



**2024-2025**

## **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

\*\*Electives are offered based on student request and space availability\*\*

### **EXPLORATORY WHEEL** (Trimester)

Students in this elective option will explore different subjects as they cycle through each trimester. The exploratory units may include: Art, Intro to Engineering, Intro to Digital Photography, and Music Appreciation. Students will be randomly assigned to a different unit each trimester.

- **Art** – Students will explore the elements of art while working with a variety of materials and tools. This course will emphasize exploration of art techniques including line drawing, painting, shading, and portraiture. Students will also learn about a variety of famous artists as inspiration for their own assignments.
- **Intro to Engineering** – In this course, students will learn the basics of engineering, different careers in engineering, and the design process. Students will engage in different STEM challenges and showcase their work at the end of the trimester.
- **Intro to Digital Photography** – In this course, students will dive into the exciting world of visual storytelling through hands-on, creative assignments that explore various compositional techniques. From rule of thirds, perspective, leading lines, etc., students will learn how to make their images visually compelling while adhering to the standards of great photography! Students will learn the basics of using a digital SLR camera to produce aesthetically pleasing and technically sound images.
- **Music Appreciation** – Students will explore the elements of music by: 1) learning basic music reading skills, 2) listening to and analyzing music selections, 3) composing, producing, and publishing music on a web-based platform, and 4) sharing their own preferences of music with peers.

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE BAND** (Year-long)

Band is a yearlong performance class and is designed for the wind and percussion instrument students. The band will play a variety of music and perform at school concerts and festivals. Instrument choices include flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, sax, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion (drums/mallets).

### **CHORUS** (Year-Long)

This course emphasizes engaged singing with proper vocal production. Singers will be exposed to a variety of musical genres and styles that will broaden their musical and cultural experience through rehearsal and performance.

### **ORCHESTRA 1** (Year-Long)

Orchestra is a yearlong performance class and is designed for the stringed-instrument student. The group will play a variety of string orchestra music and perform at school concerts and festivals.