

**Milford Middle School
Student Services
School Year 2019-2020**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

All students in the middle school receive Unified Arts classes throughout the school year which include Consumer Ed., Technology Ed., Art, Music, P.E., and Health. As students begin to develop their interests in those areas, Milford Middle School offers additional electives for 6th grade students to help foster that interest.

For the 2019-2020 school year, in addition to the Unified Arts all students get in their schedules, students will be given the opportunity to sign up for either First Year Band, Band, Chorus, or Art Exploration in place of Study Halls and Music. A description of each is offered below. These are yearlong classes that will occur every other day.

Band and Chorus

The objectives in Band and Chorus involve singing and playing instruments; reading and notating music; listening to, analyzing, and describing music; evaluating music and musical performances; composing and arranging music; and understanding the relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside of the arts. A musical ensemble is more than just playing an instrument or singing. It is immersing your child in a culture of successful students and teachers who care about education. It challenges each child to use the creative side of their brain while, at the same time, learning a new language...MUSIC.

**If your child is new to an instrument, private instruction is strongly recommended to catch your child up with the band. Please contact Mrs. Lowy for more information at 673-5221*

The Science of Art Exploration

Students will have the opportunity to pursue and experiment with a variety of art materials and techniques. Over the duration of the course students will be encouraged to use critical thinking and problem solving skills through exploration and experimentation using various art mediums. Throughout this course, students will be diving into content areas such as recycled arts, community based arts, photography, art history, and so much more. In this course, students will also be able to choose subject areas or materials that they have yet to use in previous art classes.

**This class will be offered in addition to the art classes students currently receive.*

Students may choose one elective to sign up for. Please see the back of this form to drop or add one of these electives. This is a year long commitment.

**Elective Sign-Up
2019-2020 School Year**

This form only needs to be returned if adding an elective.

Student's Name _____ Present Grade _____

NEW CHANGES ONLY

I grant permission to add the following elective into my child's schedule. I understand that if my child signs up for one of these electives, my child will not be placed in study hall / music for the year. Please be aware, there are a limited number of openings for the art class elective. Students will be placed in the order the sign-ups come in.

CHOOSE ONE:

If a student has a first choice and second choice, that can be marked as well with a 1 or 2.
Please **add** the following elective to my child's schedule:

- _____ **Beginning Band***
(Students who have had no prior experience on a band instrument or are switching to a different instrument. School-owned instruments are available upon request at no charge and on a first come basis.)

- _____ **Experienced Band***
(Experienced students who started playing a band instrument in either 4th or 5th grade.)

- _____ **Chorus**

- _____ **Art**
(There are a limited number of openings for this class.)

If an elective is not chosen, my child will receive Study Halls, Exploratory Spanish, and Music during the school year.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO STUDENT SERVICES BY May 17, 2019