

Course Selection Instructions

The 2020-21 Hercules Middle School course selection portal is now open, and will remain open until **April 3rd**. During this time, students may change their minds and re-submit their choices. Students will only be prompted to choose their top two elective preferences.

The process of selecting elective choices for next year is:

1. Student logs into <u>PowerSchool</u> (wccusd.powerschool.com/public)

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2. Click "Class Registration" which is a tab on the left of the screen.

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3. Then, you will see the registration screen. The instructions are included there, at the top, and within each course category. Click on the pencils on the right side to edit your choices.

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Wy Schedule School information Score Reports Pearson Courses	6th Grade Elective - First Choice All students will have one elective course. Some courser may be closed due to maximum capacity and limitations of sectors offend. If your first choice is not available or consider, the net available alternate elective is scheduled. What is your first choice for your elective? Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit buth	on to request a course	2 =				Ø!
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4. Once selections are made, click "Submit". Parents and students will see the available courses in the Class Registration tab under each category.

Parents and students who are not able to complete their course selections should contact Assistant Principal Rivera via email at <u>mrivera@wccusd.net</u>.

Important Information

Academic Support Elective(s)

Academic support courses are available in order for all students to have the opportunity to achieve at their highest academic potential. Hercules staff will evaluate student needs based on academic data and may recommend an academic support course upon review of that data. Students placed in academic support classes will not receive an elective course.

We expect that the following academic support courses to be available during the 2020-2021 school year:

- RSP Tutorial*
- NSH Tutorial*
- ELD 1A/1B
- ELD 2A/2B
- ELD 3
- ELD 4

*Students scheduled into these classes have an IEP on file.

Elective Course Descriptions

Art: This course offers students an introduction to art appreciation as well as preparation for high school art. The elements of art will be studied and applied to personal expressions in two and three dimensional projects.

Band:**Express yourself through music and be a part of the award winning HMS music program! This class is open to students who have never played an instrument and to those who have some experience playing in elementary school. Band students play woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. We will choose instruments, learn the basics of how music works and play music from many different cultures and styles. Students participate in 4 mandatory evening performances in October, December, March and May.

Choir: Open to all students who love singing and want to continue their singing experience or those who want to learn how to sing. Auditions are not required, and no experience is necessary. Students will learn the basics of how music works and how to work together as a team while singing the music

of many different cultures and styles. The choir performs at mandatory evening performances in October, December, March and May.

Dance: This course consists of units in Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Modern and Tap dance styles. Students will choreograph their own dances and learn instructor's choreography. Students will be required to perform in a Spring Show.

Multimedia: This course introduces students to elements and principles of multimedia and video. Students will design, and write a blob/vlog, create media using video and online resources along with being introduced to the variety of career paths for professional multimedia artists and professionals. This course is a two year program. Year one is offered to 6th and 7th grade, year two is offered for 7th and 8th grade. Must complete year one in order to enroll in year two.

Orchestra:**Express yourself through music and be a part of the award -winning HMS music program! This class is open to students who have never played an instrument and would like to learn and students who have some experience playing in elementary school. Orchestra students play string instruments: violin, viola, cello or bass. We will choose instruments, learn the basics of how music works and play music from many different cultures and styles. Students participate in 4 mandatory evening performances in October, December, March and May.

Speech and Debate: We will have many fun activities to develop and improve speaking in front of small groups. Techniques will be taught to control speech anxiety. Students will collaborate in groups, play in interactive class games, and act out small scenes.

Yearbook:*** Students will learn design fundamentals and principles, aspects of journalism and photojournalism, digital photography and editing skills. Throughout the year, students will be required to attend events to report and photograph them. There are after school time commitments and limited time out of class for yearbook assignments. Students will be required to keep up with schoolwork. Final product is the published yearbook. ***Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation and examples of writing.

**The school will have some instruments for students to borrow, but students may also purchase or rent instruments through local music stores or online.

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