

FULL YEAR ELECTIVES for 6th Grade

Cadet Band	What is more exciting than watching and hearing a marching band in a parade? You can get in on the fun by learning to play a band instrument. Beginners learn to assemble, play, and maintain a band instrument, as well as read music. You will play in three concerts- two at Jackson and one on tour of our elementary feeder schools. We end the year with a parade.	Any student playing in band for the first time
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HALF-YEAR/SEMESTER ELECTIVES

Choir 6	This exciting semester choir is for singers of all levels and is a performance class. We will be studying music from multiple genres and in different languages, as well as performing at two evening concerts per semester. If you have ever wanted to try choir, this class is for you. No singing skills or experience is needed!	Any 6th grader
Drama 6	Sharpen and increase your self-confidence, challenge yourself to step outside your comfort zone, become part of something bigger than yourself, learn through doing, and explore through activities and games. If the thought of being on stage is frightening, this class is for you. If you love being on stage, this class is for you. Unit topics include improvisation, small and large group plays, empathy, creating characters, improving verbal and non-verbal expression, and much more!	Any 6th Grader
Engineering Design (Shop) 6	Students will apply reasoning and problem-solving strategies as they work individually and in teams to solve and construct engineering challenges. Along the way, students will develop their craftsmanship and confidence as they use a variety of tools and building materials to construct individual take-home and school projects. Students will come away from class with practical skills and a strong sense of craftsmanship as they work through several projects.	Any 6th Grader
Art 6901	The curriculum will include drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics and a variety of other experiences drawn from the various cultural and artistic influences across the globe.	Any 6th Grader

S.T.E.A.M. 6	<p>The open-ended design challenges in the STEAM curriculum give students an opportunity to innovate solutions to real-world problems that they can use to better understand the world around them. In STEAM students will explore the concepts of problem solving, computer programming, 3D printing, inventing and much more!</p>	Any 6th Grader
Ukulele/World Percussion	<p>Students will primarily focus on learning how to play popular songs on the ukulele, playing the first song on the first day! Riptide, Over the Rainbow, Can't Help Falling in Love With You--all can be played on a uke. Students will also create rhythmic grooves from all over the world on percussion instruments, including conga and marimba.</p>	Any JMS Student