



# Oak Valley Middle School

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Request Form (CRF) 2020-2021

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Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone # for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Each student will be enrolled in the following **REQUIRED COURSES OF STUDY**: **Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, Physical Education, and one elective choice below.**

<u>Elective Choice</u>	<u>Course ID</u>	<u>Class Name</u>
<input type="radio"/>	100510	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band
<input type="radio"/>	106008	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Exploratory Wheel
<input type="radio"/>	100590	Beginning Chorus (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus)
<input type="radio"/>	100550	Orchestra 1

Looping (optional)

- 190001      Looping option: I would like my student to be considered for the Looping lottery. Placement into looping depends on availability and is NOT guaranteed. Please see reverse side for more details.

**Instructions for completing Oak Valley CRF:**

1. Complete the student and parent information fields on this form.
2. Select ONE elective choice. Please see reverse side for more details.
3. Select optional looping only if you would like your student to be entered into the looping lottery.
4. **Sign and return this form to your 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher by:**

**Wednesday,  
March 25, 2020**

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*Parent Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## Elective Course Descriptions (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Looping** - Looping is an option open to a limited number of 6th grade students. Students who are enrolled in the looping program will have one teacher for English and Social Studies and will follow that same teacher into 7th grade for humanities. Students will also travel together into common science classes. Middle school mathematics courses are structured such that all students are placed according to individual mathematical ability and achievement, therefore some students may not be enrolled together in the same mathematics class.

Keeping the same humanities teacher for 6th and 7th grade creates an opportunity for students, parents, and the teacher to create strong bonds with one another. Please note that due to the limited availability of this program, a lottery will be used to determine the students who are placed into this program if the demand is higher than the sections allotted. Students not chosen in the lottery will be placed on a waiting list and if space becomes available, will be added to the class. Families will be notified via email about the results of the lottery during registration week in August.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band** - Band is a yearlong performance class and is designed for the **wind and percussion instrument** student. The band will play a variety of music and perform at school concerts and festivals. Instruments include: flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, sax, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, percussion (drums/mallets).

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus** - This course emphasizes engaged singing with proper vocal production. Singers will be exposed to a variety of musical genres and styles that will broaden their musical and cultural experience through rehearsal and performance.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Exploratory Wheel** – This class will allow students to explore different subjects as they cycle through several of the topics below. Please note that the class combinations are determined **randomly**. Class offerings are subject to change based on staffing.

- **Team Sports** – Team sports provides students with the opportunity to vote and choose a team sport of their choice to participate. Fundamental skills and strategy are taught with an emphasis on sportsmanship and effort. Students take a walking field trip to the 4S Ranch sports park two-thirds of the time with the remaining one third of the class being spent in the classroom for study skills, binder organization and character development.
- **Art** - Students will explore the elements and principles of art, while working with a variety of media such as paint, pencil, ink, clay and paper.
- **Introduction to Computers** - In this course, students will get a taste of the world of computer science and introductory coding. Topics include internet safety, password security, and block coding utilizing algorithms, loops, user input, boolean statements, and debugging skills. This course will help students discover if they are interested in the more complex aspects of computer science.
- **Middle School Success Strategies** - Success strategies is designed to support students in their transition from elementary to high school. Using planners, checking grades, engaging in class, and navigating the new expectations are some of the topics covered. Additionally, students will build community and learn about how to positively contribute to the Oak Valley culture while also sharpening their academic skills.

**Orchestra 1** - Orchestra is a yearlong performance class and is designed for the **stringed-instrument** student. The group will play a variety of string orchestra music and perform at school concerts and festivals.

Selecting a yearlong course assumes your child will stay in for the year. There is no second choice during the year, as classes are very full. If you allow your child to drop a yearlong elective during the school year, they may not fit in any other elective class and placement options will be very limited. PLEASE do not force your child into a yearlong elective they do not want to take.