



Clover Garden School Middle School

Electives: 2022 - 2023

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE
52862Y0	Band Beginning	96102Y0L	Leadership Skills
52872Y0	Band Intermediate	96102Y0	Middle School Success 101 - NCVPS
51092Y0	Dance Multi Grade 6-8	11412Y0	Spanish I (HS CREDIT) *GRADE 8 ONLY
96102Y0J	Envirothon	53792Y0	Theater Arts Special. Multi Grade 6-8
BU202YA	Exploring Business and Entrepreneurship	54082Y0	Visual Arts Grade 6-8
96102Y0ROB	Exploring Robotics	52692Y0	Vocal Music Multi Grade 6-8
BU102YB	Introduction to Office Productivity	96102Y0SP	Middle School Spanish
BU102YACG	Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing		

Band: Band is open to students interested in continuing studies in instrumental music performance. Typically, a student begins their band classes in 6th Grade, but the Band Director can meet with students who have not taken 6th Grade Band to discuss potential involvement. Students typically focus on wind instruments (such as trumpet, trombone, tuba, flute, clarinet, and saxophone) or percussion instruments, such as the drums. String instruments (such as guitar or bass) are welcome as well. Students will engage in practicing their instrument daily in class, completing practice assignments at home and at school, and preparing for school performances.

Dance Multi Grade 6-8: Middle School Dance is open to 6th through 8th grade students and concentrates on movement fundamentals through the dance elements of time, space, and energy. The focus is to build an awareness of body movement and expression through dance technique, improvisation and a variety of dance genres. Students will explore elements of choreography and participate in mandatory performance opportunities.

Envirothon: The NC Envirothon is a natural resource education program designed to challenge students in an interactive, outdoor competition. Middle and high school teams are tested in areas of Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatic Ecology, Soils, and Current Environmental Issues. This course will help students develop critical thinking skills, cooperative problem-solving skills, and decision-making skills concerning the protection, management, and wise use of our natural resources.

Exploring Business and Entrepreneurship: This course is designed to expose students to basic business concepts such as economics, marketing, advertising, entrepreneurship, and the skills needed to be successful in the evolving world of business. Students will participate in group and individual projects where they utilize concepts learned in class and technology. All students will have the chance to try their hand at entrepreneurship as they formulate a business plan, product, marketing plan, and more.

Exploring Robotics: Exploring Robotics provides an introduction to robotics for students with no programming background using LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 kits. Students will learn to construct, control, and program the robots through many investigative activities. Exploring Robotics is currently offered to seventh and eighth grade students.

Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing: This course teaches proper touch typing skills. We will focus on proper posture, ergonomics, accuracy and speed as students work through lessons designed to improve keyboarding skills. Students will also learn basic word processing skills using Google Docs and/or Microsoft Word. Prerequisite: Digital Literacy



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Introduction to Office Productivity: Introduction to Office Productivity is a middle school elective that allows students to develop basic skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Suite, and hone their keyboarding skills as well. We will focus on basic document, spreadsheet, and presentation skills that can be applied in the classroom and workforce. Prerequisites: Digital Literacy and Keyboarding and Basic Word Processing.

Leadership Skills: This course is designed to expose students to basic leadership skills. This class integrates multiple life roles and responsibilities in school, family and community settings. They will also learn how to design speeches and give presentations. Students may also help elementary classes which will give them exposure for future high school classes of Child Development and Teacher Cadet.

Theatre Arts Special: Multi Grade 6-8: This course is designed for students in grades 6 - 8. The class meets on a daily basis with times dependent upon the CGS overall class schedule. In Middle School Theatre, students will explore the fundamentals of acting and develop; through exercises and games; dramatic techniques in various genres of Theatre. Students will perform skits, scenes and plays to enjoy the experience of acting. They will create plays with scripts; learn basic Theatre vocabulary, and study the Elements of Theatre. Students will have the opportunity to participate in live productions in a variety of ways such as Acting, Stage Managing; Set and Prop design; and the use of technology skills.

Middle School Success: NCVPS: This course introduces middle school students to online learning and teaches them skills necessary to be successful during their secondary and post-secondary educational career. Emphasis is placed on the acquisition of study skills, time management skills, procedures for Internet use, researching and applying for jobs. In addition, students explore everyday living experiences through real-life applications and researching career, high school and post-secondary opportunities. The uses of technology to prepare and present information, conduct research, develop media skills, and apply problem-solving strategies in the academic disciplines are included.

Middle School Spanish: This course focuses on the culture of Spanish Heritage. This course is an immersive course where students explore the world of Spanish-speaking people by studying and comparing cultures and communities. Students learn basic language patterns and conversational phrases and make relevant connections to their own culture.

Spanish : *This is a High School course and will count towards student's GPA and is included on their High School transcript. This course stresses the four language skills - listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students study vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure. Cultural and historical material is integrated into the course to increase student understanding of a culture other than their own. *GRADE 8 ONLY

Visual Arts Multi Grade 6-8: This course is designed to explore fundamentals in media, styles, and techniques, which lead to personal expression. This course provides exposure in areas such as drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics and art history. Students will view cultural arts lessons, and participate in group discussion critiques.

Musical Theatre--Theatre Arts Special: Lights! Camera! Action! Let's explore the enchanting world of live theater and its fascinating relationship to the silver screen. Students will learn vocal technique as well as theatrical skills that will prepare them to participate in live musical/theatrical performances. Students will also analyze professional performances as they analyze for the elements of performance and critique classmates as well. Live performances are a requirement for this class.