



# 6th Grade Sequoyah Middle School Electives

## ART EXPRESSION

*\*\$10 Art fee is required*

The Art Expression curriculum provides the student with the opportunity to work with and learn about ceramics, silkscreen printing, leatherwork, weaving, drawing, and painting. The principles and elements of design, creativity, and craftsmanship will be emphasized.

## BAND

6th Grade Band separates each instrument into its own class, each with its own teacher. Students have the opportunity to begin playing one of the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Cornet (Trumpet), Trombone, or Percussion. Twice a year, the instruments come together to perform a concert. Emphasis will be placed on fundamental rhythmic and melodic skills, basic instrument techniques and building overall musicianship. Band is available for ANY student who wants to play an instrument, with no need for previous musical experience.

## DRAMA

Students will learn how to prepare and present a variety of material for performances such as monologues, duets, skits, speeches, and possibly a one act play. Students will learn effective strategies for both verbal and nonverbal communication and enhance overall social/self-awareness, promote characterization, concentration, and creativity. They may also learn about the technical side of theater and participate as a crew member in the area of costuming, lighting or sound.

## ENRICHMENT

*Students must meet district criteria requirements to enroll in this class.*

Students describe this class as interesting, challenging, creative, informative, and FUN! We brainstorm and create (in class) projects that may include TV commercials, theme park design, tropical island or arctic survival, new animal creation, ACT preparation, mythology and other areas of individual interest. Through hands-on activities, students develop skills in problem solving, various types of thinking, creativity, inquiry, leadership and communication.

## ENRICHMENT FOR ALL

This is a project-based, hands-on course that encourages critical thinking skills. This course is not limited to students qualified as Gifted/Talented, but allows all students to be exposed to the Enrichment content.

## FACS

This exploratory class will help students discover skills and explore topics needed for healthy personal development. Students will delve into learning through hands on activities in the areas of values, ethics and leadership, goal-setting, decision-making, problem-solving, dealing with emotions, learning to cook, good grooming, and personal safety. Student leadership through Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is an integral part of this course.

## FOCUS

Students are automatically enrolled in FOCUS in place of an elective if they score less than satisfactory on the previous year's OCCT in Math or Reading

## HEALTH & FITNESS

This course teaches students how to live and the importance of a healthy and fit lifestyle. The course also teaches foundational athletic skills and teamwork.

## I TEACH

Students will examine the world of education while learning by serving. As they serve in placement sites around the school and help in the community, students will gain an understanding of what it takes to make a school day run smoothly. They will examine educational trends by reading various articles and journals. They will discover various types of learning and how disabilities can affect the process. They will understand the multitude of careers offered in education. They will learn to serve and serve to learn!

## ORCHESTRA

Beginning Orchestra is available for any student. Beginning string instruments are violin, viola, cello and string bass. Students will have the opportunity to participate in concerts for parents, as well as for fellow students.

## PUBLICATIONS

This class involves creating the school's newspaper. Students will learn interviewing techniques that they will practice monthly. They will then write and edit articles for our monthly newspaper, The Sequoyah Times. Team building activities will help them work together as one staff. Students who love to write and see their work published will enjoy this class.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

*\*Tennis shoes are required*

The PE class is co-educational with an emphasis on team and lifetime activities-as well as noncompetitive, organized games. Units of study include kickball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, cageball, ultimate football, speedball and badminton.

## VOCAL MUSIC

The emphasis of this class is group activities, exploration of music, and reinforcement of state mandated P.A.S.S. skills. Music study will incorporate many styles of music, group "riser" choreography, instrumental accompaniments, use of synthesizer, and games to reinforce musical facts. The sixth graders participate in our district-wide Sixth Grade Vocal Music Festival during the semester, and the course includes an additional performance opportunity.

## SEMESTER ROTATIONAL ELECTIVE

### GATEWAY TO TECHNOLOGY

Project Lead the Way's Gateway to Technology is a middle school program designed to engage students in learning how to use engineering skills to solve everyday problems. Through hands-on projects and problem-based learning students are engaged in using scientific principles and math concepts to solve real-world problems. The course focuses on active learning to help strengthen math, science, and technology inquiry skills.

### COUGAR STUDIO

*\*\$10 Art fee is required*

Students will learn to identify and use the elements and principles of design to creatively express themselves through their original works of art. They will explore various art media, tools, and techniques in studio activities such as drawing, painting, and graphic design. In addition, students will study the lives of famous artists and learn to critique paintings.

### AROUND THE WORLD

Curious about the way other people around the globe live? Why do people act the way they do? Around the World is a class that allows students to gain a global perspective of why cultures are unique by exploring current events, art, holidays and religions. Around the World offers a fun opportunity to get better connected to the world.