River View Middle School

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6th Grade
Course Description Guide

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Reasonable Accommodations

An opportunity will be available during the selection process for persons with disabilities to advise the District of any need for reasonable accommodation.

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River View Middle School

GRADE 6 REGISTRATION FORM 2020-21

Name_____

Last First Middle

_____Male _____Female

All 6th grade students will be placed in the core classes of Math, English/Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Physical Education will automatically be scheduled for all year every other day and art will be automatically scheduled every other day for one semester. All sixth grade students are required to take one music class from which they have options to choose as listed below. It is highly recommended that all students take a variety of classes while they attend River View Middle School.

Please complete the two steps below in selecting classes for 6th grade.

The following required Encore courses will be automatically placed in your schedule…

- **Physical Education** will be automatically scheduled every other day for the year.
- **Art** will automatically be placed in your schedule every other day for a semester.

Step 1 – Music – Students in 6th grade are required to take at least ONE music course. Students can select Band, Choir, or Orchestra (or a combination). If students are **not interested in Band, Choir, or Orchestra, they must select General Music.** Select the Music class you wish to take below.

9160 _____ Band *

9260 _____ Choir *

9360 _____ Orchestra *

9161 _____ General Music *(Semester long class for those students who do not wish to take Band, Choir or Orchestra)*

**meets every other day for the full year*

Step 2 - Other Encore class choices - Please rank all options: 1- high and 4- low based on interest. These courses meet every other day for a semester.

9001 _____Technology Education 1

9460 _____Technology Application

9560 _____A Healthy You

9660 _____World Languages

How many of the "ranked" classes will fit in my schedule?

- By choosing **General Music**, students will receive **all** of the ranked Encore classes.
- Students choosing **one of the Band, Choir, or Orchestra classes** will receive **three** of the ranked Encore classes.
- Students choosing **two of the Band, Choir, or Orchestra classes** will receive **one** of the ranked Encore classes.

Though the school will do its best to place all preferred classes in a student's schedule there is no guarantee this will happen as classes are sometimes offered at the same time or are at capacity and therefore do not fit into a student's schedule as requested. Ranking the above classes provides options if we are unable to place first choice classes into a schedule.

6th Grade Required Course Description

Students will automatically be scheduled into these required courses. Students meeting criteria for advanced Math will be placed in the appropriate course at a later time and families will be notified of placement in the summer.

6200 Math 6 All Year-Everyday

Common Core State Standards are delivered through the use of the College Preparatory Math (CPM) program. In this course students will understand the meaning of mathematics and build knowledge from experience and prior understanding. Throughout each unit, students practice making sense of problems and persevere in solving them, reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others, model with mathematics and use appropriate tools strategically, attend to precision, look for/ make use of structure, and express regularity in repeated reasoning. Major topics covered include number theory, fractions, decimals, geometry, and measurement.

6230 Advanced Math 6 All Year-Everyday

The foundation of the course is the Common Core Standards for Mathematical Content and Standards for Mathematical Practices. The lessons expose depth and rigor students need to prepare for career-readiness and other college-level courses. Students will be learning all of the 6th grade standards as well as half of the 7th grade math standards. Scientific calculators are a requirement for this course. This class is for those students who are ready for higher-level skills, can handle a faster pace, and are ready for an enriched math experience. To be eligible for Advanced Math, students must meet the criteria as outlined by the district. **Criteria will include MAP data, state assessment data, classroom assessment data, and teacher recommendation.**

6300 Social Studies 6 All Year - Day 1 or Day 2

Sixth grade Social Studies will continue the fifth grade study of American History by covering United States history starting with the Civil War and continuing to present day. Students will use strong inquiry skills to understand and analyze how local, national, and world events have affected and changed America.

6400 Science 6 All Year - Day 1 or Day 2

Topics of study include the universe, heat and temperature, changes in motion, changes in matter, ecosystems and biomes. These concepts are taught through textbooks, lab/investigations, and other supplemental materials. Our Outdoor Environmental Education content is further expanded by our yearly trip to Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya in Mountain, Wisconsin.

6600 English/Language Arts 6 All Year-Everyday

English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum is based on the Common Core State Standards. Throughout the year, students will study literary fiction/ non-fiction and informational texts. In quarter one, students read and respond widely and deeply to foster a deeper understanding

of the human experience. In quarter two, students use a variety of thinking strategies to understand, analyze, and create text for personal enrichment, inquiry, and problem solving. In quarter three, students collect, analyze, and cite specific evidence to formulate questions, construct arguments, make decisions, and reinforce thinking. In quarter four, students obtain, analyze, and synthesize information from a variety of resources to express information, change perspectives, clarify thinking, and make informed decisions. Students are expected to read independently outside of class.

