



WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

ELECTIVE CATALOG

2023-2024

**These electives are available for 6th grade only.*

Intramural Basketball

This class is designed for students that wish to build fundamental skills in order to perform better on the basketball court. Students will benefit from this class if they plan on trying out for basketball in 7th through 12 grades.

Intramural Sports

In this class, students will begin to build the fundamental skills needed to participate successfully in a variety of seasonal sports. Golf, Tennis, Volleyball, and other sports will be explored during this year-long athletics-based class.

**These electives are available for 5th and 6th grades.*

Agricultural Engineering

Students will connect to nature and improve nutritional attitudes through the integration of physical and biological sciences. They will learn about food systems and natural resources through both classroom and hands-on gardening experiences.

Archery*

Join our award-winning archery team! This team competes regionally, at the state level, and has even participated in national competitions in previous years.

**If you are a 5th grader, you must attend tryouts to be considered for this team.*

Band

In this elective, students will learn the basic musical knowledge required to play an instrument. Previous band or music experience is not necessary. This elective begins in 5th grade and continues through 12th grade. Students may enter in 5th or 6th grade. Performances are required.

Cheerleading

This course is designed for students that wish to try out for school cheer in grades 7-12. This class will require mandatory performances throughout the year. Grades, behavior, and attendance will be considered for placement in this course.

Computer Coding

Students will get the opportunity to explore the world through computer technology while using a variety of applications to create animation, interactive programs, and games.

Competition Shake

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED

In this elective, students will learn manners, discipline, respect, and professional conduct. Students will work on nuances of human interaction, such as giving a proper handshake, how to "work a room", and how to remain poised under pressure. The goal of this course is to build the skills for success not only today but also in their future endeavors.

Competition Stem

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED

In this elective, students will use their creativity and problem-solving skills to participate in STEAM activities, such as engineering and coding. Students will compete among classmates and across the state in various competitions.

Drum Line

This 100% percussion-based ensemble is one of our newest and most exciting electives. Students will learn to work together as a unit while learning to read music and learning cadences for performances. Performances are required.

Fashion Design

In this course, students will learn the ins and outs of designing clothing and costumes. They will also learn basic circuitry and how ways to apply technology for design purposes.

Graphic Design and Creation

In this class, students will begin learning the basics of graphic design. They will be tasked with creating promotional items for WMS and its many organizations and clubs. They will also learn basic business skills, such as planning, budgeting, and advertisement.

Journalism

Students will learn how to gather information, organize ideas, and format both digital and print media. This includes creating the school yearbook, school newsletter, and newscasts.

Music Production

This elective is a performance-based class that meets the entire school year. Students learn the basics of vocal and stage production while singing songs of various styles and genres. Students will be required to participate in various performances throughout the year.

Orchestra

This elective is a comprehensive instrumental music program that begins in 5th grade and continues through 12th grade. Students may enter in 5th or 6th grade. Performances are required.

Rapocity

Students will use their creative side as they explore the unique relationship between poetry and music. They will work both individually and cooperatively to create projects relating to slam poetry, as well as write their own music lyrics.

Robotics

Students in this course will learn the basics of electronics and machinery. They will have the opportunity to build and code various robots. There is also the potential to participate in robotics competitions.

Spanish Culture & Conversation

This course will examine the various cultures among Spanish-speaking countries. Students will also be introduced to speaking and listening skills required to effectively communicate in Spanish.

Stem Discovery Zone

In this hands-on exploration course, students will combine their skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math as they work to discover the working wonders of the world around them.

Studio Art

Drawing, watercolor, printmaking, and paper mache are just a few of the exciting techniques incorporated into this elective. Students will participate in local art competitions, beautifying the school, and collaborate with our music production class to make props for our annual musical.

Ukulele

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of playing this popular stringed instrument. Students also learn basic music reading skills.