



COURSE REQUESTS 6TH GRADE



Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Elementary: ACES | CES | JCES | WCES

OLENTANGY BERKSHIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULING, 2024-2025



Required Courses:

The following courses are taken by all 6th grade students, and will be automatically scheduled:

- **Core (year-long courses):**

Integrated English & Language Arts 6
Mathematics 6
Science 6

Social Studies 6

*GO Time (Core Enrichment)

Lunch (30 minutes)

- **Unified Arts (6-weeks, each):**

Visual Art 6
Digital Exploration 6
Health 6

Physical Education 6 (12 weeks total)

Academic Lab 6

Elective Courses:

For their second Unified Arts period, Sixth-Grade students have the option to enroll in Performing Arts Courses or a Study Hall, both of which are year-long courses (36 weeks). Students electing to enroll in Performing Arts may request up to two courses; if a student selects two Performing Arts courses, they will alternate between the two throughout the week. Study Hall cannot be combined with a Performing Arts course.

Please select ONE option below by placing a check mark in the appropriate blank:

_____ Study Hall 6

OR

_____ Band 6*

_____ Band 6 & Choir 6*

_____ Choir 6

_____ Band 6 & Strings 6*

_____ Strings 6*

_____ Choir 6 & Strings 6*

**If signing up for band and/or strings, an instrument selection process is required. This will take place in April. Please do not obtain an instrument without further instruction. Register for the course now, and list parent contact information below for further communications*

- Parent/Guardian Name: _____

- Parent/Guardian Phone: _____ Email: _____

Students will have until the last day of school (**May 23, 2024**) to request changes to their Sixth-Grade schedule. Please reach out to your Berkshire Middle School Counselor to request a change:

- Mr. Vyrostek (Last Names A-K) at Michael.Vyrostek@olsd.us
- Mr. Rock (Last Names L-Z) at Andrew.Rock@olsd.us

Please return this form to your School Counselor no later than January 26th, 2024.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Course Descriptions 6th Grade



FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Academic Lab 6: (6 weeks) This course focuses on introducing 6th graders to what it means to be a True Sentinel while incorporating the reading and writing strategies at the middle school level. You will learn about each Sentinel our hallways are named after as well as write about what you found. In the end, each student will create a project that communicates the skills they believe a middle school student needs to be successful here at Berkshire.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health 6: (6 weeks) Health 6 has the main goal of preparing students to think critically when making health decisions on a variety of topics. The five units of study we will cover are as follows: Areas of Health, Physical Wellness/Growth and Development, Nutrition, Dangers of Substance Abuse, and Mental/Emotional/Social Health. Throughout these units a variety of instructional methods will be used to equip the students for real life decision making. These methods include activities, projects, writing, instruction, discussion, and videos. Students will also be given many opportunities to apply what they are learning in their real lives.

Physical Education 6: (12 weeks) 6th Grade Physical education encompasses a balanced approach to the fundamentals of movement patterns involving all fitness modalities, team sports, and non-traditional gaming activities. Fitness, skill development, modified drill work, and sport/gaming is incorporated into the daily class routine. Students can expect to spend one-third of a class period on fitness modalities and skill development and two-thirds of a class period on game play. Each week consists of a four-day unit (class tournament on Thursdays) and a fun-day Friday where classes combine for a large group game.

PERFORMING ARTS

Band 6, Choir 6, Strings 6: (36 weeks) We experience making music with others, learn technical skills on voice or instrument, focus on music literacy, and proper performing techniques. Music ensembles are Year-long courses and meet every day during student's elective periods. Each music ensemble performs at several outside-of-school performances each school year for audiences and some in-school events, as well. Students can participate in 2 music classes with rotating schedules. Teachers, students, and parents will work together to ensure continued progress.

STUDY HALL

Study Hall 6: (36 weeks) This is a year-long course. However, it may not be offered during the same period every 6-week term (AM vs PM Unified Arts period). Students use this period to work silently on assignments, projects, reading, or studying. Classroom teachers may collaborate with Study Hall monitors to support their students.

TECHNOLOGY

Digital Exploration 6: (6 weeks) In Digital Exploration, students will use the design thinking process to identify a challenge in their life to solve or improve. Students will leverage various digital tools for brainstorming, seeking feedback, prototyping, and communicating their ideas in a creative way.

VISUAL ARTS

Art 6: (6 weeks) This course focuses on the exploration of process, techniques and tools. Possible Projects: 3-D clay mask using various hand-building techniques. 2-D drawing/perspective using various media and subject matter.

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