



**2020-2021**  
**COURSE REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Blacksburg Middle School**  
**Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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**Student's Last Name    First Name    MI    Gender    Current Elementary School**

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**Parent/Guardian's Name    Phone Number    Home Address**

**All students entering 6th grade at Blacksburg Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year should complete this form and have it signed by a parent/guardian. Students will be registered automatically for all required courses. On the back of this form, please indicate the student's preference for elective classes.**

Students receive daily instruction in English/language arts, mathematics, science, and history/social science each year in middle school. All 6th-grade students also have a full year of Health and Physical Education, a semester of Digital Technology Foundations, and a semester of Career Investigations. These are **REQUIRED COURSES** for 6th Grade:

- English/Language Arts 6
- US History I
- Science 6
- Mathematics (BMS determines math placement)\*
- Health & Physical Education 6
- Digital Technology Foundations
- Career Investigations

*\* MCPS provides a comprehensive mathematics program to promote the achievement of every student. A key component of our program is ensuring that all secondary students are placed in mathematics courses that deliver an appropriate level of challenge. All MCPS middle schools collect and analyze multiple pieces of student data in order to make mathematics placement decisions, including grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations. Final placements are determined only after spring SOL test scores, final grades for the current math course, and other final data points are available.*

**Specific information about the the Middle School Program, including course descriptions, are available in the MCPS Middle School Program of Studies. The Program of Studies can be accessed on both the MCPS and BMS websites. Here is a link to that resource:**

[http://www.mcps.org/departments/curriculum\\_pages/m\\_c\\_p\\_s\\_middle\\_school\\_program\\_of\\_studies](http://www.mcps.org/departments/curriculum_pages/m_c_p_s_middle_school_program_of_studies)

## MCPS 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ELECTIVES 2020-21

Elective courses are an important part of the middle school program. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the curriculum includes exploratory courses in Fine Arts as well as Career & Technical Education (CTE) to provide students with a wide range of opportunities to explore new subjects and interests. Exposure to a wide range of elective courses will also help guide future elective course selections. A student's Academic & Career Plan (ACP) will be used to assist in the selection of electives in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade that align with the student's academic and career interests.

The 6<sup>th</sup>-grade schedule includes 2 periods for elective courses:

- All 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students will take a semester of **Digital Technology Foundations** and a semester of **Career Investigations**.
- 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students will **select ONE of the following options:**

**OPTION 1 – Year-Long Fine Arts** (Select 1):

- Band
- Choir
- Art

**OR**

**OPTION 2 – Exploratory Electives** (Quarterly Rotations):

Students will have a TOTAL of 4 courses from the choices below.  
Please rank these courses 1-7 with 1 as your first choice.

CTE Courses		Fine Arts Courses	
	Robotics		Art
	Agriculture Education		Music
	Technology Education		Theatre
	Family & Consumer Science		

**NOTE:** Students who are identified as needing additional instruction in reading or math may be placed in an intervention course in lieu of an elective course.

*All course offerings are dependent upon staff availability and sufficient student interest in the class. Schools often share elective teachers; therefore, it may not be possible to determine the availability of certain courses until master schedules are finalized in June.*

**Parents:** Please complete and return this form to your child's elementary school teacher by Friday, February 14, 2020. If you have questions, please call the Blacksburg Middle School Counseling Office at 951-5803. Please direct your questions either to Ms. Amanda Weidner, Principal, or Ms. Katie Conaway, Counselor.

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Student Signature Parent/Guardian Signature Date

