locating, mapping, and problem-solving.
Magnet Soccer: The World's Sport	Students will examine the cultural influence that soccer plays in different geographic regions around the world. Distinctions in strategy, popularity of players, fan support, and role of soccer within these regions will be included. Students will explore the cultural impact of the World Cup and how soccer became an Olympic event.

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Career and Technical Education Courses	
Course Name	Course Description
Digital Literacy/Keyboarding	In this crucial course, students will learn to use proper keyboarding techniques to improve accuracy, speed and general efficiency in computer operation.
Exploring Apparel and Interior Design/Understanding Personal Finance-Hospitality	This 18 week middle school course is composed of instructional modules designed to explore basic Family and Consumer Sciences foundations and skill sets. The modules that are covered in this course are: personal finance and resource management, food service and hospitality, apparel, and interior design.
Exploring Nutrition and Wellness	The fundamentals of cooking are covered: reading and following recipes, cooking terms, use and care of kitchen equipment, time management, kitchen safety and sanitation, and good nutrition practices. Students learn to work cooperatively with others in a food laboratory setting. Proper table etiquette is stressed
Exploring Interpersonal Relationships-Childcare/Exploring Nutrition and Wellness	This 18 week middle school course is composed of instructional modules designed to explore basic Family and Consumer Sciences foundations and skill sets. The modules that are covered in this course are: interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, child development and education. Students are eligible to receive the American Red Cross® Babysitter certification. English language arts and mathematics are reinforced.

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