



All 6th grade students at Del Mar will be enrolled in seven courses.

Five of these classes are required (Math, English, History, Science and PE) and two of these courses are elective courses.

How Electives Work:

Band and Spanish are both offered as full year elective courses.

Other elective courses will be grouped together as part of an elective “Wheel.” Students will rotate through three elective “Wheel” classes throughout the course of the year. Rotations occur at the beginning of each trimester. Students do not choose a particular wheel class, rather students will get a “taste” of various classes that Del Mar has to offer. (In 7th and 8th grade, students choose full year electives.)

Students may choose one of four options:

- A. Spanish and Band (full year)
- B. Spanish and Wheel (Spanish full year and Wheel rotates)
- C. Band and Wheel (Band full year and Wheel rotates)
- D. Wheel and Wheel (both classes rotate)



Elective Course Descriptions:

Introduction to Middle School Spanish: In this year-long Spanish class, students learn how to talk about: activities they enjoy, their friends, classes, favorite foods, drinks, and healthy habits. They use the regular present tense to converse with each other, act out skits, write poems, create art, and present digital shows. Students read the mini-novel “Isabela Captura Un Congo.” They also experience the art, culture, food, and music from Mexico, such as “El Día de los Muertos” and “El Día de Independencia de México.”

*Please note that Spanish is not required at Del Mar. It is an optional academic elective. Starting Spanish in 6th grade will give students the opportunity to take three years of Spanish at Del Mar. However, alternatively, students may start this Introductory level course in 7th or 8th grade and still make progress towards high school credits.

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**Intermediate Band/Orchestra**. This year-long elective is open to all 6th grade students interested in learning or continuing on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. It is never too late to start learning to play an instrument so new students are welcome! Since band is a class, students who played in 5th grade band will demonstrate amazing growth in individual and ensemble skills. The students in Intermediate Band perform at two school concerts (winter and spring) and at a fun musical festival with their friends.

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Wheel Electives

6th grade wheel classes rotate three times over the course of the year. Although students do not get to choose specific classes, they will participate in a range of offerings to expose them to various diverse classes. Classes rotate each trimester.

Offerings may include:

Art: Practice skills in drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and printmaking.

Drama: Gain performance experience through monologues, voice projection, and scene and partner work.

Poetry: Experiment with words and take your imagination to the limits.

Music: Possibilities include Steel Pans, World Percussion, Music for Life, Digital Music Production.

Technology: Possibilities include Robotics & Engineering, Digital Storytelling & Publishing