

Valley Center Middle School
Grades 6-8
Course Registration Guide



2021/2022



Our Vision

To be a premier school district known for excellence in education, innovative instruction, outstanding programs, and dedication to students.

Our Mission

The staff and students will develop the knowledge, skills, and character necessary for current and future success.

Welcome to Middle School!

We hope that you are as excited as we are as you embark on your middle school journey and we're excited to begin the planning process. This guide was set up so that you and your parent/guardian can easily navigate through our curriculum of required courses as well as elective courses. One of the great benefits in starting middle school is that there are more opportunities to explore different areas and subjects that you may not know. We have different classes to meet the many needs for *all* of our students through various levels of academic support.

While middle school is very exciting, it can also be challenging. Our administration, counselors, and teachers are available and ready to help answer questions you may have in making the best choices to fit you this coming year. We're excited about the year to come, the opportunities, and we look forward to seeing you and watching your success here at Valley Center Middle School. Go HORNETS!

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Enrollment Information

School Day: The school day starts at 7:40am and ends at 2:50pm. Students attend seven 47-minute class periods, with an 8th period called seminar, for 25 minutes each day. Seminar is dedicated to study hall days, club meetings, pep assemblies, and more. Lunch is broken up into three 30 minute groups based on the student's 5th hour teacher.

Required Courses

Four Core Classes All students will take four core classes in the areas of language arts (ELA), math, science, and history. These courses are all year-long courses.

Digital Basics Digital Basics is required one-semester for all 6th grade students. The course will explore computer skills and different Microsoft and Google programs. This course will also take students through the Digital Citizenship program.

Physical Education All 6th grade students will be required to take part in a one-semester PE course while 7th and 8th grade students may take it as an elective.

Elective Courses

Electives Students will have the option to take elective courses after enrolling in core courses. 6th graders will have one period available each semester and 7th and 8th grade students will have two periods each semester to choose elective classes.

Band/Vocal Music 6th grade students may only take Band **or** Vocal Music, 7th and 8th graders may choose to take both. Band and Vocal Music are full year electives and will not change at semester.

Overview of Middle School Courses

Grades 6-8

Grade 6

Core (Required)

6th ELA
6th Math
6th Science
6th History
6th PE/Health
Digital Basics and Literacy

Electives

6th Band (full-year)
6th Vocal Music (full-year)
6th Art
6th FACS
6th STEM
6th Intro to Industrial Tech
6th Spanish

Grade 7

Core (Required)

7th ELA
7th Math or Algebra 1
7th Science
7th Geography/ Kansas
History

Electives

7th Band (full-year)
7th Vocal Music (full-year)
Industrial Tech
Creation by Design
7th FACS
Spanish
STEM
Drama/Improv/Vocal
Intro to Art
Advanced Art (second
semester only, prerequisite of
Intro to Art)
PE
Weights/Conditioning

Grade 8

Core (Required)

8th ELA
8th Math or Algebra 1
8th Science
8th American History

Electives

8th Band (full-year)
8th Vocal Music (full-year)
Industrial Tech
8th Advanced Tech
(prerequisite of Industrial Tech)
Creation by Design
8th FACS
8th Career & Life Planning
Spanish
STEM
Drama/Improv/Vocal
Intro to Art
Advanced Art (second
semester only, prerequisite of
Intro to Art)
PE
Weights/Conditioning

Grade 6 Courses

6th ELA

6200/6201

Language Arts (grade 6) courses build upon students' prior knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, word usage, and the mechanics of writing. This includes the four aspects of language use: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. These courses may emphasize the use of language for different effects, in different contexts, and for different purposes.

6th Math

6300/6301

Mathematics (grade 6) courses typically emphasize skills in numerical operations (including basic operations and their proper order); measurement; patterns; simple functions; geometry; and concepts of data analysis, including statistics and probability.

6th Science

6400/6401

Science (grade 6) courses typically include subject matter from several strands of science, including earth/space sciences, physical sciences, and life or environmental sciences and may organize material around thematic units.

