Montford Middle School
Elective Course Descriptions

- **Adobe Certification and Programming** - (8th Grade only)** Aimed at those who plan careers as professional designers, printers, advertisers, or publishers. Earns an industry level certification. Sets the industry standard in desktop publishing for print and digital page layout. This course is a full year course.
- **Agriculture** - (6th Grade Only)** – 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.
- **Art -** This course is designed to allow students with a basic understanding of the artistic expression of ideas through 2D and 3D media. We offer a semester long art class for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.
- **Art 3D*-** 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.
- **Band-** The band program offers instruction at the beginning, intermediate (concert), and advanced (symphonic) level of instruction. Band 1 requires no prior experience. Band 2 requires at least one year of experience. Band 3 is audition only by the band director. Contact the director for more information. This course may require some additional costs or fees such as instrumental rentals, method books or uniform rental fees. This course is a full year course.
- **Chorus-** The choral program develops performance skills in voice, ensemble singing, and self-expression. Chorus members participate in small and large group performances throughout the year. Chorus 1 is for 6th grade, Chorus 2 is for 7th grade, Chorus 3 is for 8th grade. Contact the director for more information. This course may come with some additional costs or fees such as uniform rentals, music or other fees. This course is a full year course.
- **Drama 1 or 2-** These courses provide for the study of drama in performance, dialogue, improvisation and confidence. Drama I is open to any 7-8th grader with no experience necessary and all performances are done in class only. Drama II is for 8th graders that have taken Drama I in 7th or 8th grade. There is an optional performance at the end of the semester for Drama II only. This course is only one semester long.
- **Guitar – (7th Grade Only)** 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.

- **Piano- (8th Grade Only)** This course is designed for students to develop electric piano and keyboarding skills in a lab setting. No prior experience is required; however, a fee may be required. This course is only one semester long.
- **Music Theatre 1 or 2*-** This is a high school credit elective focusing upon all aspects of music theatre production, including singing, set design, costume creation, action, direction, and cultivating an appreciation for the art of music theatre. This class is a combination of Advanced Chorus and Drama. Requires an application with an audition. Music Theatre I is for first year students and Music Theatre II is for 2nd year students. A fee will be required. Auditions usually are the week after Spring Break. Please contact the teacher for any questions. **This elective requires an audition.** This course is a full year course.
- **Orchestra**- 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.
- **Physical Education**- The physical education program (P.E.) is designed to develop competencies in physical fitness, body-management skills, skills related to throwing, catching, striking with the body, striking with objects, and strategies. 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.
- **6th Grade Spanish** - This is an introduction to Spanish basics and culture. This course is only one semester long.
- **Spanish 1* -** This course follows the high school curriculum requirements of first year Spanish. Students must have qualifying score on the FSA Reading, the signature of their current Language Arts teacher. **This elective requires a passing Spanish Prognosis Test.** This course is a full year course.
- **Spanish 2* -** 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.
- **Web Essentials*** – (7th Grade Only)** Students earn digital tool certificates in Gaming Essentials, Multimedia Essentials, and Web Design Essentials. After completion of certificates, students will explore the basics of computer programming. This course is a full year course.
- **Yearbook-** 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 Mr. Young.** This course is a full year course.

* Signifies a course which is a High School Credit course. It will be included on the high school transcript and the grade will be included in the high school GPA calculation. ** Signifies a course which earns an industry level certification. *** Signifies a course which earns a digital tool certification.