

2021-2022 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS

Apex Middle School

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 6th grade students attending Apex Middle School. Your child will select **Band** as an elective or participate in our **Exploratory Path**. This means that they will be assigned four 9 week electives from the list below. You can find out more information on our school's website:

<https://www.wcpss.net/ApexMS>

It is important to note that the availability of elective courses is dependent upon each school's master schedule.

Course	Course Description
Exploring Technology	Offers engaging activities and hands-on projects, students focus on understanding how criteria, constraints, and processes affect designs.
Exploring Social & Emotional Skills	Emphasis placed on interpersonal relationships, nutrition, wellness, child development and education.
Keyboarding	Students learn the touch-typing method of keyboarding skills. Additionally, students learn basic formatting, editing, and word processing. This course is strongly recommended to learn necessary computer classroom and lifelong skills.
Exploring Personal Characteristics & Careers	Students will learn how their personal interests, attitudes, values, learning styles and skills impact their future career choices.
Beginning Band (year long)	Emphasizes the acquisition of basic musical skills. No previous musical experience is required. Several musical selections are performed for an audience. A few evening performances should be anticipated. Students may begin on flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone, and will have an opportunity to transition to other instruments, later in the school year. Initially, classes are divided between brass instruments and woodwind instruments.
Music Exploratory	Introduction 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.
Exploratory Art	Introduces students to art history, elements and principles of art. Projects emphasize skills & techniques through a variety of media that may include: drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture. Application of these elements to the students' own original artwork is the major emphasis.
Exploratory Spanish	An introduction to the Spanish language and culture. Students will explore Spanish vocabulary and structures in order to communicate using short, memorized phrases. Topics include introductions, greetings, and biographical information. This course is not included in the curriculum series for high school credit.