

**Manhattan Beach Middle School  
Sixth Grade Course of Study Request Form 2019-2020**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

MBMS has 7 periods within the regular school day 8:10-3:00 PM. Your child will be placed in Sixth Grade Humanities (2 periods of English plus one period of social science: 3 period block), math, science, and physical education classes in the fall. In addition, your child may choose an elective to round out their 7-period day, either Exploratory Wheel or a year-long music option.

**SIXTH GRADE EXPLORATORY WHEEL**

Sixth grade wheel is composed of three to four classes taken throughout the course of the school year. Classes are taught by different teachers though the students stay together with the same class of students throughout the year. With this option, students are placed in the wheel for the entire year and the classes are assigned. Choosing specific classes within the wheel is not an available option. Below is a list of possible options:

Art  
Creating with iPad  
Drama

Film  
Languages & Culture  
Music Appreciation

MBMS Skills  
Robotics  
Software & Coding

**YEAR-LONG ELECTIVES**

- Band (Placement to be determined by instructor)
- Strings (Placement to be determined by instructor)
- Chorus

**ZERO PERIOD (7:10-8:05 AM)**

Your child has the option to lengthen their school day in order to take both the wheel and a yearlong music option or two yearlong music classes. Students opting for an eight-period day will begin school at 7:10 AM and end school at 3:00 PM. Zero Period does not meet on Late Start Wednesdays and will begin school at 9:00 AM with the rest of the school.

**Please register my child as follows:**

**MUST** choose one for the 7<sup>th</sup> class in your schedule

- Exploratory wheel
- Band
- Strings
- Chorus

**OPTIONAL:** Add Zero Period for an 8<sup>th</sup> class in your schedule

- YES, add zero period AND
- Band
- Strings
- Chorus

IEP and 504 plans supersede all other programming. Schedules may change accordingly.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Date

**Completed forms due in school: April 16, 2019**

## **Exploratory Wheel Course Descriptions**

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All Exploratory Wheel classes are for a Pass/Fail grade.

### **Art:**

- Introduction to basic foundational art skills, with a focus on drawing and painting
- Students will explore a variety of art tools, media, and historically relevant artists
- Project-oriented class; focus on the elements of art and principles of design

### **Creating with iPad:**

- Teach students how to create using iPads
- Project-orientated class
- Projects include: "All About Me" Books, short animations, creating iPad simulations and games

### **Drama:**

- Introduction to Theatre - on and off stage
- Students will get a chance to act, direct, and write scenes and monologues
- Students will study movement, narrative, and staging principles
- Various forms of theatre and entertainment will be explored

### **Film:**

- Students will learn the basic film shots, basic editing, framing and composition
- Project-oriented class
- Individual and group projects - silent film, music video, stop motion and more

### **Languages and Culture:**

- Introduction to culture, traditions, language, and others facets of a country
- Historical landmarks, cultural landmarks
- Mythological, historical and legendary tales and heroes
- Activities include research, guided discussion and presentations

### **Music Appreciation:**

- Exploration of music through learning to sing as a choir
- Listening to music and learning basic musicianship skills (rhythms and pitches)
- Emphasis on building healthy vocal technique and musicianship skills, while fostering an appreciation for music and music making

### **MBMS Skills:**

- Executive functioning skills necessary to navigate MBMS and beyond
- Note-taking skills, planning and timelines, keyboarding, etc.

### **Robotics:**

- Teach students how to engineer, build, and program small robotics projects; VEX robotics components
- Projects may include building a push bot and a claw bot

### **Software & Coding:**

- Introduction to word processing, Microsoft Word and Google Docs
- Introductory coding, Scratch & Virtual Reality
- Keyboarding with Type to Learn