



# Welcome to 6th grade at Orchard Hills!

For the 2022-2023 School Year

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# CORE VALUES

Have Respect

Act Responsibly

Work Together

Know Your Strengths

Stay Safe

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# PBIS: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

- ★ Encourages appropriate behavior and focuses on positive reinforcement
- ★ Students earn HAWKS rewards and incentives for embodying OH's Core Values



# ATHLETICS: TPSF

Middle Schools offer after school sports (subject to change):

- Cross Country -- Basketball -- Volleyball --





# SERVICE PROJECTS AND CLUBS



**Tech Genius**  
**Fan Theories**  
**Board Game**  
**Star Wars**  
**Homework**  
**Robotics**  
**Christian**

**Film Writing**  
**Youth Action**  
**Science Fair**  
**Girls, Inc.**  
**Band**  
**Math Counts**  
**Friendship**



# OUR BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS



# TYPICAL DAY OF A MIDDLE SCHOOLER

7 periods per day (8:00am - 2:42pm)

43 minutes per period

5 minute passing period

10 minute nutrition break

26 minute NEST period

33 minute lunch

Early Release Wed.  
(8:00am - 1:31pm)





# SCHEDULE – 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

**Core (3 periods) - Honors based on multiple criteria**

- Language Arts
- Reading
- Social Studies

**Math - Accelerated based on multiple criteria**

- Math 6
- Math 6 Accelerated

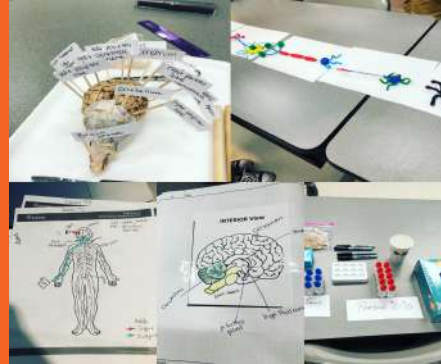
**Science**

- Integrated Science
- NGSS Standards, Graded on Mastery

**Physical Education**

**Elective Class**

- Band, Orchestra or Chorus
- Exploratory Wheel  
(Art, AVID, Music, Speech, Coding, Language, Medical Detectives )
- Competition Robotics





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# In 6th grade, you will have 1 elective period

## Option 1: Elective Wheel

Students will be randomly assigned 4 Exploratory Wheel classes, one per quarter. Students will not be able to select specific classes. Wheel classes listed below may change based on school staffing and/or enrollment needs.

### Example wheel classes:

Art, AVID, Coding, Language, Medical Detectives, Music, & Speech and Debate

## Option 2: Music Class

Mr. Perkins, our music teacher, created a slideshow with specific information regarding the various levels of Band, Chorus and Orchestra.

Please check out [this link](#) if you are interested in any of our music courses.

## Option 3: Competition Robotics

Competition robotics is a class dedicated to building, programming, and competing with a VEX robot. You will increase your skills in communication, teamwork, and engineering. You do not need any prior robotics experience to be considered a great fit for the team.

\*An application is required

Competition Robotics will NOT be a visible option on Aeries. If you have applied to Competition Robotics and get accepted into the class, you will be placed in the course.

# Elective Wheel

**Exploratory Wheel:** See below for a sample of the Wheel courses. Students will be randomly assigned 4 Exploratory Wheel classes, one per quarter. Students will not be able to select specific classes.

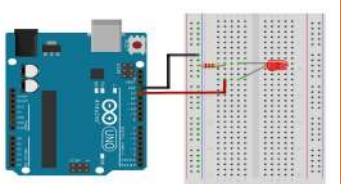


**Art** -In Exploratory Art, students will explore the basic elements of art and principles of design as established in the state art standards.

**AVID**- In Exploratory AVID, students will learn study and organizational skills as well as gain knowledge about college/universities and potential careers.

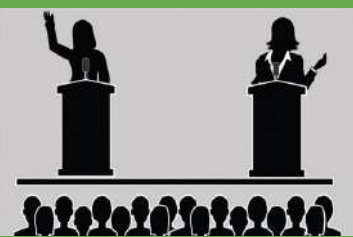


**Coding** - Students will use the C programming language to code while exploring the interactive world of Arduino. Will work on a series of self-paced lessons and design challenges.



**Medical Detectives** - Students play the role of real-life medical detectives as they analyze genetic testing results, solve medical mysteries, measure and interpret vital signs, and learn how the systems of the human body work together to maintain health.

**Music** - In Exploratory Music, students will explore the elements of music including the reading of music, sound generation, modification and structure. Students are exposed to classical and contemporary musical forms



**Speech + Debate** - In Exploratory Speech/Debate, students will explore various oral communication skills to increase personal confidence when speaking before a group.

