



Desert Wind Middle School Incoming 6th Graders 2019-2020

Pre-Registration

Required Classes: Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Tiger Prep

All students will have one (1) elective course for the semester.

Please rank your top 4 choices 1 to 4: (1 top choice and 4 last choice)

Year Long Classes

_____ Beginning Band (*Tiger Band*) Instrument _____
_____ Orchestra (*String Instruments*)
_____ Choir

Semester (1/2 year) Classes

_____ Art
_____ Drama
_____ Physical Education
_____ Beginning Spanish
_____ Computer Applications

Student Full Name _____

Current Elementary School _____

Parent Name (print) _____ Phone _____

Email _____

➔ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to your elementary school teacher by Wednesday, March 13th.

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Elective Course Descriptions

Beginning Band (Tiger Band)- Membership is open to all students, any grade level, who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by learning how to play a wind or percussion instrument. Attention is focused on introductory music fundamentals, technical achievement, and acquisition of performance and rehearsal skills through exposure to a variety of literature. The Tiger Band class will perform in two concerts throughout the year. One or two after school rehearsals may be required prior to each performance. It is expected that students in this course will also attend Desert Wind Music concerts.

Orchestra- Membership is open to all students, any grade level, who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by learning how to or developing skills on a stringed instrument. Attention is focused on introductory music fundamentals, technical achievement, and acquisition of performance and rehearsal skills through exposure to a variety of literature. The Orchestra class will perform in concerts, events, and festivals throughout the year. After school rehearsals may be required prior to each performance to prepare. It is expected that students in this course will also attend Desert Wind Music concerts.

Choir- Membership is open to all students, any grade level, who wish to extend their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of music by learning fundamental vocal tone production (singing) and ear training (listening). Attention is given to introductory music fundamentals, understanding of musicianship and musical contexts, and acquisition of rehearsal and performance skills through exposure to a variety of literature. The Chorus class will perform in concerts or events throughout the year. After school rehearsals may be required prior to each performance.

Art- This course introduces students to how to use various art mediums such as watercolor, charcoal, chalk, and oil pastels to communicate as an artist. Students learn to draw and develop their own artistic style.

Drama- Course designed to focus on the study and performance of drama, including musical theatre. Course reviews a wide range of scripted materials, such as plays, screenplays, teleplays, reader's theatre scripts, dramatic criticism, creation of original dramatic works, and the role of dramatic arts in society.

Physical Education- Course involves the acquisition of knowledge and skills that provide the foundation for sport, a physically active lifestyle, and social development through physical activity. Activities typically include those that increase strength, endurance, and flexibility. The course reinforces safe techniques and teaches the rules and conventions of games and sports.

Beginning Spanish- This course is an introduction to the language and the culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Students will learn vocabulary and grammar through listening, speaking, reading and writing. Emphasis is on simple conversation skills.

Computer Applications- This course provides students with skills in the appropriate use of word processing, spreadsheets and presentations. Work will emphasize understanding of computer systems, networks, internet research strategies and safety in the world-wide-web (www) as well as proper keyboarding techniques. This course provides a foundation of skills that are used in both personal and classroom computer-based activities.