

MINNETONKA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Getting Ready for Middle School

Grade 6 Elective Choices

# First Step: Music Choice

Band 6 · Choir 6 · Music 6 · Orchestra 6

Beginning Band 6 · Beginning Orchestra 6



# BAND 6

- Students will develop their note reading and rhythmic skills while focusing on tone production and instrument technique.
- Large group rehearsal happens every other day.
- Multiple performance experiences throughout the year.
- Optional co-curricular opportunities for all instruments.



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# CHOIR 6



- ...is an upbeat, fun choral experience where students work together every other day throughout the school year as a team to develop their singing skills.
- Choir members will work on vocal technique, rehearsal skills, and be given a well rounded background in music literacy fundamentals.
- Each student will develop vocal and music reading skills to attain a high level of musicianship and confidence.
- There are two performances during the school year.



# MUSIC 6

- ...is an exciting course that will explore the world of music through playing a variety of instruments, creating, composing, moving, improvising, singing, performing and so forth. Examples of units include: Bucket Drumming, Intro to Keyboard, Lines to Lyrics, Music of the Theater, Boomwhackers, Concert Ukuleles, Singing and the Stage, and Mozart to Metallica.





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# ORCHESTRA 6

- Students will develop their note reading and rhythmic skills while focusing on tone production and bowing technique.
- Large group rehearsal happens every other day.
- Students may receive small-group lessons each quarter.
- Multiple performance experiences throughout the year.



# Starting Something New?

## Band or Orchestra

- Almost all **Band 6** or **Orchestra 6** students have experience with their instrument prior to the beginning of 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students who have little to no experience with an instrument should enroll in one of our beginning courses. Teachers are happy to share suggestions for a successful first experience.
- If you have questions about finding lessons, please ask your 5<sup>th</sup> grade music teacher before the end of this school year.



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***WANT TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT BUT MISSED  
YOUR CHANCE IN 4TH OR 5TH GRADE?***

### **BEGINNING ORCHESTRA 6**

This class is designed for students who would like to learn violin, viola, cello, or bass but don't have any experience yet. In one year's time, you'll be ready to join the 7th grade orchestra!



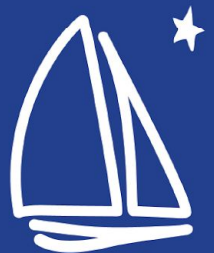
### **BEGINNING BAND 6**

This class is designed for students who would like to learn a woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument but don't have any experience yet. In one year's time, you'll be ready to join the 7th grade band!





# Second Step: Life Essentials or Computer Science Foundations



# Life Essentials

Students will learn basic cooking skills and nutrition.

Bonus: Students usually come home eager to cook and have a few new recipes to share!

## Units of Study

- Safety & sanitation
- Kitchen utensils and measurements
- Basic cooking skills (4-5 labs)
- Healthy food choices & nutrition
- Food related issues & advancements



# Computer Science Foundations

- Project based and collaborative approach to coding.
- Learn entry level programming language(s) and concepts.
- Make mistakes, learn, make better mistakes.
- Be well prepared for future CS classes.
- **Click here** for more information



# Registration

- **Start discussing your choices now.**
  - Let your parent know which **music elective** you want to take next year and if you would like to take **Life Essentials** or **Computer Science Foundations**.
- **How will I register?**
  - Your parent/guardian will receive an email containing a Google form. Registration will be open from **now - March 8**.
- **Get excited—you are getting ready for middle school!**

