SIXTH GRADE
STUDENT CLASSES
2020-2021

STUDENT NAME _________________________________________

☐ 1116  English 6  ☐ ADV ELA 4056  Advanced English 6
☐ 1135  Literature 6  4210  Advanced Literature 6
☐ 1146  General Science 6  4716  Advanced Math 6
☐ 1156  Social Studies 6
☐ 1126  Math 6

LIFE LINK CLASSES:
Life Link classes are elective classes designed to enhance student learning, giving students an opportunity to explore a variety of interests.

Students rotate 8 times through 6th grade year:
If your child is interested in Band and/or a semester/year Choir, please fill out the box below.

Yes ☐ 2931 Band (year)  Yes ☐ 9838 Choir (☐ semester OR ☐ year)  
(if yes, please number your top choices 1-6 from the Exploratory Block choices below)  (if yes, please number your top choices 1-6 from the Exploratory Block choices below)

If your student is NOT interested in Band and/or a semester/year of Choir, please check Exploratory Block.

☐ Exploratory Block (all choices below)

_____1138 Spanish (9wks)  _____9724 Art (9wks)  _____7055 Public Speaking (9wks)
_____9726 FACS (9wks)  _____9865 STEM (9wks)  _____9694 Computer 6 (9wks)
_____9838 Choir (9wks)  _____3320/3321 Girls’/Boys’ Physical Education (9wks)

*9850 Math Mania  *7053 Literacy Support
*These classes may be substituted for a Life Link class, depending on students’ state test scores and classroom progress in reading and math.

ATHLETICS: Athletics meet in varied locations. Parents are responsible for transportation from the specified location to home. Parents are also responsible for getting a physical for their child at the beginning of each school year. If a student is not passing all subjects enrolled in at the end of the week, he/she will be placed on probation for the next one-week period. If a student is failing one or more classes at the end of their probationary one-week period, they will be ineligible to participate during the next one-week period.

FALL
☐ 1083 B/G Cross Country

WINTER
☐ 9940 & 9941 B Basketball
☐ 1094 B/G Tennis
☐ 1097 & 1098 Wrestling
☐ 9938 & 9939 G Basketball

SPRING
☐ 1091 & 1092 B/G Track
☐ 1095 & 1096 B/G Tennis
☐ 9720 Off Season Wrestling
☐ 9699 B/G Golf
☐ 9058 & 9059 B Soccer
☐ 9056 & 9055 G Soccer
SHAWNEE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SIXTH GRADE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

REQUIRED CLASSES

ENGLISH 6 This sixth grade Language Arts curriculum consists of units which include writing, speaking, thinking, reading, vocabulary building, grammar usage, proper spelling, style, construction of paragraphs, essays, research projects, and appreciation of various literary forms.

LITERATURE 6 Students in sixth grade Reading will continue to develop and to apply a variety of reading skills including: comprehension, word decoding, vocabulary, and research. Students will read from a variety of fictional and nonfictional literature for information and entertainment in addition to the basic textbook.

SOCIAL STUDIES 6 Students will study the five themes of geography and basic elements of mapping. In addition, students will study the history of the development of Canada, the United States, Mexico, South America, and the Caribbean.

MATH 6 Applications and Connections is a mathematics series specifically designed for the middle school student. The sixth-grade text includes a variety of mathematical concepts: problem solving, estimation and mental math, decimals, number theory, fractions, geometry, measurement, probability and statistics, ration, proportion and percent, and algebra. A variety of intensity is placed on mathematical concepts as the student moves through the middle school grades.

GENERAL SCIENCE 6 The studies in this General Science class will include study of matter, energy, temperature/heat, electricity, magnetism, water, ecosystems/biomes, structure and function of cells.

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ADVANCED MATH 6 Middle school math is a wrap-around curriculum. In sixth grade advanced math, students go directly to the 7th grade math book. That means students will possibly be in pre-algebra in seventh grade and algebra in the eighth. Students must have a strong background in basic math including fractions and decimals. This is a rigorous course.

ADVANCED ENGLISH/LITERATURE 6 These classes will include all aspects of non-honors classes with the addition of more in-depth study, much of which will be done outside of class. Tests and quizzes will be more rigorous. Students are expected to work independently, so they must be self-motivated.

LIFELINK CLASSES

ART 6 Students will create original works of art using a variety of media and subject matter as well as visual art terms and the development of visual art from a historical and cultural perspective.

BAND 6 (Year Long) This class is open to all sixth grade students desiring to learn the woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. In this class the students will learn how to properly care for their instrument, how to produce a characteristic tone quality on their instrument, how to learn and count rhythmic patterns in music, and how to read music through knowledge of basic music theory.

INSTRUMENT REQUIRED

CHOIR 6 This class is open to all 6th graders who enjoy singing and want to improve their vocal production and music literacy. This class builds on the skills and knowledge achieved in previous music classes. Equipping the students with the ability to read music is an important goal of this class. The class is performance-oriented, with several required performances throughout the year.

COMPUTER 6 Computer literacy and touch keyboarding skills can be the most useful tools of knowledge you will need—a LifeLink skill. Computer knowledge plays an important role in many school classes and most jobs today. This class will be the beginning foundation for developing touch-keyboarding and applying this knowledge so
that the student will be able to enjoy all the benefits of a computer. Classes are taught with the aid of multimedia software, supplemental handouts, and through demonstration.

**FACS (FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE) 6** This 9 week class will include ethics, leadership roles, self-esteem, keeping yourself safe, and will have a personal living space project.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION 6** Sixth grade Physical Education teaches the fundamentals of physical fitness and the importance of fitness to overall health. A variety of games and activities are introduced along with the concepts of good sportsmanship, fair play, and responsibility. Boys and girls classes are coed. **Dressing out and participating is a requirement.**

**Public Speaking** This class aims to reduce students' anxiety in public presentations, enhance public speaking skills, and make students better able to evaluate their own performance and that of others. We will present a variety of speeches (informative, demonstrative and special occasions.) as well as monologues in class.

**SPANISH 6** Sixth grade Spanish is part of the sequential language program, which began in elementary school. The course objective is the development of listening, speaking, reading & writing skills. Students will learn about the people and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. They will demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of cultures studied and their own. The class will also reinforce and further their knowledge of other subjects through the comparison of ideas, cultures, and concepts.

**STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH) 6: Design & Modeling**
In this introductory course, students discover the design process as makers, focusing on the influences of creativity and innovation in their lives. Students practice measuring with accuracy and precision, communicate ideas with sketches, and implement principles of universal design. Throughout, students are challenged and empowered to apply what they learn to design unique and tangible projects.

**ATHLETICS**
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