

2020-21 MESA VERDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
6TH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Electives are offered based on student requests and space availability.

BAND

This class is open to all students and prior experience is recommended, but not mandatory. If you have no experience, it is recommended you try a summer music program or private lessons. Students perform a minimum of three concerts per year. It is expected that students participate for the whole school year.

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA

Orchestra is the stringed instrument section of the music program at Mesa Verde. It is comprised of violin, viola, cello and string bass. Students develop fundamental technical skills and aesthetic awareness. An emphasis is placed on individual and group performance. Students provide their own instruments. School cellos and basses are available to use at school only.

CHORUS

Students will learn beginning vocal and choral technique through a variety of music genres including classical, popular and musical theater. Students will learn basic choreography and acting in addition to vocal training, music history and theory. The California State Music Standards are incorporated into the grading requirements. NOTE: Requirements for this course include attendance at our performances and festivals which may take place outside of the school day. All dates are given at the start of each semester with a returned parent signature required.

EXPLORATORY

6th Grade Exploratory incorporates a variety of disciplines, and varies depending on the teacher. Classes have focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics), as well as music and literature.

LEADERSHIP*

Students in this class will be involved in student leadership projects around campus. Strong academics and a positive attitude are a prerequisite. Experience speaking in front of groups and knowledge of movie-making software are other highly sought-after skills for these students.

***An application and recommendation is required for this course. Please see your elementary front office.**