

6th Grade Year Long & Exploratory Course Descriptions

Beginning Band

Code: **MUI101**

Length of course: **36 weeks**

The beginning band course is designed to introduce students to the following: basic instrumental music techniques such as tone production, articulation, breath control, pitch discrimination; melodic and rhythmic concepts and patterns; practice skills and habits; solo, ensemble and full group rehearsals; a variety of instrumental repertoire; opportunities for private instruction; experiences in performing; and sound practice habits.

Creative Thinking

Code: **AACE04**

Length of course: **36 weeks**

Creative Thinking is a yearlong course for identified sixth grade talent pool (talented and gifted) students. TAG/Creative Thinking may be taken for just one semester or all year. The course emphasizes research methods and the completion of investigations and projects based on individual interests. The course is designed to teach independence and organizational skills and to develop the higher-level thinking skills of analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

Read180

Code: **REDF05**

Length of course: **36 weeks**

Read 180 is a program designed to improve reading achievement for students reading below grade level. Read 180 combines reading instruction with effective use of technology. It offers students an opportunity to achieve reading fluency through a combination of instructional, modeled, and independent reading components.

MS Math Support

Code: **MASE01**

Length of course: **36 weeks**

This program is designed to improve knowledge of basic math skills. It offers students an opportunity to strengthen math skills for a solid foundation needed for success in future math classes. The focus includes, but is not limited to, problem solving, math computation, fractions, percents and decimals.

German Conversation/Culture

Code: **FLGF01**

Length of course: **9 weeks**

The Conversational German course is a 9 week course that is part of the 6th grade exploratory wheel. The course emphasizes being able to speak and understand basic language of our host nation. It is designed to help students make an informed choice when selecting foreign language later in his/her school career.

Spanish Conversation/ Culture

Code: **FLSF01**

Length of course: **9 weeks**

The Conversational Spanish course is a 9 week course that is part of the 6th grade exploratory wheel. The course emphasizes being able to speak and understand basic Spanish. It is designed to help students make an informed choice when selecting foreign language later in school career.

Family & Consumer Science

Code: **PTZ101**

Length of course: **9 weeks**

Sixth grade home economics is a nine week course, and a part of the sixth grade wheel. Home economics in the sixth grade is designed to be an introductory course that consists of lessons and activities that are taken from the following areas: Interpersonal Relationships; Food Nutrition; and Clothing and Textiles. Most of the activities are built around the premise of safety in the kitchen and safety working with sewing tools. Interpersonal Relationships are designed to assist the student with making good choices, thinking positively, and decision-making skills.

Computer Apps

Code **PTI101**

Length of course: **9 weeks**

Sixth grade computer applications will build upon typing skills by studying word processing via WORD and Micro Type 3. Many lessons in Word will be taught and proficiency required during one quarter of the 6th grade Wheel. The Word program will be supplemented with Excel and Access for a brief inquiry into spreadsheets and inventory systems.