

Wm. Floyd School District

New Middle School Courses

Grade 6

6th Grade Seminar

This course has been designed to help the 6th grade students make the transition into middle school. It will include topics, such as, organizational and study skills, time management, and basic computer skills including Microsoft Office.

Computer-Know-How (Paca Only Pilot Course)

This course offers 6th grade students the opportunity to develop their computer literacy skills through various hands on experiences.

Grade 7

Writing 7

This course will support the achievement of all students by providing them with an opportunity to explore high interest topics through discrete project/experience-based units of study centered around seventh grade ELA standards. These units of study will provide seventh grade students with diverse opportunities to apply classroom learning in authentic contexts that include exploration, application, and expansion of skills and knowledge.

Grade 8

Explorations in STEAM (FMS Only Pilot Course)

This course will allow students to apply and enhance the knowledge gained in their math, science and technology courses through student centered inquiry and problem solving. This course offers an innovative approach to learning in which students use problem solving skills to tackle hands on learning activities while learning 21st century skills. Skills developed in this course will improve critical thinking and better prepare students for STEAM related careers and opportunities outside of the classroom.

Global Issues/Student Solution (FMS Only Pilot Course)

Students will use a variety of research techniques to gain a deeper understanding of current events, worldwide problems, and the roles of our elected representatives in our communities. Students will work to develop analytical, critical thinking and writing skills along with public speaking, problem solving and negotiating skills. Students will engage in a variety of activities to include role playing, field trips, negotiating, and interviewing to examine critical issues from a variety of perspectives.

Art of the Argument (Paca Only Pilot Course)

Through this class students will gain knowledge of how to research, speak in front of their peers, and make valuable connections that will aid them in writing the enduring issues essay on the 10th grade Global Studies Framework Regents, the ELA argument essay, and help students meet the Next Generation standards in ELA, Science and Social Studies.

Personal Finance

This course is a **must have** for all students! Imagine someone gave you \$500...would you throw it away? Millions of people throw away their money by not managing their money properly. Learn how to spend wisely and make your money grow. You will learn how to manage your bank accounts, maintain good credit and even how to make your money work for you. Did you know prices are set a specific way to make you spend more money? Come learn all about this and more while you become financially savvy and secure.