

2007-2008 WGMS Elective Course Descriptions

6th Grade Dance – (All Year)

Open to 6th grade students. This is an introductory class to dance and dance techniques. Students will work out in dance daily. This course takes the place of PE. Participants are required to purchase uniforms.

6th Grade Music

6th Grade Pre-Athletics – (All Year)

Participants must dress out and have a completed physical on file. This course takes the place of PE.

Art – (One Semester)

Students will learn the basic elements of art and working with many different art media. Classes offered are: 6th Grade Art – Basics; Art 1 (7th & 8th grades) – Art Elements

Athletics– (All Year)

Open to 7th & 8th graders. Students must have a completed physical on file each year they take athletics, tryout for at least one sport, and participate in one or more sports for satisfactory completion of the course. (Recommended to tryout for all sports).

Girls UIL team competitions in Volleyball, Basketball, and Track & Field;
Boys UIL team competitions in Football, Basketball, and Track & Field.

Band – (All Year)

Bands offered: Beginner, Honor, Jazz and Symphonic. The band program usually begins in 6th grade, but a 7th or 8th grader can also be in beginner band. Anyone interested can chose an instrument upon director approval and be in band. These classes meet daily and focus on the basic skills needed to learn an instrument. After one year of basic knowledge the classes all combine to make a band class. The bands perform many concerts and contests throughout the year. Jazz Band is upon director approval and is for the more experienced 7th or 8th grader. Different styles of jazz are taught including rock, latin and swing.

Cat News – (One Semester)

Open to 7th & 8th graders. Students must tryout for participation in this course. Students will learn video production and editing techniques to produce a daily newscast.

Cheerleading – (All Year)

Open to 7th & 8th graders. This is an audition class and requires participation at games, pep rallies and special events.

Choir – (All Year)

There are three different choirs: Select Choir, Treble Choir and Tenor Choir. Select Choir is for 7th & 8th grade girls. The students must audition to make this choir. Treble Choir is for 7th & 8th grade girls. Students who audition for Select Choir and don't make it will be placed in Treble Choir with Director's approval. Tenor Choir is for 7th & 8th grade boys and entry is by audition only.

Community Problem Solvers – (All Year)

Open only to 8th graders. This course is the advanced level of Future Problem Solvers. Team competition can advance to state and international levels. All students must be identified in MISD's gifted and talented program.

Future Problem Solvers – (All Year)

This course is open to 6th and 7th graders. This gifted and talented elective introduces students to the concepts and skills of creative problem solving and organizational skills. Team competition can advance to state level. All students must complete this course to qualify for community problem solvers as an 8th grader. All students must be identified in MISD's gifted and talented program.

Health – (One Semester)

This course explores the advantages and benefits of exercise and proper nutrition which leads to a healthy lifestyle. Courses offered:
6th grade Health – An introduction; 7th & 8th Grade Health – More in depth studies.

Physical Education – (All Year)

Spanish – (One Semester)

This course introduces students to conversational Spanish with emphasis on listening, speaking, and cultural aspects of Spanish-speaking countries. Courses offered: 6th grade Spanish – An introduction; 7th & 8th Grade Spanish – More in depth studies.

Speech – (One Semester)

Students will learn to be competent communicators, by developing and applying skills in using oral language and nonverbal communication.

Technology Applications – (One Semester)

Open to 7th & 8th grade students. Students will learn to use appropriate hardware and software. Topics will include desktop publishing, word processing, multimedia, webpages, animated graphics, video and audio technology, and much more.

Theater Arts – (One Semester)

Students will learn to communicate in a dramatic form, make artistic choices, solve problems, build positive self-concepts, and relate inter-personally, in theatrical experiences.

Tennis (Coed) Athletics – (All Year)

Open to 7th and 8th graders only. Students are taught the basics of tennis with conditioning exercises to prepare students to play high school tennis for competition. Students must have a completed physical on file each year they take athletics.

Wildcat Dancers – (All Year)

Open to 7th & 8th graders. This is an audition class and requires participation at games, pep rallies and special events. There is also a uniform requirement.

Yearbook – (All Year)

6th-8th grade students are selected by the yearbook coordinator to work on the WGMS Yearbook. As part of the photography requirement for this class, students must attend a minimum of two after-school events each six weeks.