



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Description

### **Beginning Band:** *\*\*No band student will start on percussion\*\** [Beginning Band Video](#)

Open to any student at Gaiser Middle School. You will learn how to play a band instrument, read music, and will perform in concerts throughout the year. Students will have the opportunity to go on a field trip. Learning music does take regular practice at home on your instrument. Most students rent an instrument from the local music store; Gaiser does have some instruments to loan out if renting is not possible. Music is something that you can play for the rest of your life! Students may start on flute, clarinet, trumpet, baritone, or trombone. If a student is interested in percussion (drums) or another instrument they must audition after the first concert.

### **Concert Band:** *\*\*Prerequisite: 5th Grade Band\*\** [Concert Band Video](#)

Open to students that have had a successful year in Beginning Band. This band performs at concerts, assemblies, goes on field trips, and participates in marching band in the spring. Students in this class are continuing on their instruments and may switch instruments based on the band director's choice. All students attempt to improve individually on their instruments through home practice. Most students have their own instruments but the school does have limited instruments to loan if renting is not possible.

### **Beginning Orchestra:** [Orchestra Video](#)

This class is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students at Gaiser Middle School who want to learn how to play the violin, viola, cello, or string bass. No experience necessary! You will learn how to play a string instrument, read music, and perform in concerts throughout the year. Students will have the opportunity to go on field trips and explore new activities. Learning music does take regular practice at home on your instrument. Most students rent an instrument from the local music store, but the school does have some they can loan for a student who cannot afford to rent one. Music is something that you can play for the rest of your life! This class is a great place to push yourself, explore, be creative, make friends, and prepare for the next level orchestra whether it's here at Gaiser or high school.

### **Choir:** [Choir Video](#)

Discover the joy of music and the power of harmony in our beginning choir! Unleash your voice, learn foundational skills, and build lasting friendships through shared melodies. Explore a variety of musical styles like pop, musical theater and movie themes. We will take our talents out into the community to sing at elementary schools and community events. Join us and let your voice soar in our vibrant musical community

### **Rotation Classes:**

#### **Visual Art:**

This course introduces students to the Elements of Art and Principles of Design while developing drawing skills and sculpting techniques. Studio experiences in the classroom will give students opportunities to experience a variety of media (pencil, pen, ink, charcoal, pastel, watercolor, tempera paint, clay, packing tape, paper mache, and wire) while developing student's individual style and creative problem solving skills. Students will demonstrate their ability to respond, to analyze and to interpret their own artwork and the work of others through discussions, critiques, and self-reflections.

#### **Intro to Technology:**

Students will be introduced to various forms of technology including the use of their computers and other tech equipment. They will learn professionalism and how to work as a group and trouble-shooting skills that often accompany the use of technology. This could comprise these lessons, but not limited to: Google applications, engineering, forensic science, alternative energy, nutrition, robotics, and manufacturing