

Montford Middle School

Elective Course Descriptions



All Grade Levels

- **Art (Semester)** - This extensive Art program takes the student on an aesthetic journey discovering artists in history, art criticism, and hands-on opportunities for artistic expressions. 6th graders follow a thematic series of lessons, exploring the development of various 2-D skills and techniques. 7th and 8th graders further their knowledge by mastering design principles and continuing the use 2D and 3D media such as drawing, painting, collage, mixed media, pottery and other forms of sculpture.
- **Band (Full Year)**- Band is for all students who wish to learn how to play a wind or percussion instrument. There are three levels of band. Beginning Band (or Band 1) requires no prior experience, and all first-time band students will be placed in Band 1. Band 2 and 3 require experience with the band program. Band involves group and solo playing, as well as a few performances outside of the school day. This course may require some additional costs or fees such as instrument rentals, instrument supplies, and a method book. Contact the director with any questions or financial concerns. This course is a full year course
- **Chorus (Full Year)**- Do you love to sing? Do you want to be part of a group of people that have the same interest as you? If so, please consider joining our awesome MMS Chorus. You don't need to have any prior experience or know how to read music. You will be taught all necessary skills to be successful and grow. You will participate in small and large group performances throughout the year. This is a yearlong class where we will learn how to sing correctly and make lots of music together. You can join at any time in 6,7, or 8th grade. We would love to welcome you to our chorus family!
- **Musical Theatre- Middle School Level (Full Year)**- This is a class for the person who is interested in developing their skills and helping with performances on and off the stage. No experience is necessary to join. We will work on stage production, acting, dancing and singing all year long. This class will perform or help with the school musical, present class showcases and offer lots of time to shine on and off the stage. If you are a student that wants some stage time, is excited to learn tips/tricks to grow on stage and is eager to help put on amazing performances throughout the year, this class is for you. No audition is necessary, and all grade levels are welcome in this year-long performing class. Come be a Montford rising star. We will have so much fun creating performances together.
- **Orchestra (Full Year)**- Students with no experience or some instructional experience in playing stringed instruments are provided with further skills of their instrument and receive practice in playing together as a group (limited to violin, viola, cello, and bass.) Students are placed according to their ability on their chosen instrument. This course may come with some additional costs or fees for instrument and uniform rentals. This course is a full year course.
- **Guitar (Semester)**- This course is designed to provide students (no experience necessary) with the fundamentals of playing the acoustic guitar and perform in a concert setting. The guitars are provided; however, a fee may be required. This course is only one semester long.
- **Physical Education (Semester or Full Year)**- The physical education program (P.E.) provides exposure to a variety of motor skills, and knowledge of fitness concepts related to movement patterns and performance. Students will learn how the value of physical activity enhances health, wellness, challenge, self-expression, and appropriate social interaction. Students will be required to dress in a functional physical education uniform to participate. Uniform and lockers are required. This course is only one semester long, but students can choose to take it for the full year.
- **Yearbook (Full Year)**- A team of students who compile, organize, and complete the MMS yearbook under the careful observation of the yearbook advisor. Students will take pictures, create layouts, write text, sell advertisements, create a yearbook sales drive, etc. **This elective requires an application and acceptance by Ms. Bell.** This course is a full year course.
- **Math Competition (Full Year)**- Montford's Math Competition Class incorporates math in a competitive environment for middle school students. They are tested on their ability to solve math equations and answer other math-related questions. Students compete in local competitions at Leon County schools on Saturdays, as well as in-house competitions throughout the school year at our home school!

* Signifies a course which is a High School Credit course. It will be included on the high school transcript as well as GPA calculation.