# Competition Robotics

\*An application is required - Applications are due by **Wednesday, April 27**

Competition Robotics is a class dedicated to building, programming, and competing with a VEX robot. You will increase your skills in communication, teamwork, and engineering. You do not need prior robotics experience to be considered a great fit for the team.

There are 2 class periods for competition robotics:

VEX IQ: 6th and 7th Grade \*Incoming 6th is only eligible for the VEX IQ team.

VEX VRC: 7th and 8th Grade

*\*Competition robotics **will NOT** be an option to select in Aeries. Please select other available electives in Aeries. If you are selected for the team, you will be placed in the course.*



Interested in applying?

Join the [google classroom](#) with code: **ray4rfq**

## 6th Grade Elective:

As a 6th grade student, you will have one year-long elective for next school year. In the following slides, you will follow a step by step guide to assist you as you select your electives.





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# Step #1:

Review each elective's description  
by clicking on

[6th Grade Electives](#)

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## Step #2:

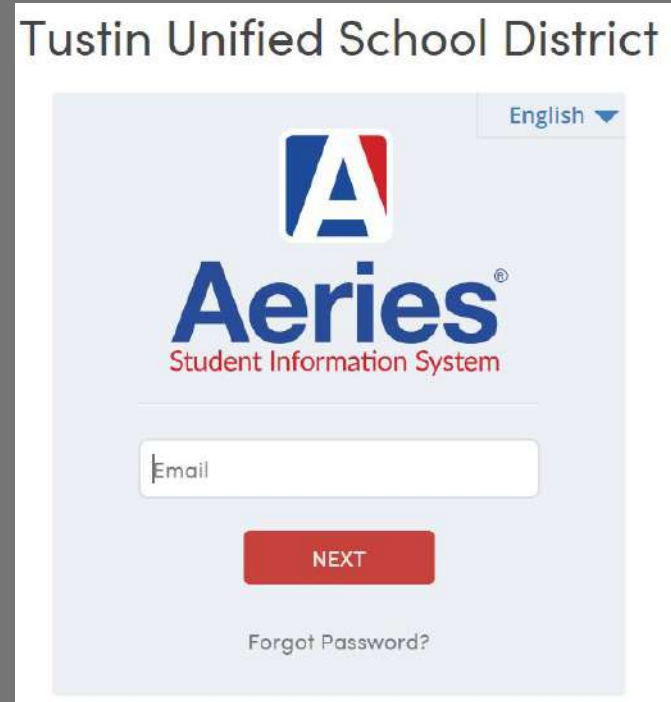
- With your parent, select your (first choice) ONE elective - this will be your PRIMARY elective. Also, select TWO ALTERNATE electives - these will be “back up” electives.
  - Next, the fun part → Selecting your courses in Aeries!
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# Choosing Electives Through the Aeries Portal

Please open your browser and log in to your Aeries portal.

Log in with the STUDENT email, NOT parent

Do NOT use the Aeries App.



# Select PRE-ENROLLED

Test Scores	Change Student
	Orchard, Test - Grd 5 - Orchard Hills Elem-SANDBOX
	Orchard, Test [PRE-ENROLLED] - Grd 6 - Orchard Hills MS-SANDBOX
	Add New Student To Your Account

From the home screen,  
select:

“Change Student”

then

“[Pre-Enrolled]-Grd 6”



# Course Requests Entry Screen

Dashboard Communications Student Info Attendance Grades **Classes** Medical Test Scores Change

Classes  
Course Requests  
**Course Requests Entry**

From the home screen,  
select:

“Classes”

then

“Course Requests Entry”

## Class Summary

Per	Course	Teacher	Room	Gradebook	Mark	Trend	Missing Assignment
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## Calendar

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+ Add New Event

Display: Day

You have no events for this date

# Select Search

To view the  
electives list,  
select:

“Search”



All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.

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Course Requests

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**Special Note: Competition Robotics will NOT be a visible option on Aeries. If you have applied to Competition Robotics and get accepted into the class, you will be placed in the course.**

Filter Courses

Name or Nbr:  Sbj Area: Show All Courses **Search** Remove Filter

- Click A Course To Request or **i** for Info
- |                              |                             |                                |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>i</b> Band Adv (3320)     | <b>i</b> Chorus (3308)      | <b>i</b> Orchestra Adv (3310)  |
| <b>i</b> Band Concert (3306) | <b>i</b> Exploratory (2900) | <b>i</b> Orchestra Cham (3313) |

# Choosing Electives - Primary Request

Course Requests

All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.

Scheduling for grade: 6

Primary Course Requests

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Subject Area

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Chorus (3306)

Type: Academic Course

UC Area: None

CSU Area: None

Request Primary

Request Alternate

Filter Courses

Sbj Area: Show All

Click A Course To Request

20)

Band Concert (3306)

Exploratory (2900)

Orchestra Adv (3310)

Orchestra Cham (3313)

Priority Sort

To select your primary elective, click on the name of the course and then "Request Primary".

