

# FISHER MIDDLE SCHOOL



*SOARING TO YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL*

6th Grade  
2023 - 2024 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, music theory, performance technique, 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 editing program BandLab to create original music, and other projects such as podcasts. Students will also learn basic music theory for use with the Samsung M25 MIDI keyboard, which works directly with BandLab.

### **Exploring Musical Theatre**

This class will explore famous Broadway musicals while students discover the people and processes involved in the production of a musical. 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 short scenes, as well as writing and starring in their own creations. This class is recommended for students who are considering participation in the Spring Musical at FMS.



## **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.

**\*\*All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must be enrolled in a  
World Language and Financial Literacy Course\*\***

*In the 6th Grade year, students will take the Exploring World Language course.  
This course will be combined with our Financial Literacy course. Students will  
have each course for one marking period.*

## **Exploring World Languages**

In this course students will have the opportunity to explore both French and Spanish at the middle school level for half a marking period. This partially computer based experience will empower the students to choose which language whether it be French or Spanish to continue learning for the duration of their middle school careers.

## **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.

**\*\* All 6<sup>th</sup> students will be enrolled in our  
Digital and Media Literacy course as a district requirement\*\***

## **Digital and Media Literacy**

Students will learn how to use a variety of digital tools to create, share, and communicate online. They will understand the importance of navigating safely and efficiently in a digital world and how to respectfully interact with the world digitally. Students will also learn how to access, evaluate, and use information accurately, fairly, and ethically.