**Mangrove Bay Middle School (MBMS)**

**2024-2024 Course Selection**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

1. **What happens if my child starts the elective and doesn’t like it. Can they be moved to their next choice?**

Yes, students will have the ability to move to their second, or another choice, given there is room in the receiving course.

1. **Do I have to select one course from each category: Spanish, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and Physical Education, or can I select multiple options in each category (i.e. Visual Art and Studio Art)?**

Students can make more than one selection in a single category.

1. **How do I know if my child should be in level 1 or 2 (i.e. Band 1 or Band 2)?**

Their teacher determines placement into level 1 or 2.

1. **To get a high school (HS) credit do they need to achieve a certain grade in the course?**

Yes, a passing score of C or higher is preferred. The grade in a high school credit course will impact their high school GPA.

1. **What happens if my child isn’t interested in any of these?**

Families will need to make the best decisions and selections with the options currently available. When instructional staff are in place, additional elective choices may become available.

1. **My 6th grader is interested in Spanish but its only offered at the 7th grade level. Can they still enroll if they have taken Spanish in the past?**

Depending on the level of interest, a 6th grade Introduction to Spanish could be an option provided prior to May 24, 2024.

1. **How will I find out what elective they are enrolled in?**

When all course requests are entered in Focus, students and families will have access to view their courses. Communication will be provided to inform families with the process is completed.

1. **If my child isn’t in a Physical Education elective course will they still get time to exercise during the day?**

Yes, as part of the Health, Wellness, and Leadership Magnet program, physical exercise will be included in the course curriculum.

1. **Will these be the same electives next year or could the elective courses change?**

The elective offerings will increase as overall enrollment increases.

1. **What is the latest date I can turn in the elective form?**

To ensure your student has the best opportunity and access to their preferred choices, submissions are requested by April 1st.

1. **What happens if I don’t elect anything by the deadline?**

Communication will be sent to families that have not completed the process.

1. **How do I know if my child is not eligible to choose an elective and will be automatically scheduled into an academic support class for the additional elective period?**

Communication will be provided to families if their student’s elective choice is limited. The largest factor in this adjustment is individual student performance on their PM3 (Progress Monitoring) score in their current grade.

1. **How will it be determined if my child will be placed in an accelerated, advanced, or honors course at MBMS? Is this based on standardized testing or teacher recommendations?**

Core course placement if primarily based on a student’s testing trends.

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