



6th grade Elective Courses at Gamble Rogers Middle School 2024-2025

Gamble Rogers Middle School offers **semester** and **yearlong** Elective courses. Students do not need to apply for semester courses. However, students interested in taking a **yearlong elective course** must apply online. You can access the application form for elective selection by using this link, or you can scan the QR code. <https://tinyurl.com/GRMS6th24-25>



The elective application closes **March 4th, 2024.**

*Please make sure that you take a lot of time choosing electives and truly commit to your choices!
After the conclusion of the 23-24 school year, elective course request changes will need to be approved by administration.

The **semester courses** are **automatically** added to student schedules and placement is based on availability.

- Agricultural Science
- Art
- Spanish
- Basic Theatre
- PE (Can be a semester or a full year.)

The following courses are **yearlong** elective course offerings in 6th grade and placement is based on availability.

- AVID- Application required
- Band
- Chorus
- Theatre 1
- STEM - Exploring Technology/Power and Technology
- Year Long PE

Things to keep in mind:

- Core course recommendation sheets will be distributed by your child's 5th grade teacher no later than April 1st.
- Every student will have at least a semester of P.E. in his or her schedule unless a parent signs a waiver for the student to be excluded from P.E.
- Applying for yearlong elective courses does NOT guarantee placement. Core class scheduling and elective teacher recommendations are considered. **Spaces are limited for elective courses.**

Course Review Process:

- Students and parents can request a schedule review for a CORE course placement using the form at the link below.
- Course reviews will take place after final grades and state testing scores are released in June. Decisions to change placement will follow the course progressions and will be communicated over the summer.
- Students and parents will be notified by July 1st if the course review was approved or denied.
<https://tinyurl.com/GRMSreview2425>

Important Dates

Rising 6th Grade Open House	January 30th, 2024
AVID Applications Due	February 9th, 2024
Elective Link Closes	February 28th, 2024
Course Request Sheets with CORE Course Recommendations Distributed	No later than April 1st, 2024
Course Review Link Closes	May 25, 2024
6th Grade Orientation with WEB	Tentative date: August 6th, 2024
Schedules go live in HAC	District Date is TBD

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6th Grade Elective Descriptions

What is a yearlong elective?

- Advanced elective classes for 6th graders who already have a passion or interest in a specific area.
- Students will be scheduled in the same class all year.

AVID	This class focuses on organization, note taking, and higher-level questioning using twice-weekly tutorials, direct instruction, and hands-on learning experiences. This class teaches you how to work collaboratively through engaging lessons that lay the foundation for success in high school, college, and beyond.
Band	Learning an instrument is one of the greatest skills you could learn. Students do not need any prior experience playing an instrument or reading music to join! You could play: Flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, or percussion. This class performs for the Fall Arts Festival, Winter Concert, and other performances throughout the year. Some after school practices may be necessary.
Chorus	Choir is a place where you can express yourself and become a confident singer. Students do not need any prior experience singing or learning how to read music. We perform for the Fall Arts Festival, St. Augustine Nights of Lights and other performances. We can't wait to sing with you!
Theatre 1	Step into the spotlight through Theatre! Prior experience is not needed as you will learn a variety of lifelong skills such as acting techniques, scenic design, costuming, lighting design, playwriting and so much more! This class performs, competes and volunteers all over Northeast and Central Florida.
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math: The purpose of this course is to give students an introduction to the areas of technology and to introduce students to the design and problem-solving processes using manipulative skills while working cooperatively with others in team activities.

What is a Semester Elective?

- Electives only lasting a semester that give students an introductory sample of various classes.
- Students do not select semester electives. They are assigned to students as part of a "wheel" to give students more exposure to different disciplines.

Basic Theatre	This course immerses students in the basics of theatre arts by exploring a character through such activities as pantomime, improvisation and effective speaking using articulation, projection and breathing. Students also explore elements of technical theatre by investigating the use of such elements as costumes, props, and scenery.
Agriscience	Students will learn the basics of agriculture with focuses on plants, animals, and natural resources. This course is hands on with learning often taking place in one of our many gardens or on a hike on the campus grounds. Students will also learn about our food systems and the safety procedures in agriculture.
Art	Students explore media and techniques used to create a variety of 2-D artworks through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage. Students practice, sketch, and manipulate the structural elements of art. They will also investigate artworks from Western and non-Western cultures providing a means for students to expand their understanding and appreciation of the role of art in global culture.
Exploratory Spanish	This class is an introduction to the Spanish language and culture. Students develop basic vocabulary, writing, reading, and speaking skills. Students also dive into Hispanic culture and geography.

