

George Middle School: 2019-2020
Rising 6th Grade

ACADEMIC PROGRAM: There are seven class periods each semester at George. Students take five core classes and two elective classes per semester, except for those in the Special Education, and ELD programs, who select one elective class per semester. Students whose scores on MAP assessments indicate they need additional support in Math or Reading will be placed in a support class as one of their electives. All 6th grade students are required to take the following courses:

| Class | Length | Periods |
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| Language Arts | Full year | 1 Period |
| Ancient World History | Full year | 1 Period |
| Common Core Math | Full year | 1 Period |
| Integrated Science | Full year | 1 Period |
| P.E / Health | Semester | 1 Period |

ELECTIVE CLASSES: Middle school is a great time to explore new possibilities. We offer a range of electives to suit a variety of interests. Some electives are offered for half year; others for full year. Students select their top choices, with alternates. We do our best to accommodate student preferences; electives are offered on a space-available basis. The school master schedule is built based on student course selections, so elective course changes in fall cannot be accommodated; students are expected to remain in their forecasted courses.

| Special Program Participation, if any (no alternates). Check box at left; circle at right. | | | | | |
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| | English Language Development (circle at right) | ELPA 1/2 | ELPA 2/3 | ELPA 3/4 | |
| | Special Education (circle at right) | Study Skills | Social Skills | Math Support | Reading Support |
| | Intensive Skills (self-contained) classroom | | | | |

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| | Math Support (no IEP) | | |
| | Reading Support (no IEP) | | |
| Elective Selections: Write in your choices | | | |
| 1 | Introductory STEM | Alternate 1 | |
| 2 | Art | Alternate 2 | |
| 3 | AVID | Alternate 3 | |
| 4 | Music (Beginning Band) Full Year | Alternate 4 | |
| 5 | Music (Strings) Full Year | Alternate 5 | |
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For questions or concerns with any class selections, please contact Ms. Silas, Assistant Principal at George Middle School 503-916-6262 or via email ssilas@pps.net .

Student Name: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

Ancient World Studies: This 6th Grade social studies classes explores the history of the world beginning with early humans and the rise of civilizations. Students will learn and apply non-fiction reading strategies while learning about the rise of Sumerian city-states, ancient Egypt, the ancient Greeks, and ancient Rome. We will also discuss current events and their connections with the ancient world.

Math 6: Common Core: In 6th grade we add on to many basics to get students ready for middle school and beyond. Some topics include: Multiplying and Dividing Fractions, Calculating Decimals & Percent's, Ratios and Unit Rates, Introduction to Algebra Data and Statistics

Science 6 Curriculum

All sixth graders take science 6. The SEPUP curriculum is kits-based and is hands on and relevant. Sixth grade science includes Earth & space, physical and life sciences.

Language Arts 6 Curriculum

Students learn skills to ensure they can read, write and interpret literature at a 6th grade level or higher. It is a creative class where Chromebooks are frequently used and projects are colorful and engaging.

PE: 6th Graders get PE/Health for 2 quarters in Middle School. Students will spend 2 weeks in the gym and 2 weeks in room 119 for health class. Riding bikes in the neighborhood, learning to row and playing sports are all a part of PE.

STEM 6: Also known as Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, students get hands on experience like building bridges and learning how to design underwater motor crafts. It's a great class to be creative and build something!

AVID 6: AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It's a class where you learn study and leadership skills that will make you a successful student in middle school and beyond. Student also learn about college and get to go on cool field trips!

Beginning Band / Beginning Strings : Beginning Band gives an opportunity for students with no prior experience in a school concert band program to begin the process of learning concert band or strings instrument. Students learn to read music and play music. Instructor will assist each student with placement and instrument selection.

Beginning Art: This beginning level, semester course is designed to introduce students to what makes a good piece of art stand out. Students will explore various methods and materials to create their unique drawings, paintings, ceramics, and sculpture.