



Holly Grove Middle School

2024-25 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS



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 our 6th grade students here at Holly Grove Middle School. Your child will select **4 electives** from this list. Your elementary school will support your child in entering their selections for the registration process in Powerschool. You can find out more information on our school's website: <https://www.wcpss.net/hollygrovems>, under the Students tab in the Student Services section.

It is important to note that the availability of elective courses is dependent upon the Holly Grove Middle School master schedule, and choosing an elective does not guarantee its availability in your child's individual schedule. In addition, students who do not complete registration will be placed in electives based on availability.

Select 4 electives from this list (unless you are choosing Beginning Band):

Year Long Elective Course Option(s):

Arts Education	
Course	Course Description
Beginning Band (Year-Long Course) If you select this course, please do not select any others.	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. Note: A student must take band in sixth grade if they wish to participate in band during 7th and 8th grade. (You must also be in Band in grades 6, 7 and 8 to take High School Band.)

Quarter Long Elective Course Option(s):

Family and Consumer Science Education	
Course	Course Description
Exploring Social and Emotional Skills (Quarter-Long Course)	Gain an understanding of social and emotional learning. Explore communication skills, self-awareness, self-management, and careers in the human services field. Cultivate responsible decision-making skills, social awareness, and interpersonal relationships. Gain the knowledge and skills for careers in human services.

Career and Technical Education	
Course	Course Description
Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing (Quarter-Long Course)	Improve in the application of the touch method of keyboarding. Draft basic documents using proper formatting techniques. Establish a foundation for effective technology use by learning to type. Explore the knowledge and skills for careers in the Computer Science, IT, and Technology pathways.

Fine Arts Education

Course	Course Description
Visual Arts Exploratory (Quarter-Long Course)	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 artwork is the major emphasis while being introduced to art history and critical analysis of master work as well as their own.
Introduction to Theatre (Quarter-Long Course)	This course is an overview of dramatic techniques. Students develop communication skills through study in dialogue, pantomime, improvisation, speech/diction, and role play.

World Language Education

Course	Course Description
Exploratory Language - Spanish (Quarter-Long Course)	This course is intended as a link between the elementary language programs or as an initial introduction to the Spanish language. The exploratory course does not aim to build proficiency in communication skills but focuses on increasing the understanding of the language culture, building an appreciation for the value of learning another language, and increasing the motivation for future language study. The exploratory curriculum may emphasize the use of songs, games, and activities to practice the new language and to learn about the culture. This course is not included in the Spanish curriculum series for high school credit.

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