

WEBBER MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION GRADE 6



Required classes for every general education 6th grader are as follows:

English/Language Arts 6 AND Math 6 (meets daily)
Science 6 AND Social Studies 6 (meets every other day)
Physical Education 6 (one semester only)
CONNECT - Advisory 6 (meets for 20 minutes, three days a week)

6th graders are also introduced to a quarterly rotation of electives. They will experience **all** of the following classes:

~Art Activity and Appreciation

~Web 2.0 Technology

~Intro to Technology

~Family and Consumer Sciences

~World Language Explorations

Notes: If a student is not at a proficient level in reading, he/she may be placed in English/Language Arts 6 Strategic (Reading Literacy, a year-long class) in place of four of the quarter electives classes or yearlong elective. For students who are not proficient or passing all core classes, we may provide support through a content specific study hall.

G/T students will be placed in Eng/Lang Arts 6 Honors.

6th graders have <u>TWO</u> elective choices (course descriptions are on the back).

PARENT/GUARDIAN: Please discuss these choices with your student and complete the Microsoft Form by accessing the QR code above or accessing the following URL: https://forms.office.com/r/VsFL8Y60JK. Please submit only one form per student.

- 1) You will choose one quarter-long elective:
 - ~Music Explorations 6

or

~Choir 6

- You will choose one year-long elective:
 - -Band 6 percussion & wind instruments or
 - ~Orchestra 6 string instruments or
 - Webber 101 Extended Learning Opportunity
 A four-quarter enrichment program.
 See description on back side.

Instrumental music is a year-long commitment. If a schedule change is requested, it will involve the music director in collaboration with the principal. It is highly recommended students participate in the Summer Music Program, July 18 – August 5.

To access all course descriptions, visit our website at web.psdschools.org and go to the core academics and electives & enrichment tabs or by grade level under the Counseling tab, Enrollment & Registration.

6th Grade Elective Choice Course Descriptions

Quarter Long Elective Choices:

<u>Music Explorations 6</u>: Exploration of different musical styles and development of skills that are basic to musical understanding and appreciation. Music exploration performance is limited to class.

OR

<u>Choir 6</u>: In 6th Grade beginning choir, we learn the basics of vocal technique, music theory, and performance. This class is rehearsal based and we practice then perform songs from various genres and time periods. Beginning choir provides a strong choral foundation that allows students to confidently transition to choir in seventh and eighth grade. Attendance at the 6th grade performance for that quarter is <u>required</u> as part of student's grade.

Year Long Elective Choices:

<u>Band 6</u>: Beginning Band is designed for teaching basic skills to beginning Wind, Brass and Percussion players. Tone, technical facility, music terminology and music reading are stressed through a variety of music literature. Enrollment is based upon completion of the Summer Band Program or by approval of the instructor. If the student is not able to attend the Summer Band Program, he/she should contact the instructor at the middle school they will attend. Attendance at performances is required as a part of the student's grade. (Instruments include flute, clarinet, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion (drum and bells)). Oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet and saxophone are welcome, and all require a student to begin on clarinet.

<u>OR</u>

<u>Orchestra 6</u>: Beginning Orchestra is designed for teaching basic skills to beginning string players. Instrumental technique, music terminology and music reading are stressed through a variety of songs and music literature. Enrollment is based upon completion of the Summer Music Program or by approval of the instructor. If student is not able to attend the Summer Music Program, he/she should contact the instructor at the middle school they will attend. Attendance at performances is required as a part of the student's grade. (Instruments include violin, viola, cello and bass). Harp students may participate in Orchestra but must provide their own instrument and be enrolled in private lessons.

<u>OR</u>

<u>ELO - Extended Learning Opportunity - Webber 101</u>: This four-quarter class is designed to help sixth-grade students integrate into their new environment and build skills to foster success in middle school and beyond. These skill sets will include but are not limited to establishing good study habits, time management, social interaction, leadership, creativity, and critical thinking strategies.