



# BENTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## SIXTH GRADE COURSE SELECTION FORM



**Return to Homeroom by May 8th**

Dear Incoming Sixth Grade Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that it is time to start preparing for next year! This document provides some important information about 6th grade scheduling which is slightly different from 5th grade.

Each student will automatically be scheduled to take the following courses: Social Studies, Science, and PE. Students will need to choose between grade level or Advanced Placement Preparation (APP) Math and ELA courses. Please see the Benton Intermediate App for more information regarding Advanced Placement Preparation considerations.

New this fall, students will choose between all year Band or Explorations as an elective. Please see the attached elective information.

### **English Language Arts (Please select 1)**

**ELA 6** (District adopted Tier 1 curriculum)

**ELA 6 APP** (Curriculum will center around District adopted Tier 1 curriculum with supplemental rigorous tasks/projects, and additional reading texts.)

### **Mathematics (Please select 1)**

**Math 6** (District adopted Tier 1 curriculum)

**Math 6 APP** (Curriculum will center around Tier 1 coursework with a faster pace and supplemental rigorous tasks. This pathway is suggested for students planning to take Algebra I their 8th grade year.)

### **Elective Choices (Please select 1)**

**Beginning Band**

**Explorations**

## **NO SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE MADE ONCE THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS**

If you have any questions, please contact our 6th grade counselor by email at heidi.cooper@[bossierschools.org](mailto:bossierschools.org) or by phone at 549-5322.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## SIXTH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSES

### BEGINNING BAND

This course emphasizes the performance of required music on the state performance guidelines list. Co-curricular activities are included as part of academic requirements in this performance class. Band fee is \$30, and it includes a band shirt and method book. Note: No prior music experience necessary. Students need to secure their own instrument via renting or purchasing. Certain instruments are made available through the school (French horn, tuba, baritone, and some woodwinds) with a rental fee. A mouthpiece must be purchased for school owned instruments.

### EXPLORATIONS: New this Fall!

Students will rotate through Art, Beginning Spanish, Cyber Fundamentals, and Keyboarding classes much like they did in 5th grade. This provides the students with exposure to a wide variety of learning experiences throughout the school year. The Explorations class fee is \$30. Please see below for an overview of each class that your student will participate in throughout the school year.

- **Art** enables students to gain a basic working knowledge of the fundamental aspects of art.
- **Cyber Fundamentals** introduces students to the foundational concepts of security, coding, and robotics through project-driven, hands-on modules. By integrating the LEGO based NXT and EV3 robots, students learn the basics of block-based and text-based programming and how they interact with sensors and robots. Cyber Fundamentals also explores the idea of a cyber society through liberal arts and technology crossovers.
- **Beginning Spanish** helps students develop skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing as well as common vocabulary and grammar patterns. Students will experience the cultures of Spanish speaking people both abroad and in the U.S.
- **Keyboarding**

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## 6th Grade ELA & Math APP

Advanced Placement Preparation (APP) courses are academically advanced courses designed to challenge motivated students to understand rigorous content more deeply. The coursework requires students to engage in independent and analytical assignments. The curricula for the courses are built on the core academic curriculum following the Louisiana State Standards. Enrollment into APP coursework is open to any student who is interested in a challenging and rigorous curriculum. Students may enroll in APP for both Math and ELA, for either Math or ELA, or for neither. Please read the expectations and characteristics of successful APP students prior to making your decision.

Students who experience success in 6th grade APP courses typically exhibit the following personal and academic characteristics.

- Desire to excel in a fast-paced environment
- Work well in collaborative peer groups
- Intrinsic motivation to complete tasks
- Typically will have a score of Mastery or Advanced on previous LEAP assessments
- Typically a score of 85% or higher in all ELA or Math classes without the support of a regular tutor
- Proficient oral and written communication skills

Please feel free to reach out to your child's current ELA or Math teacher if you have any additional questions regarding APP classes and your learner!