

# **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ELECTIVE DESCRIPTIONS**

## **2016- 2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

### **ARTS EDUCATION**

#### **BEGINNING BAND**

**36 weeks (yearlong course)**

*Available for 6<sup>th</sup> grade only*

Students will learn how to play brass, woodwind, or percussion instruments and acquire fundamental music skills. No prior music experience is necessary. Students will perform concerts for the public. Students should anticipate some evening performances.

#### **MUSIC EXPLORATORY**

**9 weeks (quarter course)**

Students are introduced to the skills necessary for singing and playing music with accuracy and expression. Through the study of various genres, composers and cultures students will learn to analyze and evaluate what they hear. Students may create their own simple compositions. Classes may have the opportunity to share what they learn with others.

#### **VISUAL ARTS EXPLORATORY**

**9 weeks (quarter course)**

This course introduces students to the elements of art through painting, printmaking, pottery, and weaving. Application of these elements to the students' own original art work is the major emphasis.

#### **INTRODUCTION TO DANCE**

**9 weeks (quarter course)**

The learner will identify and demonstrate elements and skills in dance (National Standard 1). The learner will understand choreographic principles, processes and structures (National Standard 2). The learner will understand that dance can create and communicate meaning (National Standard 3). The learner will apply and demonstrate critical and creative thinking skills in dance (National Standard 4). The learner will make connections between dance and healthful living (National Standard 6). The learner will have an in depth knowledge of ballet, jazz and modern dance techniques and vocabulary.

### **WORLD LANGUAGE**

#### **EXPLORATORY SPANISH**

**9 weeks (quarter course)**

This rigorous course is an introduction to Spanish language and culture. Topics include: maps of the Spanish-speaking world, cognates, Spanish vocabulary including: numbers, days of the week, months, classroom objects, colors, the body, sports, adjectives, Spanish verb "ser", and general culture.

# **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

## **COMPUTER SKILLS & APPLICATIONS      18 weeks (semester course)** **(CSA)**

This course is composed of instructional modules designed to allow students to learn the touch method of keyboarding, basic digital literacy and computer knowledge, and basic word processing and document formatting skills. English language arts and mathematics are reinforced. Students enrolled in the course may join the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club and participate in competitive events, community service, job shadowing and leadership activities which will provide the opportunity to apply essential standard workplace readiness skills through authentic experiences which includes travel.

## **EXPLORING ENGINEERING & DESIGN 1      18 weeks (semester course)**

In *Exploring Engineering & Design 1*, students develop an understanding of the progression and scope of technology through exploratory experiences. In group and individual activities, students experience ways in which technological knowledge and processes contribute to effective design and solutions to technological problems. Students participate in design activities to understand how criteria, constraints, and processes affect designs. Brainstorming, visualizing, modeling, constructing, testing, and refining designs provide firsthand opportunities for students to understand the uses and impacts of innovations. Students develop skills in communicating design information and reporting results. Students learn how technology, innovation, design, and engineering interrelate and are interdependent. This background provides the basis for more focused high school studies.

## **EXPLORING FACS- FAMILY FOCUS      18 weeks (semester course)** **(FACS- Family and Consumer Sciences)**

This middle school course will give students the opportunity to explore the following Family and Consumer Sciences topics:

- Interpersonal Relationships- understand yourself, your family, and ways to communicate.
- Nutrition and Wellness- nutrition, food choices, kitchen basics, and nutritious meal planning & preparation.
- Child Development- opportunity for Red Cross Babysitter certification, ages, stages and the care of young children.
- Interior Design- basic principles of design, sustainable design, and managing a living space