

**Robert Gray Middle School**  
**Course Information, Grade 6**  
**5505 SW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97239**  
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**2019-2020**

***On-Site Fall Registration:***

Pick up schedule & locker assignment, fill out forms & walk around the school.

Tuesday, August 20, Noon-6:00 PM, and Wednesday, August 21, 9 AM-Noon.

Lockers are available for decorating and halls are open for finding classrooms starting August 20 while school is open (8 AM-4 PM). If you miss these dates, please come in as soon as you can between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM. School starts on Wednesday, August 28.

We hope to have a special Jump Start for 6<sup>th</sup> graders on the first day.

***Core Classes:*** Language Arts 6, Social Studies 6, Science 6, Health/PE 6

***Math Classes:*** Students will be enrolled in Math 6 unless they have approved acceleration to Compacted Year 1. Contact your 5<sup>th</sup> grader's teacher for more information.

***Elective Classes:*** *(students request; assigned on space-available basis at administrator's discretion)*

- **ACADEMIC SUPPORT:** *(semester)* Get extra support in reading, math and organization. This class is only available with administrative approval and is not a study hall.
- **ART:** *(each semester is different)* Learn about what other artists have done in the past. Gain experience thinking and talking about your own art work and the work of others. Find out about some really amazing artists' tricks. Have fun!
- **AVID ELECTIVE:** Do you want to develop your academic leadership? Select students will be invited to participate in this elective to develop skills, go on field trips, and learn important skills for school success.
- **CADET BAND:** For beginning 6th, 7th, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who want to learn to play a musical instrument. You will perform in school concerts and be ready for Concert Band after this class.
- **CONCERT BAND:** If you have some playing experience, this class is for you. Participate in annual parades, school concerts, special events, and the Middle School Band Festival. You may be selected for the All City and All State Middle School Honor Bands.
- **CHOIR:** Learn to read music and sing in two/three-part harmony, perform in school concerts, special events, and the Middle School Choir Festival. Students may be chosen to perform in the All City and All State Middle School Honor Choirs.
- **HEAD START TEACHER AIDE:** *(semester)* Work with 3 and 4 year olds in Head Start at Stephens Creek Crossing (located on Capitol Hwy). Parents provide transportation. Contact the school if interested.
- **PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** *(semester)* A wide range of activities ensures a fast-paced and exciting class with emphasis on personal and lifelong fitness. Be prepared to work hard and have a blast! All students will take PE for one quarter and health for one quarter. Some students may take PE for an additional semester.
- **ORCHESTRA:** If you have a background in playing an orchestra instrument, come and play! All orchestra instruments with some prior experience are welcome. Students will participate in school concerts and special events during the year. You may be selected to perform in the All State Middle School Orchestra.
- **TECHNOLOGY 1:** *(semester, required for all 6<sup>th</sup> graders)* Students will improve keyboarding accuracy and speed by practicing daily. The curriculum will include: online search skills, Internet safety awareness; Google MyMaps, Google Drawings, spreadsheets, computer programming and coding using Scratch or other tools, and 3D drawing using SketchUp.
- **TECHNOLOGY 2:** *(semester, can be repeated)* The curriculum will cover: advanced exploration of computer programming/coding in Python or JavaScript; photo/image editing using Pixlr; audio/sound editing using Looplabs and Audacity; 3D graphics using Sketchup, Sculptris, Maya, 3DS Max, Mobile App creation; keyboarding; mapping using ArcGIS; video editing; independent projects and special teams for RGMS News.

This information and much more is available  
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