

FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL



SOARING TO YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

6th Grade
2021 - 2022 Enrichments

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Band (full year, previous experience required)



Membership is open to all students who have successfully completed a previous band class and/or teacher recommendation. The course will be a continuation of the technical training started in elementary school. Students will also attend a weekly group lesson. There are two required performances for this ensemble (winter concert and spring concert).

Choir (full year)

Any student interested in singing a variety of music from classical and folk to jazz and pop is invited to join Choir. Focus is also given to developing good singing technique, the ability to read music and ear training. There are two required performances for this ensemble (winter concert and spring concert).



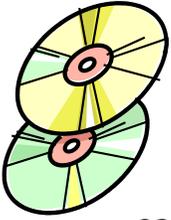
Orchestra (full year, previous experience required)

This course is available to students who have prior orchestral instruction. The requirement for 6th grade orchestra is at least two years of consecutive study at the elementary level and/or teacher recommendation. Students will develop and polish technical skills related to their string instrument through a variety of repertoire. There are two required performances for this ensemble (winter concert and spring concert).

Guitar I

This course is available to any student who has an interest in learning how to play the guitar, how to read music and how basic music theory works.

Music Technology



During the semester, students will learn about the science of sound and music. Students will also learn how to use microphones and editing program Soundation to create original music, and other projects such as podcasts. Other topics explored include careers in music and technology, and the history of recorded music.

Exploring Musical Theatre



This class will explore famous Broadway musicals while students discover how musicals come together. Students will learn about the history of musicals, jobs in musical theatre, acting and stage terms and watch select famous musicals. Students will participate in acting exercises, improvisation, performing monologues, performing short scenes and more. This class is recommended for students who are considering participation in the Spring Musical at FMS.

Digital Citizenship



The digital citizenship course will teach 21st century skills that will allow students to think critically, behave safely and participate in our digital world. Students will learn strategies for managing their online information and keeping it secure from risks. Students will learn to protect their own privacy and respecting the privacy of others. Students will be taught the responsibilities required when creating, consuming and sharing information online. Students will explore ways to find, evaluate and use information effectively. Students will reflect on how intrapersonal and interpersonal skills can be used to strengthen positive online communication. Students will learn what to do if they are involved in a cyber-bullying situation.

Exploring Technology: An Introduction to Engineering

The emphasis of this course is to introduce the student to the basic concepts of engineering. Students will work hands-on in teams to design, build, and test their engineered projects. Topics will include engineering-design activities and the study of processes that affect design. Students will also develop skills in working as a team, researching for information, and communicating design information.

Computer Science Unplugged I

This course will give students a basic understanding of computer science through hands on activities including coding. The activities will introduce students to Computational Thinking through concepts such as binary numbers, algorithms, programming, and data compression. Students will learn the basic ideas behind computer programming including how to modify and create computer based games.

Exploring Art

This is an introduction to art. This course seeks to familiarize students with the fundamental elements and principles of art. Basic drawing is introduced through modeling, followed by hands on projects. Students will work with pencil, marker, pastel, colored pencil, paint, and ink. Art appreciation and history is integrated with art creation.



Healthy Living

The middle school years is a time of change which can sometimes be challenging as you mature socially, emotionally, physically and academically. The purpose of this course is to have students evaluate the many influences placed on them including social media, stereotypes, society and their peers. Students will develop skills so that they can navigate this time of change successfully. Methods will include discussion, debate, evaluation, and role playing.

**** All 6th grade students must be enrolled in a World Language and Financial Literacy Course ****

In the 6th Grade year students will select a World Language. This course will be combined with our Financial Literacy course with students having each course for one Marking Period.

Financial Literacy

This introductory Financial Literacy course will help middle school students understand the importance of money in their life. Throughout the course students will explore topics such as: budgeting, saving, credit, debt and more. As the semester concludes each student will have an opportunity to have a virtual career so they can demonstrate their skills learned throughout the course.



Passport Program

Would you like to travel around the world? Students enrolled in the Passport Program take one semester of French, Italian, and Spanish throughout middle school. The Passport Program provides world-readiness by preparing students to participate in a multilingual environment that values other cultures, with the goal of developing a beginner proficiency in French, Italian, and Spanish.

The World Language teachers offer differentiated instruction through tiered assignments, the station-rotation model, open-ended performance tasks, and leveled target language reading groups. Students who successfully complete the Passport Program enroll in either French I, Italian I, or Spanish I in Ewing High School.

Exploring French

Exploring French provides a solid foundation for language learning through basic language skills. These skills include listening and reading comprehension. Pronunciation and letter-sound correspondences are emphasized as students learn to express names, greetings, introductions, numbers, dates, days of the week and weather. Communication in the French language is consistently reinforced by use of classroom commands and useful classroom phrases.



Exploring Spanish

Students are invited to explore the culture and geography of Spanish speaking regions around the world. Exploring Spanish is a communicative class which enables students to express basic greetings, names, introductions, numbers 0-100, basic math problems in the target language, recognizing the cognates, using the class commands in daily activities, age, days of the week, months, dates, seasons and weather.



Exploring Italian

Italian is one of the most popular Romance Languages in the world and it is spoken by over 60 million people. The goal of this course is to prepare students for Italian 1 at Ewing High School. The students will learn basic communication skills. These skills include listening, reading, speaking and writing. Communication in the Italian language will be used consistently in the classroom through the use of commonly used commands and useful classroom phrases. Pronunciation and speaking skills are emphasized as students discuss greeting expressions, telling time and describing themselves and family members. In addition, students will be exposed to Italian culture including pop music, art and cuisine.