



## CORE COURSES

The **Language Arts** classes are designed to support students in building their reading comprehension, writing, listening, speaking, and research skills. ELAR Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are taught in reading/writing workshops as well as other classroom activities and projects. **PreAP** is designed for the above-average language arts student. **Pre-AP** students may be required to complete a summer reading assignment.

The **Math** classes are designed to support students in building their math reasoning and thinking skills. Math Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) are taught through spiraling presentations, exploration activities, and projects. **PreAP Math** is an accelerated course, covering 6th and 7th grade material, and is designed for the above-average math student.

**Science 6** is an overview of physical science, including force and motion. Hands-on activities in a lab setting are also a part of the course.

**Social Studies 6** is a study of world history, geography, customs, cultures, and political systems of the various societies of the world.

### PRE-AP SUGGESTED CRITERIA (LANGUAGE ARTS & MATH)

Overall average of an 88 or better

Above average performance on STAAR

Parent/Guardian signature of approval

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A year of **PE** is **required** in sixth grade. It includes the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) required of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students are expected to suit out and participate each day.

**Pre-Athletics** is designed for students who have a desire to participate in the athletic program in 7th and 8th grade. It meets all the requirements of a PE class plus rigorous training in the sports offered at the middle school level. Students should be enrolled in Pre-Athletics in order to be successful in 7th & 8th grade athletics.

Pre-athletics expectations:

- Must be able to run a mile without walking
- Must pass all classes with 70% or higher
- Must have an interest in competing in at least 2 major sports
  - For girls: Volleyball, Basketball, or Track
  - For boys: Football, Basketball, or Track
- Be prepared to go through intense physical conditioning workouts
- Must dress out every day, including wearing tennis shoes
- Must participate every day, unless excused by a doctor
- Must purchase a set of workout clothes

All student-athletes are expected to act in accordance with the MFISD Student Code of Conduct and also MFISD Extracurricular Handbook.

Extracurricular Handbook Link:

<http://marblefallsisd.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=5671943>

Student Code of Conduct Link:

<http://marblefallsisd.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=5672031>

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Please note that classes are subject to change based on personnel and availability. **Any request for changes in course selections must**

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# MARBLE FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL



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**Middle School Art I** is an extension of art techniques introduced at the elementary school level and is based on the elements and principles of design. Students will work primarily with drawing techniques, but will also complete projects in fiber arts, painting, sculpture, printmaking, and photographic imagery. Some materials will be required for students to bring to class.

**Beginning Band** is for first-year players. Students will learn the basic fundamentals of musicianship as well as the skills needed to play their instruments. Public performances are required. Students will also take part in some competitions, both as individuals and as an ensemble.

**Beginning Choir** is for singers wishing to learn, as well as for experienced singers. Students learn sight-reading basics, have numerous fun performances and participate in competition and trips.

**GT Explorations** is designed for students who are identified as **gifted and talented** by a prescribed profile. Students will participate in a variety of instructional methods including discovery, problem solving, independent research and presentations.

**Multimedia** is the use of current and emerging technologies to design and create multimedia projects. Student will learn to use the design process while creating products individually and in collaborative groups. Students will explore career paths in multimedia while developing knowledge and skills that will enable students to more successfully perform and interact in a technology-driven society. Students will explore applications in word processing, graphic design, audio, video, internet safety, and website design.

**Middle School Theatre Arts I** is designed to build the student's development of self-confidence and sensory memory, and increase emotional awareness through the use of movement, vocal expression, improvisation, and dramatization. The nature of performance is explored through dramatic interpretation and includes an introduction to basic acting techniques.

### Note

**Students who require reading, math, or language intervention will be enrolled in an intervention course/s in lieu of his/her elective choice/s.**

**Dyslexic students being served through the Wilson program will be enrolled in Dyslexia class in lieu of his/her elective choice.**

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