6th History

6500/6501

Social Studies (grade 6) courses provide a greater understanding of social studies disciplines, including history, geography, civics and government, and economics. These courses often focus on the history, culture, and government of various specific world societies. Typically, students develop skills used in the social studies disciplines.

6th PE & Health

6600

Students will participate in a variety of team sports, individual sports, and officiating units. Students will study advantages of living a healthy lifestyle and the importance of implementing healthy habits. Topics in Health include self-esteem, nutrition, fitness, eating disorders, drugs and alcohol, decision making, stress, and more.

Digital Basics & Literacy

6602

This class will introduce students to technology proficiencies as they prepare for success in the 21st century. Students acquire knowledge and master skills outlined by the International Society for Technology in Education. The online quests include, but are not limited to: digital citizenship, digital images, career prep, cyber safety, screen casting, trouble shooting, and many more.

Grade 6 Elective Courses

6th Band

6640/6641

Prerequisite: Knowledge of brass, wind, or percussion instrument. The purpose of band is to teach comprehensive musicianship (musical style, technique, small ensemble skills, sight reading, etc) through performance. Attendance at all concerts and one contest is required.

6th Vocal Music

6630/6631

This class includes an emphasis on choral technique, developing an appreciation for music through listening and participation, and the study of elements of music. This group will participate in concerts and contests. Attendance at programs/concerts and specified concert dress are required.

6th Intro to Industrial Tech

6622

In this class students will learn about Technology Student Association (TSA) and the opportunities of competition the organization provides. Students will design, sketch, and build projects such as nameplates, clothespins, creatures, and notepad holders.

6th Spanish

6620

This exploratory class will focus on culture and beginning level Spanish expressions. Concepts such as the alphabet, calendar, cognates, classroom and school subjects, numbers, colors, greetings, and a basic understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures will be taught.

6th STEM

6609

STEM courses provide an overview of the practical uses of a variety of engineering applications. Topics covered usually include hydraulics, design and modeling, automation and robotics, energy and the environment, pneumatics, and various computer related technology related to product design.

6th Art

6607

Art (grade 6) courses provide to students activities that foster creative expression, communication through artistic endeavor, and appreciation of culture and heritage. Activities may include those that enable students to refine their technique, increase their artistic vocabulary, express themselves and their world view, make connections to other content areas, develop their own aesthetic, and strengthen their critical abilities.

6th FACS

6606

This class is a general elective course to introduce students to career and life literacy skills in all areas of Family and Consumer Sciences. Students will receive instruction in career exploration, nutrition and food preparation, family life, interpersonal relationships, housing and interior design, sewing production, and career related tasks.



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COURSE REGISTRATION FORM
Valley Center Middle School
6th Grade

Student Name: _____ **ID #:** _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Please refer to the VCMS Registration Guide for detailed information about all of the courses. All 6th grade students will be pre-enrolled in the required courses. Please fill out the following for elective options.

Required Courses

6200/6201	6th ELA
6300/6301	6th Math
6400/6401	6th Science
6500/6501	6th History
6600	6th PE/Health
6602	Digital Basics and Literacy

Elective Courses

Please choose two options and two alternates.

Please note that Band and Vocal Music are year-long classes so they each count as two choices.

6640/6641	___	Band (year long)
6630/6631	___	Vocal Music (year long)
6622	___	6th Intro to Industrial Tech
6620	___	6th Spanish
6609	___	6th STEM
6607	___	6th Art
6606	___	6th FACS

Alternate Electives:

Please include course name and number.

1. Course Number: _____

Course Name: _____

2. Course Number: _____

Course Name: _____

Elective course availability is dependent upon class sizes and staffing.

