

2021-2022
SOUTH LYON MIDDLE SCHOOLS
6th GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS

REQUIRED COURSES – All students are required to take Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. Students are also required to take a required rotation of Physical Education, Health, and Keyboarding. Each rotation is 12 weeks.

Placement in Language Arts Plus and Math Plus will be determined by the district's Academically Talented Selection Process.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Students will select one full year course OR the Elective Rotation (18 weeks each).

Choir - Full Year - This is an introduction to vocal music. The basic elements of singing, such as matching pitch, counting note values and rhythm will be covered. Unison singing will predominate with a possibility of three to four performances a year. Involvement in music has a proven positive effect on student social, cognitive and musical development. Attendance at the Winter and Spring concerts is mandatory. Students will explore the world of sound through creative compositions and group projects. An appreciation of all types of music will be fostered.

Band - Full Year - In beginning band, students learn to produce sounds, learn rhythms and notes, and perform with their peers. Other goals include the refinement of tone, embouchure, and better understanding of rhythms and techniques. Involvement in music has a proven positive effect on student social, cognitive and musical development. Attendance at the Winter and Spring concerts is mandatory. Home practice of instruments is expected. The beginning band is divided according to the instrument the student intends to play. This is a full year course.

- Brass Band (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Baritone, Tuba)
- Woodwinds (Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone)
- Percussion (Drums, Bells, Etc.)

A rental night will be at the very start of the next school year.

Both rental nights are open to anyone wishing to rent an instrument or to find out more information.

See attached letter regarding the district's band instrument transportation policy.

ELECTIVE ROTATION: Art and Technology (each meets for 18 weeks)

Art 6 – Semester (18 weeks) - A variety of materials and techniques will be explored. Individual and group hands-on projects highlight creative thinking, as well as training in art fundamentals and skills. Projects will include a variety of mediums such as clay, pastels, watercolor, fibers, and more.

Technology 6 – Semester (18 weeks) – Working with hands-on projects, the students will be introduced to the design process that incorporates a problem-solving strategy to design and construct various projects. Areas of studies and projects include design, transportation, and communication.

****If you and your student chose not to complete the scheduling process, an elective will be selected for your student.****

For More Curriculum Information

Go To:

*South Lyon Community Schools website

*Millennium Middle School or Centennial Middle School

*Counseling

REMINDERS:

- **COURSE REQUESTS ARE DUE IN SKYWARD BY FRIDAY, MAY 7.**
- **PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

Centennial Middle School:

Mrs. Judd (A-K): JUDDL@slcs.us

Mrs. Bolton (L-Z): BOLTONA2@slcs.us

Millennium Middle School:

Mrs. Bardsley (A-L): BARDSLEYD@slcs.us

Mr. Gilders (M-Z): GILDERSJ@slcs.us

- **IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE SCHEDULING PROCESS, AN ELECTIVE WILL BE SELECTED FOR YOU.**

**South Lyon Community Schools
Musical Instrument Transportation Guide**

The following musical instruments may be carried on the lap of a student while riding a school bus when it is in the carrying case, along with a book bag (or back pack):

Flute, Piccolo, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet & Flugelhorn

The following musical instruments may be carried on the lap of a student while riding a school bus when it is in the carrying case; however, no other items may be carried on the student's lap:

Bassoon, French Horn, & Mellophone (Note: If the student has another item to carry, such as a book bag or back pack, it may be carried by another student who has lap space and agrees to hold the item.)

The following musical instruments shall not be carried by a student on a school bus going to and from school:

Bass Clarinet, Tenor Saxophone, Trombone, Baritone, and Percussion Kit

For special band events (e.g. Pumpkin Fest) held within the South Lyon Community Schools boundary, musical instruments may be carried by a student while riding the bus when the instrument is removed from the carrying case and can be held on the student's lap during the short trip to and from the school/event location, with the following exceptions:

Baritone Saxophone, Tuba, Sousaphone, Marching Percussion (Snare Drum, Bass Drum & Tenor Drums). These instruments shall not be carried by a student on a school bus under any circumstances.

For field trips, band competitions, etc. where the school bus must leave the school District, the following musical instruments shall be carried in a vehicle or trailer that is separate from the bus carrying the students or other passengers: **Baritone Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Sousaphone & all percussion equipment. All other instruments that are carried on the bus during the field trip shall be carried on the lap of a student.**