

Robert Eagle Staff Middle School

6th Grade 2020-2021



Welcome to Robert Eagle Staff Middle School, where we nurture leaders who are engaged scholars, artists, and activists.

Dear Eagle Staff 6th Grade Student and Family,

Welcome to the Robert Eagle Staff Middle School community. It is an honor to partner with you in your middle school journey. Over the next few years you will have the chance to explore new ideas, master new skills, and learn from your teachers and peers. Our primary goal is to ensure that you as a student are challenged to grow in core academic content, in critical thinking and problem solving, in your ability to collaborate and communicate, and in developing a strong belief in yourself. We want you to have fun and learn that you can do anything with hard work and persistence.

Save the date for **6th grade orientation** on August 27 from 9-12 at Eagle Staff. Our 6th grade orientation is hosted by our own 8th grade WEB leaders. We know that partnership with our staff, students, and families is the key to establishing an effective learning community, and we invite you to join our Friends of Robert Eagle Staff PTSA at:

http://eaglestaffms.seattleschools.org/get_involved/ptsa

All 6th grade students will take a full year of Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math, and will be assigned to classes according to district designation such as HCC.

STUDENTS WITH IEPs – We will review your IEPs carefully and meet with your teachers to make sure that we are providing the best supports for your learning.

MATH PLACEMENT – Math placement made according to:

- Next course in sequence
- 5th grade teacher recommendation

We will be contacting your student's 5th grade SPS teacher for this information.

Physical Education: Students will be scheduled for one semester of PE unless they qualify for a PE waiver. PE waivers are available for the following reasons: health needs, religious belief, and directed athletics. Students enrolled in two year-long electives (World Language and Orchestra/Band) will automatically have PE waived. PE Waiver Forms will be available in October 2020.

EXPLORATORY & ELECTIVE PREFERENCES (see reverse side) – Please take time to complete the electives preferences form on the reverse side of this letter and return the completed form by **Friday, May 1, 2020 by mail**. You may return your form by US mail to the school address below or you may send the information by email to eaglestaff@settleschools.org. **Course descriptions can be found on the school website (eaglestaffms.seattleschools.org) under Academics Overview.**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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6th Grade 2020-2021 Exploratory & Elective Preferences Form

Return your form via mail to the address at the bottom of the page OR via email to
eaglestaff@seattleschools.org

If you choose to email your preferences: you may scan the form and send as a PDF or you may simply list your **TOP 4** elective preferences directly in the text of your email. Be sure to include your student's name.

Return your electives preferences by: Friday, May 1, 2020

Exploratory and elective courses are scheduled after required Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, and PE courses. This is a tentative list of exploratory and elective courses. Courses may or may not be offered in the 2020-2021 school year, depending on student interest and teacher availability. While we do our best to place students in their preferred courses, selection of a course does not guarantee placement in a course.

Instrumental Music Placement – The music teachers at Eagle Staff are committed to creating a high-quality educational experience that is rewarding, enriching, and fun for all students. As a part of this program, students will build their skills and knowledge and become exceptional musicians, leaders, and citizens of the Eagle Staff community. For incoming 6th graders: your current music instructor will provide an ensemble placement recommendation for next year. If your teacher recommends an audition to determine placement, Eagle Staff instrumental teachers will contact you and set up a time for the audition. If you desire an audition, please email John Aguilar at jcaguilar@seattleschools.org.

CHOOSE THOUGHTFULLY – The electives you select/rank below apply to the entire school year (both semesters). There will not be a second chance to rank your preferences and revisions will be limited.

Student Name – FIRST AND LAST (please PRINT clearly):
Parent/Guardian Name(s):
Parent/Guardian Email(s) (please PRINT clearly):

Please Note:

- **Year long electives are optional** – you do not need to select any year long electives if you do not wish to take them.
- Even if you select year long electives, please also rank your exploratory electives.
- **Course descriptions** can be found on the school website (eaglestaffms.seattleschools.org) under Academics Overview.
- Selection of a course does not guarantee placement in a course. Elective offerings may change.

<h3 style="text-align: center;">YEAR LONG ELECTIVES</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">(2 semesters long)</p> <p><u>World Language (check one):</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish YEAR 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese YEAR 1</p> <p><u>Instrumental Music (check one):</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Band <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra</p> <p><u>NONE</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No year-long elective</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">EXPLORATORY ELECTIVES</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">(1 semester long)</p> <p>Rank from 1 – 7 (1 = most interest, 7= least interest)</p> <p>_____ Visual Arts _____ Guitar</p> <p>_____ Journalism _____ Percussion (Drum Line)</p> <p>_____ STEM/Tech _____ Proyecto Saber</p> <p>_____ Theater</p> <hr/> <p>PARTNER PE – Are you interested in taking Partner PE for your PE credit? (description online) Yes _____</p>
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