

2024-25 CHOICE CLASS OPTIONS FOR Year 1/6TH GRADE STUDENTS

WEST MILLBROOK MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Choice classes 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 choice classes that your child can choose to take. The choice classes listed below are options for Year 1/6th grade students. **Your child will select one (1) choice class from each group (Arts, Design, Language Acquisition) 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/westmillbrookms>

It is important to note that the availability of choice classes is dependent upon each school's master schedule, and choosing a choice class does not guarantee its availability in your child's individual schedule.

Arts Choice Classes	Course Description
Beginning Band	Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument.
Intro to Dance	This course introduces creative movement, improvisation, and choreography through basic modern dance techniques.
Magnet Intro to Theatre	This course is an overview of dramatic techniques. Students develop communication skills through study in dialogue, pantomime, improvisation, speech/diction, and role play.
Magnet Vocal Music Ensemble (Chorus)	Students apply correct singing technique and various elements of musical expression through developmentally appropriate and historic vocal literature.
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.
Design Choice Classes	Course Description
Computer Science Discoveries 1	Students will use a problem-solving process to address a series of puzzles, challenges, and real-world scenarios. They will learn how computers input, output, store, and process information to help humans solve problems. Students will also learn how to create and share the content on their own web pages using HTML and CSS. They will also practice valuable programming skills such as debugging, using resources, and teamwork.
Exploring Technology I	Discover and use technology, engineering, and design journals and the Engineering Design Process. Construct and test prototypes to various design challenges. Experiment with different types of energy sources. Explore the knowledge and skills for careers in technology, engineering, and design pathways.

Exploring Nutrition & Wellness	The modules that are covered in this course are: interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, child development and education.
Exploring Apparel & Interior Design	The modules that are covered in this course are: personal finance and resource management, food service and hospitality, apparel, and interior design.
Fundamentals of Ag Science/Agriculture and Our Economic & Social Well-being	This middle school course focuses on the agricultural and medical industry with emphasis on the relationship of science and technology that affects agriculture, medicine, and health care.
Magnet Odyssey of the Mind	Students develop problem-solving skills through logic activities. Students apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.
Language Acquisition Choice Classes	Course Description
Beginning Chinese	This course includes an introduction of grammar as well as emphasis on listening, speaking, reading, writing, and culture.
Beginning French	This course is an introduction to French language and culture. Major topics include classroom objects, numbers, colors, the calendar, greetings, telling time, weather expressions, common verbs, foods, the family, clothing, animals, basic prepositions, negative expressions, adjectives, and commands. Students who complete this course successfully should next take Intermediate French.
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.