

2014-15 USD 497 Middle School Course Request Form

GRADE 6



Please review the information below and make corrections on this form as needed.

Student:

Primary Parent/Guardian:

Current Address:

Email:

Phone:

Home Phone:

Secondary Parent/Guardian:

Address:

Gender:

Email:

Phone:

5th Grade Teacher:

Elementary School:

Assigned Middle School (based on address):

What do we study in 6 th grade?		
Advisory	Advisory provides every student with an adult advisor who serves as an advocate and a small group leader. The group meets on a regular basis.	
Integrated Core	All 6 th grade students will receive instruction in Math, Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science during the integrated core block. Math course recommendation will be based on MAP scores, KSA, class performance, and 5th grade teacher input. Parents will receive a letter in June with the recommendation and further information.	
Physical Education	All 6 th grade students will have Physical Education every other day throughout the year. Students will develop competency in motor skills, movement pattern, and health-enhancing behaviors.	
Guided Studies	All 6 th grade students will have Guided Studies every other day throughout the year. Guided Studies is a designated time to provide targeted skill instruction to meet individual student needs.	
Required Exploratory Courses	Art 6 (9 weeks)	Skill development will include creating 2 D and 3 D works of art while exploring elements of line, color, value, texture, form and space.
	Music 6 (9 weeks)	Skill development will include playing instruments, singing, reading and notating music.
	Healthy Living 6 (9 weeks)	Students will enhance decision making skills, refusal skills, apply safety rules, apply conflict resolution skills, identify behaviors that prevent disease, identify importance of nutrition and physical activity, and describe how to access health information.
	Computer Essentials 6 (9 weeks)	This course introduces students to the basic areas of technology through hands-on activities and project-based learning. Students will develop touch typing skills, refine document formatting skills, and explore current technologies and appropriate etiquette for using email, the Internet, Web 2.0 tools, and Paint.
Elective Choice	Band 6 (one year)	Students will have the opportunity to begin study on a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Instruction includes learning to read band music, proper playing technique, scales, rhythm, sight-reading and other principles of music theory, music history and music performance.
	Orchestra 6 (one year)	Students will have the opportunity to begin study on violin, viola, cello or bass. Instruction includes learning to read orchestral music, proper playing technique, scales, rhythm, sight-reading and other principles of music theory, music history and music performance.
	Introduction to Technology and Communication Arts 6 (one year)	Introduction to Technology and Communication Arts is designed to promote academic skills, positive self-esteem and confidence. In technology class, students will be exposed to a variety of technology topics and learn real world applications of those systems and be involved in the manufacturing of a hands-on project. In Communication Arts, the student will develop public speaking and communication skills to express his/her ideas and feelings both formally or informally in a safe, success-oriented environment.

Elective Courses: (Choose ONE)

_____ **Band 6** Instrument Preference: _____

OR

_____ **Orchestra 6** Instrument Preference: _____

OR

_____ **Introduction to Technology and Communication Arts**

Parent Signature

Student Signature

FORMS ARE DUE to 5th GRADE TEACHER BY FEBRUARY 17, 2014