



Holly Ridge MS

2018 – 2019

6th Grade Elective Course Offerings

The elective courses listed below are options for 6th grade students. Your child will select 4 electives from this list. You can find out more information on our school's website: (hollyridgems.wcpss.net) .

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
Beginning Band (year-long) *Choose either: Woodwind _____ Brass/Percussion _____	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.
Digital Literacy & Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing (CSA I)	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. English language arts and mathematics are reinforced.
Exploring Interpersonal Relationships and 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, early child care and education, and interior design. Students are eligible to receive the American Red Cross® Babysitter certification. English language arts and mathematics are reinforced.
Exploring Apparel and Interior Design & Understanding Personal Finance and Hospitality	This 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.
Introduction to Dance	This course introduces creative movement, improvisation, and choreography through basic modern dance techniques.
Introduction to Theatre Elective	This course is an overview of dramatic techniques. Students develop communication skills through study in dialogue, pantomime, improvisation, speech/diction, and role play.
Invention and Innovation & Exploring Innovation and Design	This middle school course focuses on applying 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. Emphasis is placed on brainstorming, visualizing, modeling, testing, and refining designs.

Technological Issues and Impacts & Exploring Technological Systems	This middle school course focuses on students' understanding how technological systems work together to solve problems and capture opportunities.
Music Exploratory	Students are introduced to the skills necessary for singing and playing music with accuracy and expression while interpreting the sound 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.
Beginning Spanish	This course begins the study of the Spanish language and culture and is the first part in the Spanish curriculum series for high school credit. Major topics include greetings, conversation questions, telling time, classroom objects, asking for help, the parts of the body, infinitive verbs, expressing likes and dislikes, definite and indefinite articles, adjectives, subject pronouns, the present tense of -ar verbs, and the plurals of nouns and articles. Students who successfully complete this course should continue the Spanish curriculum series for high school credit by taking Intermediate Spanish.
Visual Arts Exploratory	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. Application of these elements to the students' own original art work is the major emphasis while being introduced to art history and critical analysis of master work as well as their own.