



6th grade Elective Courses at Gamble Rogers Middle School 2025-2026

A middle school schedule contains 4 core classes, and 3 electives. PE takes the place of one elective course. Intensive Reading for some students will also take the place of an elective.



Gamble Rogers Middle School offers **yearlong** elective courses that students must select. 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/GRMS6th2526>

The elective application closes **March 7th, 2025.**

*Please make sure that you take a lot of time choosing electives and truly commit to your choices!
After the conclusion of the 24-25 school year, elective course changes must be approved by administration. We often are unable to move elective courses after the schedule is built.

The following courses are **yearlong** elective course offerings in 6th grade and placement is based on availability. You must sign up for these electives using the application link above.

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

If you do not select a yearlong elective, the below **semester courses** are **automatically** added to schedules and placement is based on availability.

- Agricultural Science
- Art
- Computer Applications in Business
- Spanish
- Music Theory
- PE (Can be a semester or a full year.)

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:

- Families 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 district course progression requirements.
- Students and parents will be notified by July 1st if the course review was approved or denied.
- <https://tinyurl.com/GRMSreview2526>

Important Dates

Rising 6th Grade Open House	January 28th, 2025
AVID Applications Due	February 7th, 2025
Elementary Field Trip to Gamble to Tour the Campus	SWES (2/4), OMES (2/5), WDHS (2/11)
Elective Link Closes	March 7th 2025
Course Request Sheets with CORE Course Recommendations Distributed	No later than April 1st, 2025
Course Review Link Closes for Elective Course Changes	May 25, 2025
6th Grade Orientation with WEB	Tentative date: August 4th, 2025
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 a student could learn. Students do not need any prior experience playing an instrument or reading music to join! Students 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 students can express themselves and become confident singers. 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.
Theatre 1 or Musical Theatre	Step into the spotlight through Theatre! Prior experience is not needed as students 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. Musical Theatre integrates dance and singing into the theatre curriculum.
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. Not all choices will be available and are based on number of students needing elective courses.

Music Theory	Students learn how music is constructed and developed, and acquire a basic understanding of the structural, technical, and historical elements of music. Student theorists develop basic ear-training, keyboard, and functional singing skills, and engage in the creative process through individual and collaborative projects.
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.
Computer Applications in Business	This course features instructions in intermediate keyboarding, word processing, electronic presentation, computer hardware Internet, as well as introductions to spreadsheets, and skills used in businesses. The setting is a computer lab using hands-on experiences with technology equipment.