

**DURANT ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL
ELECTIVES REGISTRATION FORM
6TH GRADE - 2015-2016**

STUDENT NAME: _____ TRACK: _____

LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

**NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER THE FIRST 5 DAYS
OF EACH SEMESTER**

CHANGES WILL ONLY BE MADE IF THERE IS AN ERROR. PLACEMENT FOR FORMS RETURNED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE WILL BE DETERMINED BY AVAILABILITY AND SPACE. YOU MAY NOT GET YOUR FIRST SELECTION, SO PLEASE USE DISCRETION WHEN CHOOSING. THANK YOU.

DIRECTIONS: PLEASE MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE NUMBERING 1-5.

☐ BEGINNING BAND (year-long elective)

Please specify instrument choice (flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone):

☐ COMPUTER SKILLS and APPLICATIONS I (CSAI-Prerequisite for all other computer classes)
Recommended for 6th grade

☐ EXPLORING FACS-FAMILY FOCUS

☐ EXPLORING MUSIC

☐ INTRODUCTION TO THEATRE

☐ TECHNOLOGY DESIGN & INNOVATION

☐ VISUAL ARTS EXPLORATORY

☐ BEGINNING SPANISH

PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR EACH OF THE ELECTIVES LISTED.
Please note that course offerings may change based on schedule conflicts, program requirements, insufficient enrollment, budgetary restraints, and academic needs of the students.

**I HAVE REVIEWED THIS FORM AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THIS FORM AND THE
SELECTIONS MADE.**

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Durant Road Middle School
Elective Course Descriptions for 6th Grade
2015-2016

Computer Skills & Applications I (CSAI)

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. It is highly recommended that students take this course in 6th grade. It is a prerequisite for any other computer courses offered at the 7th & 8th grade levels.

Exploring FACS-Family Focus

Students will have 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

Technology Design & Innovation

This course focuses on applying the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system. Through engaging activities and hands-on projects, students focus on understanding how criteria, constraints, and processes affect designs. Emphasis is placed on brainstorming, visualizing, modeling, testing, and refining designs. Students develop skills in researching information, communicating design information, and reporting results.

Beginning Band

Students learn to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills and systematic progress rather than performance; however, band classes perform several concert compositions. No previous musical experience required. ***This is a year-long course.*** More information can be found at <http://durantroadms.wcpss.net/web/band/>.

Music Exploratory

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

This course introduces students to the elements of art through a variety of media that may include: drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, pottery, and weaving. Application of these elements to the students' own original art work is the major emphasis while being introduced to art history and critical analysis of master work as well as their own

Introduction to Theatre

Students are introduced to the fundamentals of Theatre Arts. We will start learning theatre arts vocabulary and concepts, learn to use appropriate audience etiquette, and explain the roles of actors and directors in creating performances. As we move into creative dramatics (including pantomime and story dramatization) you will learn to feel comfortable on stage using movement and voice to communicate ideas and feelings. In-class and informal performances will be an opportunity for you to apply what you learn.

Beginning Spanish

This course is an introduction to Spanish language and culture. Major emphasis will be placed on proper pronunciation and basic reading and writing skills. Topics include Spanish alphabet, greetings, classroom objects, telling time, calendar and weather. *(This is a required course for students who are interested in year-long 8th Grades Spanish. Teacher approval required.)*

