

**MINNETONKA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Getting Ready for Middle School

Grade 6 Elective Choices

First Step: Music Choice

Band 6 · Boys' Choir 6 · Girls' Choir 6 ·
Music 6 · Orchestra 6



Grade 6 Elective Choices

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.
- Students may receive small-group lessons each quarter.
- Multiple performance experiences throughout the year.



CHOIR 6



- ...is an upbeat choir where students work together 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 fundamentals. Each student will develop independent singing and reading skills to attain a high level of musicianship and confidence. There will be opportunities for performances throughout the year.



MUSIC 6

- ...is an exciting course that will explore the world of music through musical theater, multicultural music, composers, playing a variety of instruments, singing and performance. Examples of units include: Lines to Lyrics, Music of the Theater, Boomwhackers, Bucket Drumming, Video Creation, Singing and the Stage, Intro to Keyboard, and Mozart to Metallica.



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 6th grade.
- Students who have little to no experience with an instrument should call the middle school. Teachers will share suggestions for a successful first experience.
- If you have questions about finding lessons, please ask your 5th grade music teacher before the end of this school year.



Second Step:
Life Essentials or
Computer Science
Foundations



Life Essentials

Formerly titled FACS 6, students will learn basic cooking skills and nutrition. Bonus: Students usually come home eager to cook and have a few new recipes to share!

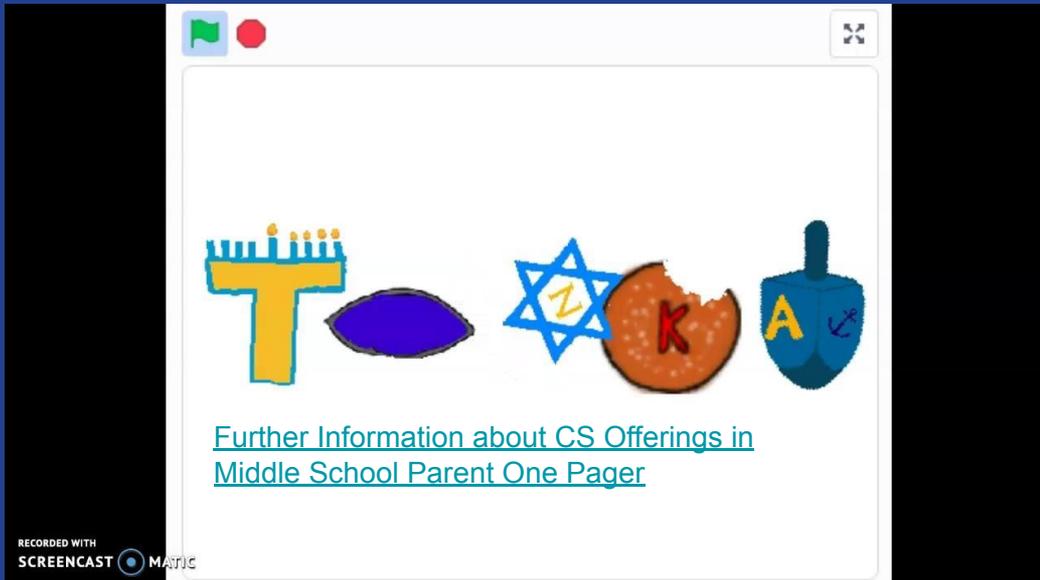
Units of Study

- 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



Online 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 will receive an email containing a Google form. Registration will be open from **February 7 - March 7**.
- **Get excited—you are getting ready for middle school!**

