

Harpool Middle School
6th Grade Course Request
2020-2021

Course Requests cards are due to your homeroom teacher by February 20th, 2020.

Student Last Name: _____

Student First Name: _____

DISD Student ID#: _____

Phone #:(_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Elementary: _____

Please read and sign the Addendum on the back of this document

REQUIRED COURSES

Sixth grade students will be scheduled to take the following required courses:

- **English Language Arts and Reading or ELAR/EXPO (double blocked)**
- **Contemporary World Societies**
- **Science**
(Please choose one of the following)
- _____ **Math** or _____ **Honors Math**
(Please choose one of the following)
- _____ **PE Wellness** or _____ **PE Tennis** (*Pending try-out*)

Please be aware that tennis may not work in your schedule due to conflicts; you will then be placed in regular PE.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Sixth grade student schedules will reflect 2 elective courses.

Please number (3) choices in order of preference, with one (1) being your first choice. See back for elective information.

Your schedule will reflect 2 full year elective courses

- _____ Beginning Band
- _____ Beginning Orchestra
- _____ Continuing Orchestra
- _____ Choir
- _____ Theater Arts
- _____ Art
- _____ Investigating Careers

While every effort will be made to schedule students into the elective courses of their choosing, students are not guaranteed enrollment in elective courses. Enrollment numbers and master scheduling conflicts can result in a student having to be enrolled in an alternative elective choice.

DENTON ISD MIDDLE SCHOOLS Full Year Elective Courses for 6th Grade

BAND will provide students the exciting experience of learning to play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. No previous experience is needed; however, previous piano or choral experience is helpful. The 6th Grade Longhorn Band students travel to perform in many exciting concerts, contests, and recitals locally and regionally throughout the year. Please contact Mr. Stone bstone@dentonisd.org or Ms. Staniszewski estaniszewski@dentonisd.org for an Instrument Selection Appointment.

ORCHESTRA Orchestra provides students with the opportunity to learn a string instrument, and is offered in two levels in 6th grade: a beginner class for students who have no previous experience or who are learning a new instrument, and a continuing class for students who were in 5th grade orchestra or have previous playing experience. 6th grade orchestra students perform in many exciting concerts and contests throughout the year. In addition, there are various extra activities in which orchestra students are invited to participate such as Full Orchestra, All-Region Orchestra, and the Orchestra Officer Team. If you have not participated in 5th grade orchestra, please contact Mr. Napier rnapiier@dentonisd.org or Ms. Richardson rrichardson@dentonisd.org for instrument selection.

CHOIR is made up of students divided into two choirs based on gender. Students enrolled in the course will begin developing their singing, listening, sight-reading, and music theory skills. Sixth grade choirs frequently travel to local and regional choral competitions. Enrollment requires attendance at extra-curricular activities, including concerts and various community events. Contact Rebecca Kraft rkraft@dentonisd.org for additional information.

ART will be an overview of the elements of art. A sixth-grade art student will express what he/she sees, feels, and thinks by creating studio projects using these elements. Students will create by painting, drawing and more! Contact Teresa Nelson tnelson@dentonisd.org, Brandon Jones jjones3@dentonisd.org or Misty Richardson mrichardson@dentonisd.org for additional information.

THEATRE ARTS students will explore basics of acting. Classes will focus on pantomime, improvisation, technical theatre and performance. Contact Amanda Hirsch ahirsch@dentonisd.org or Heather Alverson halverson@dentonisd.org for additional information.

INVESTIGATING CAREERS Students in this class will learn about careers related to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Construction; Technology or Business and Industry. Students will develop the basic knowledge and skills in one of these career areas through project-based learning activities, virtual field trips and guest speakers. The students will also research labor market information, further educational requirements, learn job-seeking skills, and create documents required for employment.

Instruction to Support Future Academic Success (all grade levels)

Students identified as needing additional math and/or reading instruction will be placed into a math and/or reading intervention class. This class will take the place of an elective class. The purpose of this course is to support individualized student needs in the foundational area of math and reading skills. Texas Administrative Code requires remediation for any student who fails to demonstrate satisfactory performance on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) exam, and the intervention class will fulfill this requirement.

Schedule Changes

Schedule change requests are subject to availability in the class requested, student need, and master scheduling issues. Students need to choose classes carefully. Schedule change requests will be accepted during the first week of school. A schedule change request does not guarantee that a schedule change will occur. All schedule changes must be approved by the principal or principal's designee.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature: _____