** Signifies a course which earns an industry level certification. *** Signifies a digital tool certification.

6th Grade

- **Agriculture 1** (Full Year)**– Students earn an industry level certification in Agriculture. They learn to farm, grow vegetables in a garden, go on nature hikes, and learn about sustainability. This course is a full year course.
- **6th Grade Spanish (Semester)** - This is an introduction to the Spanish language. This course is only one semester long. Every day we learn through games, songs, and activities that involve us in the culture of Spanish-speaking countries.
- **Explorations in Technology*** (Semester)**- Students will have the opportunity to earn digital tools certifications in Word Processing Essentials and Presentation Essentials. They will use the skills mastered to create stories and extravagant presentations within the Microsoft Suite.

7th & 8th Grade

- **Agriculture 2** (Full Year)**– For students who have successfully completed Agriculture 1 and want to continue the agriculture progress. This is a full year course.
- **Agriscience Foundations** (Full Year)**– this yearlong high school level science course for 8th graders will cover many topics in agriscience including the history of agriculture and its influence on the global economy, environmental principles of agriculture, plant and animal sciences, agriscience tools, equipment, and safety skills, and agribusiness, leadership, and citizenship skills. The course will emphasize sustainable farming and the humane treatment of animals. Our students will hands-on participate in organic vegetable gardening, free-range poultry farming, composting, orchard management, culinary arts, groundskeeping and landscaping, and construction projects.
- **Art 3D* (Full Year)**- This course is a full year course. This high school credit course allows students to experiment with media and techniques used to design and construct 3D artworks, including sketching, casting, carving, modeling, and assembling in such medias as wire, wood, clay, papier-mâché, and found objects. **This elective requires an application and selection process.**
- **Drama (Semester)**- Want to build your confidence in speaking with others? Learn how to manage better when working in a group? Do you want to lessen your anxieties when performing or speaking in front of others? This is not a performance class, just an introduction class. We perform for each other, but not for an outside audience to build your skills and confidence. This is a very hands-on class with little to no homework. If you like to be creative, want to become more comfortable when working with others and learn more about theater, this is the class for you. Come and grow with us. Drama is a lot of fun.
- **Piano (Semester)**- This course is designed for students to develop electric piano and keyboarding skills in a lab setting. The basics of music reading will be taught, along with some more modern approaches to piano playing. No prior experience is required as this is a beginning level piano course. Students may be asked to purchase a method book for the class. This course is only one semester long
- **Musical Theatre 1 or 2* (Full Year)**- Do you have dreams of being Montford's next star? Do you have an interest in learning to be a better performer? Do you want to learn more about singing, dancing and acting? Well then this is your elective. This class is a perfect fit for those who have had some stage experience even if long ago or feels comfortable jumping right in and trying new things. We will put on great showcases, musicals and more! You will learn MS and HS skills to take your performances to the next level. You earn one HS performing arts credit after finishing the year-long course. A short audition is required for this class if I have not already had you in one of the other classes. Come be part of our wonderful performance group. Lots of great memories are made here.
- **Spanish 1* (Full Year)**- This course follows the high school curriculum requirements of first year Spanish. Students must have qualifying score on the FAST PM 3 Reading. This course is a full year course.
- **Spanish 2* (Full Year)** - This course follows the high school curriculum requirements of second year Spanish. Students must earn a B or higher in Spanish 1 to qualify for this course. This course is a full year course.
- **Info and Communication Tech 1** – (7th Grade Only- Full Year)**- Students will have the opportunity to earn digital tools certificates in Gaming Essentials, Computing Essentials, and Multimedia Essentials. Students will utilize Scratch to build their own game with Gaming Essentials, master Microsoft based software applications, as well as create and manage an imaginary business in Multimedia Essentials. The future is in your hands!
- **Info and Communication Tech 2** - (8th Grade only and Full Year)** - WordPress Certified Editor Certification is an industry recognized credential that helps aspiring web-editing professionals improve their hiring potential by building knowledge with one of the most powerful web builder tools on the market today. WordPress is designed for you to create media-rich pages and posts and to control their layout with ease.
- **Weight Training (Semester or Full Year)** – This course is a semester long and meets the requirement for Physical education. This course will focus on strength training and proper weightlifting technique. Due to safety, prior year academic and disciplinary history will be taken into consideration when scheduling.