**Special Note:**  
Exploratory is the title for the Exploratory Wheel class, which consists of a different elective each quarter

# Choosing Electives - Alternate Requests

To choose your TWO Alternate Requests, click on the name of course and then "Request Alternate." Repeat for 2nd your second alternate.

Exploratory (2900) X

Type: Academic Course  
UC Area: None  
CSU Area: None

Request Primary Request Alternate

Manage

Band Concert (3306)

Chorus (3308)

Orchestra

Exploratory (2900)

Orchestra

Priority Sort



# -Choosing Electives - Confirm Elective Choices

All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.

Scheduling for grade: 6

Course Requests

Primary Course Requests

The school allows a maximum of **1 primary course request**

Subject Area

Courses

Chorus (3308)

Alternate Course Requests

The school allows a maximum of **2 alternate course requests**

Priority Sort

Filter Courses

Name or Nbr:  Sbj Area: Show All Courses

Click A Course To Request or for Info

Band Adv (3320) Chorus (3308) Orchestra Adv (3310)

Band Concert (3306) Exploratory (2900) Orchestra Cham (3313)

Exploratory (2900)

Band Concert (3306)

**Review your choices to make sure they are correct. Remember, you will have 1 PRIMARY REQUEST (your first choice) and 2 ALTERNATE REQUESTS (your back up choices).**

# Manage Alternate Requests

All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.

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Primary Course Requests

The school allows a maximum of 1 primary course request

Subject Area

Alternate Requests

Chorus (3308)

Manage

Priority Sort

The school allows a maximum of 2 alternate course requests

Exploratory (2900)

Band Concert (3306)

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**Step 1: Click on the "Manage" Button**

Manage Alternate Request Association

Primary Course Request: Chorus (3308)

Associate Course

Exploratory (2900)

Band Concert (3306)

Save Cancel

Priority Sort

**Step 2: Select both alternate requests and press "Save."**

# Manage Alternate Requests

All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.

Scheduling for grade: 6

Course Requests

## Primary Course Requests

The school allows a maximum of 1 primary course request

## Subject Area

Courses Chorus (3308)

## Alternate Course Requests

The school allows a maximum of 2 alternate course requests

Exploratory (2900)  
 Band Concert (3306)

## Alternate Requests

2 Manage

Priority Sort

Filter Courses  
Name or Nbr:  Sbj Area: Show All Courses

- Click A Course To Request or for Info
- |                     |                    |                       |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Band Adv (3320)     | Chorus (3308)      | Orchestra Adv (3310)  |
| Band Concert (3306) | Exploratory (2900) | Orchestra Cham (3313) |

Check that there is a number 2 next to the "Manage" button. This ensures that you have paired both of your alternate course requests to your primary request.

# Finished Choosing Electives - Log Out

Click on your user name on the top right. Then select "Log Out."

Your choices are automatically saved.

Dashboard Communications @mytusd.org ^

Parent Notification Preferences

Change Password

Add New Student To Your Account

Preview the New Portal

Log Out

All Course Requests must be approved by appropriate school personnel.

Scheduling for grade: 6

Course Requests

Primary Course Requests

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Subject Area

Alternate Requests

Chorus (3308) 2 Manage

Filter Courses

Name or Nbr: Sbj Area: Show All Courses Search Remove Filter

Click A Course To Request or ? for Info

Band Adv (3320) Chorus (3308) Orchestra Adv (3310)

Band Concert (3306) Exploratory (2900) Orchestra Cham (3313)

Alternate Course Requests

Priority Sort

The school allows a maximum of 2 alternate course requests

Exploratory (2900)

Band Concert (3306)



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## Step #3:

The window to select courses is  
Saturday, April 16th - Sunday, May  
1st. Complete your elective  
selection in Aeries by May 1.

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## Please Note:

If you have not selected your 1 Primary and 2 Alternate electives by **Sunday, May 1** in Aeries, you will be placed into electives by Counselors/Administration.

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# Final Reminders:

- You have selected 3 electives in your Aeries portal (ONE Primary Request and TWO Alternate Request)
- Choose electives carefully and thoughtfully. You may not be given an opportunity to make changes throughout the year.
- Every effort will be made to schedule you into your chosen electives. However, we cannot guarantee placement in any elective course. Your second choice will be used if we are unable to place you in the first elective that you have chosen.
- Student musicians may require a schedule adjustment during the first few weeks of school, as appropriate placement is determined by the music teacher .
- Deadline to select your 3 electives (1 Primary & 2 Alternates) is May 1.
- We reserve the right to change elective selections depending on data, school staffing, course requests and other miscellaneous factors.

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*Thank you!*

**We look forward to seeing you  
on campus next year and  
welcoming you to  
middle school!**

