



Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School 2025-2026 Elective Course Selection Descriptions

Below are the elective courses that are planned to be offered during the 2025-2026 school year. Students will be able to select five elective courses.

6th Grade ONLY

Course	Description	Requirements
Advanced Academics 6-8 (Part-Time Gifted)	High-level, engaging, interdisciplinary curriculum designed for gifted learners with opportunities to develop all seven gifted goals: knowledge, questioning, research, critical/creative, leadership, goal setting, and products.	Required for part-time Gifted students. Codes P7- PX
Advanced Academics (Full-Time Gifted): Social Science	High-level, engaging, interdisciplinary curriculum designed for gifted learners with opportunities to develop all seven gifted goals: knowledge, questioning, research, critical/creative, leadership, goal setting, and products.	Required for Gifted students that have an EP.
Advanced Academics (Gifted): Literature	Engage in reading enrichment incorporating research, critical/creative thinking, and leadership skills.	None.
This course is in addition to the required course.		
AVID	Advancement Via Individual Determination , prepares students for college readiness and success. It uses tutor-facilitated study groups, motivational activities, and academic success skills. Students participate in activities that incorporate strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to support their academic growth. Additionally, students engage in activities centered around exploring college and career opportunities and their own agency.	Must take at least 1 advanced course. Application and approval required. Student needs to be a Level 3, 4, or 5 in Reading & Math
Band 1	Develop foundational instrumental technique, foundational music literacy, and aesthetic musical awareness through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality band literature.	Participate in after school performances
Band 2	Build on the instrumental technique, music literacy, and aesthetic response through rehearsal, performance, and study of a variety of high-quality band literature. NOTE: This might be an option for students who are excelling in band at Perkins and Jamerson elementary schools. Other students can be considered.	Must have taken Band 1. Participate in after school performances.
Chorus 1	Develop beginning vocal technique and skills, critical and creative thinking skills, and an appreciation of music from around the world and through time.	Participate in after school performances.
Orchestra 1	Explore and learn how to play a violin, viola, cello, or string bass. Explore high-quality music literature written or transcribed for string orchestra.	Participate in after school performances.
Visual Art 1 & 2	Introduced to the rigor and routine of the art production process including planning, producing, and reflecting on art. Investigate contemporary and historical art themes using 2D and 3D media, skills and techniques, while engaging in the art production process within a studio arts environment.	None
Theatre 1	Learn the basics of performing and design/technical theatre. Explore theater history, costumes, character building, puppetry, props, pantomime, and jobs in the theater through collaborative group projects.	None
Info & Comm Tech 1	Introduces students to core concepts associated with computer technology, components, and their use. It provides hands-on opportunities to explore various software applications such as word processing and presentation software.	None
Exploration of Engineering Technology	This course gives students an opportunity to explore the area of engineering technology and its associated careers. Students will be given the opportunity to solve technological problems using a variety of tools, materials, processes and systems while gaining an understanding of the effects of engineering technology on our everyday lives.	None
Exploration of Electronics Technology	This course gives students an opportunity to explore the area of electronics technology and its associated careers. Students will be given the opportunity to solve technological problems using a variety of tools, materials, processes and systems while gaining an understanding of the effects of electronics technology on our everyday lives.	None