

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Current School \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

## MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Request 2016-2017

Parents who would like MVMS administration to consider the unique learning needs of their student before the final schedule decision is completed, may do so by completing the **Scheduling Consideration Form**. This form can be acquired at the main office and is due by April 1st. All requests turned in on time will be considered. Due to schedule constraints and our responsibility to create appropriate learning communities, no guarantee can be made that all requests can or will be fulfilled. The information on the form will be shared with staff members as needed.

#### STANDARD 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSES:

- 1) Core (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Social Studies)
- 2) Math (Students are placed by teacher recommendation)
- 3) PE (School uniforms required)
- 4) Science
- 5) 2 Electives (Choices listed below) If your child is not performing at grade level, one of these electives may be assigned as a math or reading intervention. If your student is receiving ELD or special education services that may take the place of one elective.

#### ELECTIVE COURSES:

Circle the number in order of preference 1 – 5 (1 being your first choice, 2 for your second choice, etc.) All courses are full year and course descriptions are on the back of this page.

1 2 3 4 5	Band – Beginning	Art - Beginning	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	Choir	Study Hall	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	Strings – Beginning	Wildcat Pride	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wheel	Avid	1 2 3 4 5

**PLEASE NOTE:** Only the classes with sufficient number of requests and/or staff availability will be scheduled.

**Parent/Guardian:** Sign this form and return it to the school. The student and parent's signatures are viewed as a commitment for the student to accept and complete the elective courses for the entire school year.

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Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ELECTIVES

**6th grade wheel:** The “wheel” will rotate every 9 weeks for a total of 4 classes. The wheel will include four of the following: Art, Music Appreciation, Lego Robotics, Crafts, or Woodshop. Fee: \$15.00

**AVID:** AVID is a nationally recognized program designed to prepare underserved students for college or career readiness. This class is great preparation for students who want to challenge themselves to be successful both in and out of the classroom. By providing the student long term personal attention and teaching the academic and life skills necessary, virtual all AVID graduates are accepted to college upon graduation from high school. Because of the high interest in this program, an application and interview process is required for enrollment.

**Art - Beginning:** Students will explore a variety of media as they learn to build their skills in drawing, painting, and sculpture. We will discuss artists, artwork, and provide technique demonstrations to develop some basic foundations of art: art appreciation, art history, art production, and art criticism; as well as problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Fee: \$15.00

**Wildcat Pride:** Sacrifice. Impact. Teamwork. Games. School spirit. The Sixth Grade Leadership class allows sixth graders a chance to work together and to learn what it takes to be a leader at Mountain View and beyond. Build your confidence while learning how to become involved in Mountain View's many fun activities. A teacher recommendation is required. Forms are available from the Counseling Office.

**Band - Beginning:** This class is for anyone who wants to learn to play a band instrument. Instruction in flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone horn and percussion (drums & bells). Students will learn to read music, perform in concerts, and develop friendships while enjoying a beginning musical experience.

**Choir:** In this choir, students will learn how to sing. Students will learn correct vocal technique and will improve in pitch, tone and reading music by sight. Many different styles of songs will be explored and students will learn how to sing in parts. Students will be performing and are required to sing in concerts, assemblies, and for the community.

**Strings - Beginning:** This class is open to students with no previous instruction on a stringed instrument. Instruction on violin, cello, viola and bass are featured in this class. The Suzuki Method is followed and students learn to read music as they play. Students follow a curriculum sheet as they learn at their own pace. They will complete Level 1 in Beginning Strings and will have approximately 3 concerts during the year.

**Study Hall:** A quiet, supervised class to work independently on homework and assignments.

**Band & Strings Instrument Information:** Instruments are selected at the beginning of the year; most are purchased by parents through a lease or rent-to-own program through music stores for approx. \$35.00 per month. Mountain View has a few school instruments for rent available on a first come, first served basis.

**Band, Strings, & Choir Performance Information:** There are a few evening performances students are required to participate in during the year.