

# SIXTH GRADE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The grade six program includes the classes below. Elective courses that can be added are detailed in our [course catalog](#).

## CORE CLASSES

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Learners are exposed to texts of various genres, including multimedia, where they analyze concepts, cite evidence and respond critically about learning. They write a nonfiction narrative, explore the unique relationship between animals and people, and learn how modern technology positively and negatively affects society. Learners complete the course with a unit on imagination.

### WORLD CULTURES AND GEOGRAPHY

Learners take a trip around the world. They start with North America and continue to travel through Central America, the Caribbean, South America, Europe and Africa, and end in Asia. Through the course, learners explore the world around them and become informed citizens.

### SCIENCE

Learners carry out scientific investigations using the scientific method. Science 6 focuses on matter and energy, the water cycle, aquatic ecosystems, environmental issues, plants and the human impact on Earth's systems.

### MATH

Math 6 focuses on addition, subtraction, multiplication, division of whole numbers, fractions and decimals. Learners will understand how negative numbers are used, compare integers and plot integer pairs in a coordinate plane. Ratios, interpreting and evaluating expressions, understanding polygons and learning about measures of center and measures of variability complete the course.

## SPECIALS

### ART

In sixth grade art, learners elevate their skills and develop an understanding of colors, shapes, composition and design. By studying renowned artists and their styles, learners investigate their own forms of expression and build a vocabulary of tools and materials to enhance their creativity.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

This course provides the opportunity to participate in age-appropriate movement, skill development and various exercise routines for healthy living. Topics include skills for sport and games, assessing physical fitness, creating an exercise program, nutrition, disease prevention and safety.

### MUSIC

Learners explore music from Asia, India, Africa, the Americas and the United Kingdom while engaging in listening, reading, composing, arranging, performing, analyzing and describing music. Learners experience many musical genres, composers and performances from countries near and far.

### CAREER PLANNING

In Career Planning 6, learners explore middle school study skills, time management, career pathways and various career clusters, helping them make connections and look for possible options for what to prepare for after high school.



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