6th grade required Encore courses descriptions

9960 **Physical Education 6** **All Year - Day 1 or Day 2**

Physical Education is designed to meet the individual needs of all students. At the end of the P.E. school program the students will have an awareness of physical fitness in accordance with his/her capabilities as evidenced by his/her participation in team sports, individual sports, lifetime activities and rhythm activities.

9060 **Art 6** **Semester - Day 1 or Day 2**

Students will expand on 5th grade artistic knowledge through a sequential continuation of creative experiences involving problem solving and individual expression. There will be a strong focus on how elements and principles are integrated in artworks. Students will gain an appreciation and learn techniques for critiquing artwork. This class will also include looking at art styles from various cultures to use as inspirations for their own work.

6th grade students must choose one of the following music courses

9161 **General Music** **Semester - Day 1 or Day 2**

Students will review musical concepts taught in grades 1-5. Students will also read and write using music notation, explore the elements that create music, analyze many genres of music, understand the progression of music through history, and prepare songs on percussive instruments.

9160 **Band 6** **All Year - Day 1 or Day 2**

The ensemble plays a wide variety of music including marches, popular tunes, and standard concert band literature. This music is performed at two concerts throughout the year. In addition to full band rehearsals, students will have a small group lesson every week. Students taking this music course are not required to take General Music. Students are strongly encouraged to have previous band instruction, although this is not a requirement. Students who have not had previous instruction are encouraged to take summer band lessons through the district.

9260 **Choir 6** **All Year - Day 1 or Day 2**

Choir focuses on voice production and concert etiquette. Students will learn how to improve their singing voice and ensemble singing skills. All choir students are required to participate in two evening concerts during the school year.

9360 **Orchestra 6** **All Year-Day 1 or Day 2**

The 6th grade orchestra is open to all students who play or would like to begin playing standard orchestral instruments. Students will have the opportunity to build on fundamentals and technical work learned in Beginning Orchestra. This orchestra meets during the school day as part of the middle school music program. The orchestra performs a minimum of two concerts each school year, participates in a Solo & Ensemble festival in the spring, other festivals, clinics, as well as other public performances, as scheduling permits. Students will also participate in one small group lesson each week. Students taking this music course are not required to take General Music.

Other Encore courses

9001 **Technology Education 1** **Semester - Day 1/Day 2**

Introduction to Technology is a project based class that gives students an opportunity to learn about and use different tools and equipment. Activities and projects will be centered on the four technology areas including communication, construction, manufacturing and transportation. Students will be in both a traditional "shop" and "technology center" environment.

The shop component is about manufacturing, or using different materials and processes to make different projects. The three materials used include metal, plastic and wood. Out of those materials we build a pencil box, an oven rack push/pull and a picture frame/holder. The important thing isn't necessarily the finished projects, but rather the processes learned while building the projects. Some of the equipment used in 6th grade Technology class includes saws, drills, sanders, buffers and welders.

The technology center/computer lab component of 6th grade Exploring Technology is about construction and communication. Projects include floor plan design in a computer aided architecture unit and digital graphic manipulation using Adobe Photoshop. Technology class is for everyone. Prior knowledge of the machines and software listed above isn't required. It's a fun, empowering, hands-on class. Safety, problem solving, quality work and teamwork will be stressed.

9460 **Technology Applications** **Semester - Day 1 or Day 2**

The sixth grade computer curriculum covers important skills students need to know for the future. Students will enhance their Microsoft Word and PowerPoint skills. Students will learn how to use Publisher to create a variety of business documents. Students will also explore how to be safe online, how to cite sources from research, and how to be creative with online apps. Throughout the course, technology terms will be reviewed.

9560 **A Healthy You** **Semester - Day 1 or Day 2**

In this class, you will learn who your family is and why they are important. You will also look at how you and your family members can make contributions to better your family. You will learn the basics of cooking and nutrition, and how to make healthy, nutritious snacks. A variety of discussions, projects, and activities will keep you engaged and interactive throughout the semester.

9660 **World Languages** **Semester - Day 1 or Day 2**

This course is actually divided into two separate classes: French and Spanish.

Students spend their time exploring the language and culture of both languages. Conversation skills, numbers, the alphabet, colors, and cultural components, such as traditions and festivities, are learned through projects, songs, games, and partner activities.