

# High Rock School

## Course Selection for Grade 6

### 2018-2019

All 6th graders are scheduled to take English, mathematics, science, social studies, computer technology, reading for research, art, wellness, world language, and performing arts.

While these are required courses for students, families are asked to choose the type of **performing arts** and **world language** classes they wish to be enrolled. It should be assumed that students will be enrolled in their first choices. If that is not the case, we will contact you directly.

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*Please fill out this section*

**World Language Choice:** Students at High Rock will study French or Spanish. Students study the same language all three years of middle school. See course description on back of this form.

Please choose **ONLY ONE** of the following options. Circle your choice.

**FRENCH**

**SPANISH**

**Performing Arts Choice:** It is recommended that students who choose concert band or string ensemble have previous experience playing an associated instrument. Please choose **ONLY ONE** of the following options. Circle your choice.

**BEGINNING BAND**

**CONCERT BAND**

**STRING ENSEMBLE**

**CHORUS/GENERAL MUSIC**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

Please return this form to your child's classroom teacher by **Monday, April 9, 2018**.

Please Note:

If there are questions about the above music options, please contact the Fine and Performing Arts Director, LeeAnn Sutton, at 781-455-0800, ext. 2440.

If there are questions about the above language options, please contact the World Language Director, Elizabeth Zajac, at 781-455-0800, ext. 2755.

Descriptions for all courses offered to sixth graders can be found by visiting the High Rock website at <http://highrock.needham.k12.ma.us/main/academics> and link to the Middle School's Program of Studies.

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## **Choices for WORLD LANGUAGES**

### ***FRENCH 6***

This course is for the student who wishes to learn French. Vocabulary topics include greetings, courtesy, numbers, calendar, self, friends, classroom, and weather. Students first learn individual words and then combine those words into sentences. They answer simple questions related to the topic and create simple classroom stories. Students begin to learn about France and Canada.

### ***SPANISH 6***

This course is for the student who wishes to learn Spanish. Vocabulary topics include greetings, the alphabet, courtesy, numbers, calendar, classroom, body, weather, leisure activities, and celebrations. Students first learn individual words and then combine those words into sentences. They answer simple questions related to the topic and create simple classroom stories. Students begin to learn about Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America.

## **Choices for PERFORMING ARTS**

### ***CHORUS and GENERAL MUSIC***

This course is for all students who are not members of the band or string ensembles. In this class, students will study and perform music representative of a variety of musical styles and cultures through which they learn to control their rapidly changing adolescent voice in a safe and supportive environment. Public performances are required culminating experiences for this class.

### ***BEGINNING BAND 6***

This course is open to and designed for students WITHOUT any prior playing experience on a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Students will learn the fundamentals of their specific instruments, proper playing technique, and note reading. Public performances are required culminating experiences for this class. At the end of this course, students will be ready to join Concert Band 7.

### ***CONCERT BAND 6***

This course is open to students who have a minimum of one year playing experience on a brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument. Students continue to expand the fundamentals of musicianship and technical skill through the study of different styles of band literature. Participation in concert performances is a required component to this ensemble.

### ***STRING ENSEMBLE 6***

This course is open to sixth grade students who play violin, viola, cello, or string bass with a minimum of one year's playing experience or with permission of the instructor. Participation in concert performances is a required component to this ensemble.