



# Alice B. Landrum Middle School

2022-2023

## Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Offering Sheet

The LMS Elective program encourages our students to pursue interests and passions beyond the core curriculum. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade elective offerings were designed to improve study skills, expose students to organizational strategies and orientate them to the middle school experience.

**Schedule:** All students will have 4 core classes PLUS 3 elective course offerings

### **Elective Courses:**

6<sup>th</sup> grade students ***must*** take:

#### **Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Essentials 1 - Year Long Course**

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to provide students with the computer, digital and informational technology skills necessary for success in their future academic and occupational goals. In addition to fundamental computer information, the content includes - but is not limited to - digital technologies associated with presentation, and graphics editing software, word processing, internet communications and cybersecurity. Instruction and learning procedures use equipment, materials and technology appropriate to the course content and in accordance with current practices and standards.

**LMS Course Intent:** This course supports the content of assignments and projects in core academic courses.

#### **Physical Education (PE) Semester Courses (1) Fitness, (2) Dance/Gymnastics**

Course Description: Our school mission in Physical Education is to have each student participate and give his or her personal best in each activity/skill taught. We will accomplish this by emphasizing the importance of play and lifetime skills such as sportsmanship and etiquette, knowledge of rules, skill enhancement, teamwork and cooperation with others during their Physical Education class time. We consider it essential to teach healthy lifestyles by emphasizing the value of physical activity and healthy nutrition choices that will last a lifetime. \* PE uniforms will be available for purchase through our PTO.

6<sup>th</sup> grade students can choose between:

#### **Beginning Band - Year long Course No experience required**

\* Financial commitment required for instruments or instrument rental.\*

\* \* Mrs. Sacharski, Band Director, will help determine the students' instrument selection.\*\*

#### **Critical Thinking - Year Long Course**

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop learning strategies, critical thinking skills, and problem-solving skills to enhance their performance in academic and nonacademic endeavors. Discussion circles, small group collaboration and project-based learning are methods that will be utilized throughout the course.

#### **STEM/Art in World Cultures - One Semester of each course**

**STEM** Course Description: STEM is an acronym referring to the academic disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The course is for students who have not had STEM before and is a hands-on, interdisciplinary problem-based learning experience. Students are guided to produce original ideas, objects, and structures through the following units: The Engineer Design Process, Structural Engineering, CAD, and Applied Physics.

**Art in World Cultures** Course Description: This is a semester long art course for sixth graders. Students will explore art from around the world through project-based activities that refine their understanding of global cultures by developing drawing, painting, and sculptures based on forms found in art history. Through an investigation of historical and traditional artworks, students will have an opportunity to examine artifacts to promote understanding of themes, purposes, and symbolism. Hands on activities are designed to reimagine, compare, and interpret works from the past and develop an appreciation for preserving these works today. This is a beginning level studio art course, but 6<sup>th</sup> graders of all levels are welcome. \* \$10 Consumables Fee