



ELECTIVE SELECTION

2025-2026

6TH GRADE

ELECTIVE FORMS

6TH GRADE PRESENTATION

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Please complete with your parents!!

Due--- MAY 23RD

Only one submission allowed!!

Additional information on website:

www.washoeschools.net/skyranch

MUSIC IS A REQUIRED, YEARLONG COURSE, FOR ALL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS.

***BEGINNING BAND** Students will have a year of group instruction on a primary instrument of their choice: flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, or baritone. They will develop individual skills for instrumental performance, instrument care and maintenance, proper posture, and perform in concerts. Students are required to participate in two co-curricular performances beyond the school day to receive class credit. **The rental of an instrument is required to participate*

***BEGINNING ORCHESTRA** Students will have a year of group instruction on a primary instrument of their choice: violin, viola, cello, or bass and will develop individual skills for instrumental performance, instrument care and maintenance, proper posture, and concert performances. Students are required to participate in co-curricular performances beyond the school day to receive class credit. **Instrument Required if not eligible to rent from the school.*

***BEGINNING CHOIR** Beginning choir is open to all students interested in vocal performance. The choir sings classical, musical theater, and popular music. The class involves training in the basics of proper singing technique, singing 2-part harmony, and beginning musicianship skills such as sight-reading, ear training, musical interpretation, and expression. Students are required to participate in co-curricular performances beyond the school day to receive class credit. *No audition is required.*

MUSIC EXPLORATION Music Exploration is an introductory class where students learn to explore the power of music, the age when music has the strongest connection to emotions and memories, and why making informed choices about the music we listen to is so important. Students will also make music themselves. They will experiment with a variety of instruments, including guitar, keyboard, drums, and even computers. Through hands-on activities, they will learn basic music theory, composition, and performance techniques. By the end of this course, students will have a better understanding of the impact of music on their lives and the skills to create their own music.

SEMESTER LONG COURSES – REQUEST UP TO FOUR

***21st CENTURY MEDIA I** In this 6th grade only- hands-on class, students will explore the exciting world of visual storytelling through photography, stop motion animation, and beginner movie making. Starting with the basics of photography, students will learn how to capture stunning images using different techniques and principles. They'll then dive into the world of stop motion animation, where they'll create their own short, animated films frame by frame using everyday objects or clay figures. Finally, students will get an introduction to the fundamentals of movie making, including storyboarding, filming, and editing. By the end of the course, students will have a portfolio of creative projects and the skills to express their ideas through the lens of a camera. Whether you're interested in capturing still images, animating stories, or making your own movie, this course has something for everyone!

***Art I** Students will learn basic art skills: drawing, painting, and designing using a variety of media and techniques. The main goal of the class is to develop students' creativity and self-expression and allow them to explore various types of media.

CREATIVE WRITING Explore ways to make your stories more exciting and maybe even have one of your stories published! In this class we will discover techniques authors use to write the stories you love. We will challenge your creativity, writing both with and without prompts. We will also look at the process of becoming a published author, but most of all, we will get to do something we enjoy -- writing!

ENGINEERING AND DESIGN Embark on a hands-on journey integrating real-world math and the Engineering Design Process (EDP) with a Mount Everest adventure. Design protective gear, construct bridges, and experiment with zip-line dynamics to solve challenges inspired by climbing the world's tallest peak.

INTRO TO COMPUTER SCIENCE/CODING **Semester course.* Computer Science Discoveries is an introductory course that empowers students to engage in computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun! Throughout the semester, students will create their own website, animation games, and creative computing. This class will be great for beginners and experienced coders alike!

***PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)** This course aims to provide students with opportunities to engage in fitness and cooperative games while learning about the importance of regular exercise, physical fitness, and health. It focuses on developing basic physical skills, promoting teamwork, and encouraging a positive attitude towards physical activity.

***STEM LAB I** Get ready for an adventure in the STEM Lab where creativity and innovation come to life! Dive into thrilling hands-on projects like electrifying circuitry, awe-inspiring building challenges, coding your own games, and designing immersive experiences. Join us as we explore the exciting world of STEM, sparking curiosity and igniting a passion for discovery while collaborating with classmates to solve real-world problems!