Parents/Guardians: Please read and discuss this information with your student and complete this form. If you have any questions, please call VCMS at 316-755-7060 to speak with a counselor (Mrs. K, last name A-K; Ms. Clark, last name L-Z). Please return this to your student's homeroom teacher by **Friday, February 19th**.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

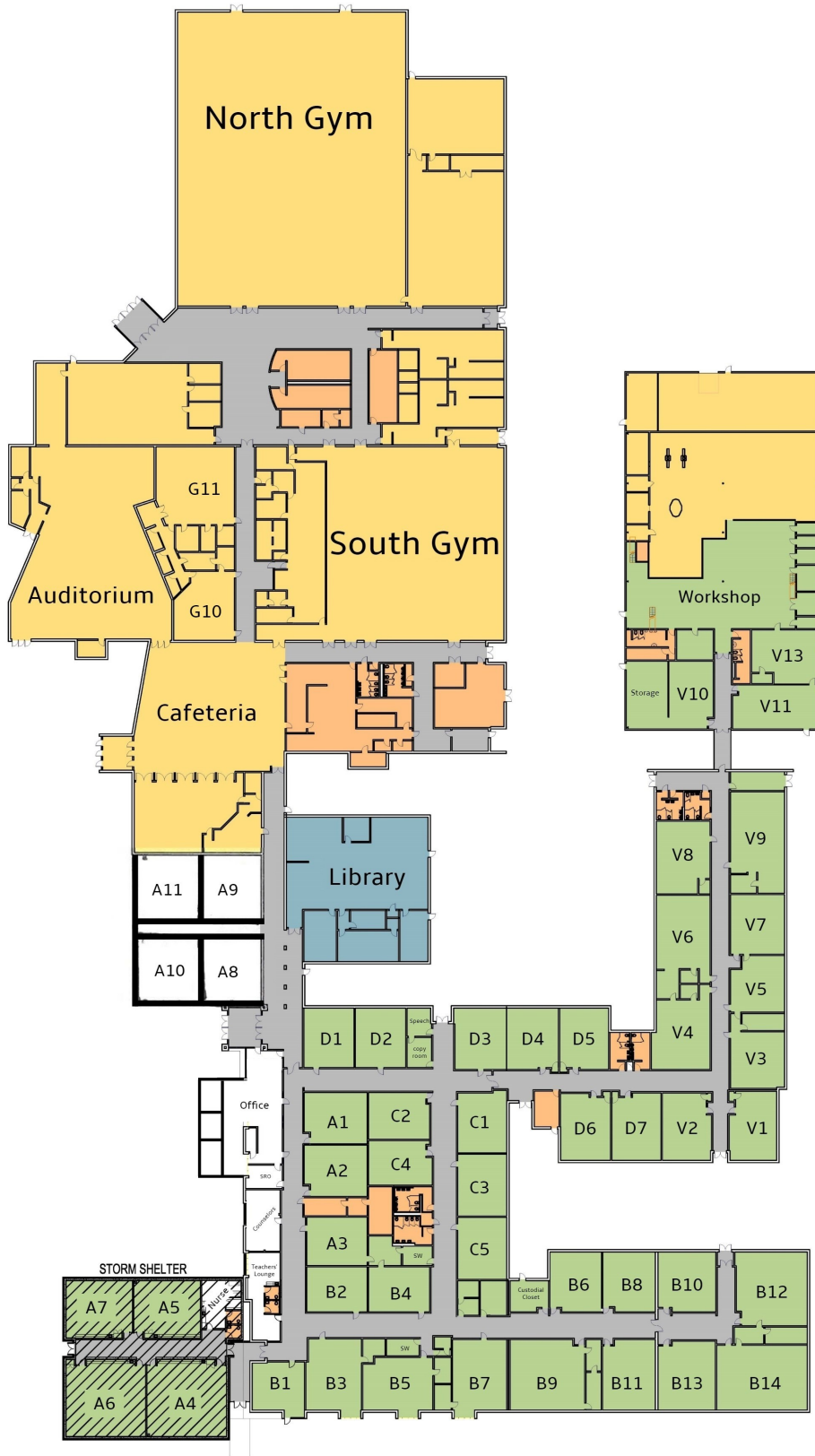
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