

Woodcliff Middle School

Course Selections

Dear Students and Parents:

It is with excitement that we look toward the 2019-2020 school year. As our planning continues, we ask that you and your child select a World Language of study as well as Visual and Performing Arts courses of study for middle school.

Please complete these documents and return this packet to your child's Dorchester homeroom teacher by Monday, May 13, 2019.

Scroll down to view forms to fill out and return.

We would also appreciate your feedback on the Visual and Performing Arts Interest Survey included at the end of the packet.

World Language Selection

Student Name: _____
(Please Print)

Select one option:

☐ Spanish

☐ French

Parent Signature

Date

Please note that the language selected for 6th grade will be the same language that the student will be enrolled in for 7th and 8th grade.

Visual and Performing Arts Selections

Currently, all middle school students enroll in a music-based class as well as an art class. For the 2019-2020 school year, we have three options for music courses. These options include **band** (performance-based), **chorus** (performance-based), and **music appreciation** (non-performance-based).

Select one option:

- ☐ Band - (Complete the Instrument Selection form on the last page)

This is a performance-based class for students who enjoy playing an instrument, learning the dynamics of music, and performing. Students will enjoy the opportunity to perform in our school concerts, as well as being part of performances at other local venues to showcase their love of music learning and the arts.

- ☐ Chorus

This is a performance-based class for students who enjoy singing and performing in a large ensemble. Students will learn a variety of singing techniques while performing exciting repertoire with their peers. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their talents by performing in school concerts, as well as visiting other local venues.

- ☐ Music Appreciation

In Music Appreciation, you will have the opportunity to explore all the different parts of creating, listening to, and playing music. This includes learning how to use different types of music technology and understanding music theory. You will have the chance to create your own music, listen to your favorite artists and learn about new areas of music.

Student Name: _____

(Please Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Band - Instrument Selection

Current Members: What instrument is the student currently playing?

Students who are currently in band may not change instruments from 5th to 6th grade without approval from Mr. Mantell (rmantell@woodcliff-lake.com or 201-930-5600 ext. 332)

New Members: List 2 instrument choices from the following:

Choices: flute, oboe, clarinet, alto sax, tenor sax, trumpet, horn, trombone, or tuba.
As a method to keep new band members on pace with learning an instrument, they will be asked to attend an extra practice one time per week.

1. _____

2. _____

Student Name: _____
(Please Print)

Parent Signature

Date

Visual and Performing Arts - **Interest Survey**

Woodcliff Middle School continuously strives to strengthen and expand our Visual and Performing Arts program. As we explore new options for our program, we are seeking input on the arts that you are most interested in. Please review the Visual and Performing Arts options listed below and rank them from 1-6, with “1” being your top choice and “6” being your last choice. The purpose of this form is solely to gather feedback; these rankings will not impact your course selections.

_____ Visual Art (i.e, “Art”)

_____ Band

_____ Chorus

_____ Music Appreciation

_____ Dance

_____ Theatre