

**MATH & ELECTIVE OFFERINGS FOR SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS**  
**ALBEMARLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**HENLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2026-2027**

We are excited to welcome you to Henley Middle School next year! As we begin preparing our schedule for the next school year, we would like your input for math and elective course offerings. All sixth graders will take a course in Science, History, Language Arts and Physical Education/Health, which are not grouped by ability. Students will register for Math 6 or Compacted Math depending on their math ability level.

**Math 6** courses typically emphasize skills in numerical operations (including basic operations and their proper order); measurement; patterns; simple functions; geometry; and concepts of data analysis, including statistics and probability. Specific content depends upon state standards for grade 6.

**Math 6 Compacted** combines 6th, 7th, and 8th grade mathematics into a comprehensive curriculum. Math 6 compacted is designed to present a logical development as an introductory course to Algebra that emphasizes basic concepts and skills and fundamental operations. Students will develop proficiency in numerical operations, algebra, geometry, and data analysis, including statistics and probability. Math 6, Math 7 and Math 8 standards are covered in order to prepare students to take Honors Algebra I in 7th grade. The course aligns with state standards, providing a rigorous progression through middle school math concepts.

All 6th grade students have two elective options:

In **Option One**, students select Band 6, Chorus 6, or Orchestra 6 as a **year-long class** that will meet every other day for the entire school year.

- Band 6
- Chorus 6
- Orchestra 6

OR

In **Option Two**, students will take **4 nine-week** exploratory courses. Every student who selects this option will take:

- Art 6
- AVID 6
- Career Investigations
- World Language Exploratory

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Math:** Please circle one

**Math 6 or Math 6 Compacted**

**Elective:** Please circle one

**Band 6 Chorus 6 Orchestra 6 Exploratory**

-----6th Grade Year-Long Elective Course Description-----

**OPTION ONE**

**Band 6:** Band courses help students develop techniques for playing brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments and their ability to perform a variety of concert band literature styles. These courses may emphasize rehearsal and performance experiences in a range of styles and also include experiences in creating and responding to music.

**Chorus 6:** Chorus courses develop students' vocal skills within the context of a large choral ensemble in which they perform a variety of styles of repertoire. These courses are designed to develop students' vocal techniques and their ability to sing parts and include experiences in creating and responding to music.

**Orchestra 6:** Strings courses provide students the fundamentals of music and bowed-string instrument literature and techniques and may include more advanced techniques. These courses teach students the appropriate care, handling, and maintenance of musical instruments. Formal and informal performances are included as part of string instrument instructional programs as well as experiences in creating and responding to music.

-----6th Grade Rotation Exploratory Course Descriptions-----

**OPTION TWO**

**Art 6:** In this course, you'll get to explore lots of different types of art! You'll learn about different cultures and art styles from around the world, which will help you appreciate art even more. You'll develop your own artistic skills and try out different activities like drawing, painting, sculpting, and crafts. As you work on these projects, you'll become better at understanding and creating art. You'll also learn how art connects to other subjects you're studying and develop your own artistic style. Specific course content conforms to existing grade 6 state standards.

**AVID 6:** AVID is a nationally recognized program for students who have the capability to achieve in rigorous, college preparatory courses but may currently be underachieving. The AVID elective provides students with academic support and motivational activities.

**Career Investigations:** Students will investigate a variety of career clusters, analyze their personal assets, select career fields or occupations for further study, and create a plan based on their academic and career interests. They will also explore Albemarle County specialty centers and academies.

**World Language Exploratory:** Designed to introduce students to two or more languages in a single course of study, Exploration of World Languages courses provide students with general information about the spoken and written languages and introduce the relationships among the products, practices, and perspectives of the associated cultures.