

2019-2020 Aspen Specials Request Form

6th, 7th, 8th Graders

Name _____ Grade 2019-20 _____ Student ID _____

Parents: Please help your child make choices and encourage him/her to explore new subjects. These requests must be returned to the school no later than Wednesday, August 7TH.

Those students who do not return elective requests will be assigned by the principal.

STUDENTS: PLEASE READ INFORMATION BELOW AND THEN SIGN

Students must write three choices for each selection. ***If there are not three choices and we cannot accommodate your first selection, we will make the choice for your placement.*** We will try our best to honor your first choice.

Know that because of possible class sizes, we may not be able to do that for all of your choices.

ADVICE: Sign up for music or art first, then PE, and go from there.

- 1.) ***If you are not enrolled in a music, you MUST take at least one semester of art*** (Intro to art, Adv Art)
- 2.) **All 7th graders are required to take ONE semester of PE. All 8th graders are required to take ONE semester of PE.**
- 3.) Music teachers will be reviewing student schedule choices for appropriate placements and may require an audition. YOU MUST HAVE THEIR SIGNATURE FOR CHOIR, ADV BAND, or ORCHESTRA.
- 4.) Be aware that some of the classes are a **year long**. You will need to write in year long classes for both 1st semester and 2nd semester. In order to take Adv Art in second semester you must take regular Art in 1st semester, or in your 7th grade year.

NOTICE: You will NOT be allowed to switch your courses the first two weeks of school and *must fill out a schedule request form that has to be approved by your teacher, parent, and the assistant principal in charge of scheduling*

Student Name _____ Student Grade _____ Student ID _____

Student Signature _____

Please Fill in the sheet on the backside of this paper after reading the course descriptions.

Student Name _____ GRADE _____ ID _____

	6th Period Semester I 6th Grade Options	6th Period Semester II 6th Grade Options
6th Period Elective Options 6th Graders 12:45-1:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to Art (SEM) • 6th Grade PE (SEM) • Orchestra (YEAR) • Band (YEAR) • Choir (YEAR) • Technology (SEM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art II(SEM) • PE (SEM) • Tech II Coding/Robotics (SEM) • Orchestra (YEAR) • Band (YEAR) • Choir (YEAR)
Student Choice: <i>Remember, if it says YEAR, put it in both first and second semester</i>	Choice 1: Choice 2: Choice 3:	Choice 1: Choice 2: Choice 3:

	1st Period Semester I 7th-8th Grade Options	1st Period Semester II 7th-8th Grade Options
1st Period Elective Choices 7th-8th Graders 7:50-8:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to Art (SEM) • 7th PE (SEM) • 8th PE (SEM) • Intro to Technology (SEM) • Beginning Orch (YEAR) • Intro to Band (YEAR) • Choir (YEAR) • Student Leadership (YEAR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Art (SEM) • 7th PE (SEM) • 8th PE (SEM) • Adv Technology: Coding/Robotics (SEM) • Beginning Orch (YEAR) • Intro to Band (YEAR) • Choir (YEAR) • Student Leadership(YEAR)
Student Choice: <i>Remember, if it says YEAR, put it in both first and second semester</i>	Choice 1: Choice 2: Choice 3:	Choice 1: Choice 2: Choice 3:

	7th Period Semester I 7 th -8 th Grade Options	7th Period Semester II 7 th -8 th Grade Options
7th Period Elective Choices for 7th-8th Graders 1:45-2:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to Art (SEM) • 7th PE (SEM) • 8th PE (SEM) • Intro to Technology (SEM) • Beginning Orch (YEAR) • Intro to Band (YEAR) • Choir (YEAR) • Student Leadership (YEAR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Art (SEM) • 7th PE (SEM) • 8th PE (SEM) • Adv Technology: Coding/Robotics (SEM) • Beginning Orch (YEAR) • Intro to Band (YEAR) • Choir (YEAR) • Student Leadership (YEAR)
Student Choice: <i>Remember, if it says YEAR, put it in both first and second semester</i>	Choice 1: Choice 2: Choice 3:	Choice 1: Choice 2: Choice 3:

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Class Descriptions

Choir (YEAR): Choir is intended for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. This class focuses on learning to sing in 2-3 part harmonies, sight singing, music theory, field experiences, and how to work as a team. This class is for students who love to sing and want to be a part of group who brings beautiful music to their community. Students will be a part of several performances, including the Solo and Ensemble Festival, Winter and Spring Concerts, and Music Performance Assessment!

Beginning/Intermediate Band (YEAR): The concert band consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who perform at an intermediate level. Beginners are also welcome to join this ensemble. As an intermediate ensemble, students will learn basic instrument maintenance, basic technique, note reading, literature, and much more! Students will be a part of several performances, including the Solo and Ensemble Festival, Winter and Spring Concerts, and Music Performance Assessment!

Advanced Band (YEAR): The Graywolf Band consists of 7th and 8th graders who perform at an advanced level. Students will continue working on advanced techniques in solo playing, and literature. As a performing ensemble, students will be a part of many performances including, Winter and Spring Concerts, school collaborative concerts, Solo and Ensemble Festival, Music Performance Assessment in Los Alamos, and we will begin our work to collaborate with the Santa Fe High School Devils Band!

Orchestra (YEAR): Students will develop their string instrument technique, note reading skills, and ensemble prowess. Beginning and Intermediate Orchestra students are welcome. Students will present several concerts a year and participate in the annual Music Performance Assessment field trip, as well as several other performance opportunities.

Advanced Orchestra (YEAR): This is Aspen's top performing string orchestra group and is designed for students with a minimum of one year experience with a string instrument or string group. String players with experience will rehearse and perform more advanced pieces and develop more advanced techniques such as shifting and vibrato. Advanced Orchestra focuses on music with multiple parts and continues to develop playing techniques and applies music theory with guided composition/music writing exercises. Public performance opportunities will be provided to students in this class. Students will present several concerts and participate in the Music Performance Assessment field trip, as well as other field trip opportunities.

Student Leadership/Restorative Justice (YEAR): Students in this class will work with various specials teachers and learn about leadership, run Peer Panel to support our school wide code for Graywolf expectations, give input to the administrative team on student needs as a school representative, mentor younger students, and provide guidance on discipline and restorative justice assignments to students in grades 4-8 when needed. They may also serve as teacher assistants for one period.

Intro to Art (SEM I): Let's explore the world of art together! We will work on a variety of art projects: drawing, printmaking, painting, sculpture and much more!

Adv Art (SEM II): This course is offered to students that are interested in taking this as a more advanced course for semester 2 only. It IS required that you have taken Intro to Art *LAST YEAR* or Intro to Art first semester of this year. Student work will go on display in a local art gallery as part of the end of year project.

Technology (SEM I): Students will practice keyboarding to produce and publish writing using software programs to create brochures, spreadsheets, surveys, and multimedia presentations.

Advanced Technology/ Coding and Robotics (SEM II): Students are required to have successfully completed Intro to Technology in order to be able to enroll in this class. This class will work to advance their computer science knowledge as they explore coding, micro controllers, app creation and animations.