

# **COURSE INFORMATION SHEET - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSES - 2017-18**

## **Elko Middle School**

- ☐ Course selections will be done in PowerSchool (online) for next school year. This form explains the classes our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will take and the elective options that can be chosen. Please refer to the attached “**Important Scheduling Information and Dates**” page to view the time-frame of the scheduling process and read the information concerning the parent online process.
- ☐ Sixth grade students will take a total of 6 classes: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health/PE, and an elective. Students will need to select ONE elective option from either one of our year-long courses or the exploratory rotation (more information on the back).
- ☐ Elective classes for selected students: If a student is identified as Gifted, the student will take the Gifted Enrichment class. If a student is identified as ESL level 1-5, the student will take the ESL class. In most cases these courses would replace the elective.
- ☐ Double-blocked courses: All English and math classes will be double-blocked. This means that students will have English and math every day, and have all other classes every other day.

### **REQUIRED COURSES:**

Course numbers are in parentheses.

#### **1) English/Language Arts – One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- English 6 (1109)
- English 6 Advanced (1109V) – \*\*\* summer reading requirement for this course
- English 6 Self-contained – IEP (1109E)
- English 6 Collaborative – IEP (1109I)
- Functional English for MS Students – IEP (7801 or 7801Q)

#### **2) Social Studies - One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- Social Studies 6 (2354)
- Social Studies 6/Civics Accelerated (2354V)
- Social Studies 6 Collaborative – IEP (2354I)
- Functional Social Studies for MS Students – IEP (7803 or 7803Q)

#### **3) Math – One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- Math Course I (3110)
- Accelerated Math 6/7 (3115K) - \*\*\* must currently be enrolled in Accelerated Math 5/6
- Math Course I Self-contained – IEP (3110E)
- Math Course I Collaborative – IEP (3110I)
- Functional Math for MS Students – IEP (7802 or 7802Q)

#### **4) Science - One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- Introduction to Earth & Environ. Science (4105)
- Advanced Life Science (4115V)
- Introduction to Earth & Environ. Science Collaborative – IEP (4105I)
- Functional Science for MS Students – IEP (7804 or 7804Q)

**5) Health and Physical Education - One class will be recommended by current teacher**

- Health & PE 6 (7110)
- Adapted Health & PE 6 – IEP (7205)

**6) ELECTIVES: Each student will take 1 elective. Students will select one elective course from either our full-year options or one of our exploratory rotations (see below).**

**Full Year**

- Art 6 (9104)
- Beginning Band - Brass/Percussion (9228B)
- Beginning Band - Woodwinds (9228W)
- Beginning Strings (9252)
- Beginning Chorus (9269)

**-OR-**

**Exploratory (0089)** Each class is 9-weeks in duration. If you choose exploratory as your elective class, you will be randomly assigned to 4 of the 6 courses below.

- Exploring Business Computers
- Teen Living 6
- Introduction to Technology
- Art 6 Exploratory
- Exploratory Music
- Exploratory Drama

**☐ 6A) Elective Classes for Selected Students – to be recommended by teacher.**

In most cases, these courses would replace the elective.

- Social Skills – IEP (7816 or 7816Q)
- MS Daily Living Skills – IEP (7895)
- Functional Reading for MS Students – IEP (7805 or 7805Q)
- Middle School Personal Development – IEP (7894T)
- Gifted Enrichment 6 - for Identified Gifted Learners only (9843K)
- English as a Second Language - for ESL students only
  - Level I (5710MS)
  - Level II (5720MS)
  - Level III (5730MS)
  - Level IV (5731MS)
  - Level V (5733MS)

**\*\*\* If you have questions about the courses that were recommended for your child, please contact or consult with your child's current teacher(s) during Elementary Parent Visitations.**

# Important Scheduling Information and Dates

## Elko Middle School/Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

- ☐ **Welcome to a New Phase in Your Education!** Our Faculty and Staff are looking forward to you joining our school family! You, with the help of your teachers, will plan a course of study for the sixth grade.
- ☐ **Getting Started:** Review the Course Information Sheet and the Planning Guide for Students and Parents 2017-18. Course descriptions can be found in the guide. The Planning Guide is available online.
  - Teachers will make recommendations for the next school year in PowerSchool.
  - Parents will be required to create a login using their student's ID number (similar to ZippSlip) to access the parent portal in PowerSchool. Parent portal will open on February 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Once successfully logged into PowerSchool, students and parents will be expected to verify the recommended core courses and select elective courses through the parent portal.
- ☐ **Understanding the Instructional Grouping:** Certain course numbers have a letter following the number, i.e., 1109V. The letter distinguishes grade level or course content level. Commonly used letters are:

B = Brass/Percussion	K = 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	V = Advanced/Accelerated
I = Collaborative (used for students with IEP's)	L = 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	W = Woodwinds, including flute and saxophone
Q = Autism	M = 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	

### Dates to keep in mind

- ☐ **January 10-20** - Elko Middle school counselors and assistant principal will meet with current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at our feeder elementary schools, to discuss course planning and transition information for next year.
- ☐ **January 25 - Transition Meeting/Curriculum Fair for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and families, to be held at Elko Middle School Auditorium from 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM.** We will discuss course options, course planning, transition information, and give families an opportunity to interact with our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to learn more about our course offerings and what to expect in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ☐ **Late January** - 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers will make course recommendations in PowerSchool.
- ☐ **January 30 – February 3** - Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> graders will review/verify teacher recommendations and select electives online, using PowerSchool (Information about accessing the online site will be available the beginning of February).
- ☐ **February 20-24** – School counselors will follow up with students who did not complete requests online and address parent questions.
- ☐ **Mid-May** - Course Request Verification Sheets will be sent to the elementary schools to be distributed to students. Elementary counselors will send these sheets home for students and parents to verify, sign and return.
- ☐ **June 16 - Deadline to request schedule change.** Changes will only be honored if space is available in the course being requested.
- ☐ **Mid-August - Eagle Camp at Elko Middle School** – date and time to be determined.

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