

2019-20 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

East Garner Magnet 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 6th grade students. The International Baccalaureate program requires students take a second language, physical education, fine arts and design/technology during the year in a addition to the four core content areas. Your child will select at least 15 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: <https://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 its availability in your child's individual schedule.

Physical Education	
Course	Course Description
Magnet Health and Physical Education (18 week course)	Healthful Living is required for all 6th grade students and includes health education and physical education. These two courses complement each other as students learn how to be healthy and physically active for a lifetime.
Computer Skills and Technology	
Course	Course Description
Digital Literacy & Keyboarding (18 week course)	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. In this crucial course, will learn to use proper keyboarding techniques to improve accuracy, speed and general efficiency in computer operation.
Language Acquisition Courses	
Course	Course Description
Chinese Beginning Year 1 (Year Long Course)	This course is an introduction to Mandarin Chinese
French Beginning Year 1 (Year Long Course)	This course in an introduction to the French language
Spanish Beginning Year 1 (Year Long Course)	This course in an introduction to the Spanish Language
Spanish 1 Heritage/Immersion Beginning (Year long course)	This is a course in reading and writing Spanish for native Spanish speakers.
Fine Arts Electives	
Course	Course Description
Beginning Band-Year long	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.
Beginning Strings-Year long	Beginning Strings is a course designed for students who are interested in playing a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass) for the first time. Previous experience is

	not needed for this class. This course will cover basic fundamentals of rhythm, note reading, posture, watching the conductor, bowing, pizzicato and learning how to perform as a group.
Chorus- 18 weeks	Students learn how to use traditional notation in order to learn music, and to respond correctly to conductors' gestures both in rehearsal and public performance. Students will study vocal music and its relationship to other cultures, eras and geographical locations.
Magnet Piano-18 weeks	This course provides opportunities for students to develop their musical potential and understanding of notes and scales. Study includes the keys, notes, and scales associated with beginning piano skills. No prerequisite course is required and participants will engage in public performances
Magnet Choreography/Improvisation	Introduction to creating your own composition
Magnet Acting	Magnet Acting focuses on the beginning aspects of acting.
Magnet Best of Broadway	Students learn various dances choreographed in a musical performance.
Magnet Cultural Crafts	Students learn about crafts from around the world.
Magnet Improvisation (Drama)	Magnet Improvisation is a course which prepares students for active, quick thinking performance
Magnet Introduction to Dance 1/Ballet/Modern Dance	In Magnet Introduction to Dance, students learn various movements and participate in performances.
Magnet Music in the Media	This course explores music and the role it plays in persuading and luring audience in today's media. Students will collect, analyze, and evaluate music employed by the media in order to effectively apply their new knowledge to create their own musical manipulations.
Magnet Percussion Ensemble 18 weeks	Drums are a universal language. This course explores the rhythms of percussion and how all societies have beat their drums to be heard and felt.
Magnet Playwriting	Students develop specific skills that allow them to study and create characters for the stage. Activities include stage directions, simple set and costume design, prop collection, and play production. Students will not have afterschool practices and performances.
Magnet Technical Theater	Students conduct an intensive study of the technical processes necessary for theatre productions.
Magnet Visual Arts Exploratory	This course introduces student to the Elements of Visual Art and Design; (Color, Form, Line, Shape, Space, Texture, and Value). Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture projects will be created. Students will also explore the Visual Elements of Art through creation of two and three-dimensional works of art. Application of these elements to the students' own original artwork is the major emphasis. In addition, students will be introduced

	to prominent past, contemporary, and multicultural artists.
Visual Composition	This course is continuation of Visual Arts Exploratory, and is an in-depth study of the Principles of Visual Art and Design.(Balance, Contrast, Emphasis, Movement, Pattern, Rhythm, and Unity). Students will create two dimensional works of art. Drawing, painting, and cut paper are among the techniques used in completing pictures with oil and chalk pastels,markers, paints, colored paper, and other media. Application of these principles to the students' own original artwork is the major emphasis. In addition, students will be introduced to prominent past, contemporary, and multicultural artist.

Subject Area Electives	
Course	Course Description
Exploratory Languages: French, Chinese, Russian (18 week courses)	These courses are introductions to food, geography, government, and basic conversational vocabulary of the language.
Magnet Mathematical Adventures	Students will use art, science, film, and literature to engage in activities to hone their literacy and math skills including numbers and operations, measurement, geometry, and data analysis.
Magnet Bank On It	This course is designed to introduce students to financial mathematics both locally and internationally. Students will have the opportunity to see how basic math skills are used in banking and finance. By gaining an understanding of these skills, students will be better equipped to make financially sound decisions in the future.
Exploring Interpersonal Relationships and Childcare (Career and Technical Education)	Students learn how to care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. They explore learning activities, discipline techniques, and safety precautions in caring for young children.
Exploring Nutrition and Wellness (Career and Technical Education)	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 Apparel and Interior Design/Understanding Personal Finance and Hospitality (Career and Technical Education)	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.

Other Subject Area electives will be assigned based on availability.

OPEN HOUSE: March 6th, from 6pm -7:30pm Information, elective fair and tours