**2018-19 ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS FOR 6TH GRADE STUDENTS**

**West Lake Middle School**

Each middle school offers unique elective courses that your child can choose to take. The elective courses listed below are options for the incoming 6th grade students. Your child will select 5 electives from this list. If your child wants to have Band as an elective, there will be no need to choose any other electives. Your elementary school will support your child in entering their selections in our system.

It is important to note that the availability of elective courses is dependent upon each school’s master schedule, and choosing an elective does not guarantee availability in your child’s individual schedule. You can find more registration information on our website: <https://www.wcpss.net/westlakems>

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| **Course** | **Course Description** |
| **Healthful Living and Physical Education**  (Mandatory year-long course for all students) | Healthful Living is required for all 6th – 8th grade students. This course includes health education and physical education. These two courses complement each other as students learn how to be healthy and physically active for a lifetime. |
| **Beginning Band**  If you select this course please do not select any others.  (Year-long Course) | Emphasis is on the acquisition of basic musical skills as students learn to play a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Band classes prepare several concert compositions that are performed for an audience. Students should anticipate some evening performances. |
| **Keyboarding, Basic Word Processing, and Digital Literacy**  (Semester Course) | Allows students to learn the touch method of keyboarding, digital literacy, computer knowledge, basic word processing, and document formatting skills. |
| **Exploring Interpersonal Relationships and Childcare**  (Semester Course) | This 18 week course is composed of instructional modules designed to explore basic Family and Consumer Sciences foundations and skill sets. The modules that are covered in this course are: interpersonal relationships, nutrition and wellness, and early child development. Students are eligible to receive the American Red Cross® Babysitter certification. |
| **Art and Music Exploratory**  (Semester Course) | **Art (9 Weeks)** This course introduces students to the elements of art through a variety of media that may include: drawing, painting, mixed media, pottery, and weaving.  **Music (9 Weeks)** Students are introduced to the skills necessary for singing music with accuracy and interpreting the sound and symbols of music. |
| **Spanish, Keyboarding, and Basic Word Processing Exploratory**  (Semester Course) | **Spanish (9 Weeks)** This course begins the study of Spanish language and culture. This class introduces the basics in listening, speaking, reading and writing.  **Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing** **(9 Weeks)** Allows students to learn the touch method of keyboarding, basic word processing, and document formatting skills. |
| **Invention Innovation**  (Semester Course) | Investigate the design process in the invention or innovation of a new product, process, or system. |