

MERRYHILL MIDTOWN
MIDDLE SCHOOL

ELECTIVE COURSE BOOKLET
2024-25:FIRST TRIMESTER



Secondary courses provide students with opportunities to explore a variety of different topics which are taught by their core and specialty teachers. Each course runs for one trimester, unless otherwise indicated, and is held twice a week. Students will take two secondary courses each trimester.

Over the course of the year in 6th-8th grade, students will need to participate in 3 electives which meet the following requirements: 1 PE course, 1 arts course(art, music, design) and 1 technology course. The remaining 3 courses are student choice.

From the choices available, students should pick their top three choices in both the Elective A and Elective B blocks. Requirements can be met at any point during the year. Students will earn letter grades in all elective courses. Students will be placed in electives on a first come first served basis. Using the descriptions below, have your student select their preferences using the google link.

First Trimester Secondary Courses

COURSE A SELECTIONS T,Th	
PE <i>Fulfills requirement:</i> <i>PE</i>	With the help of Merryhill’s talented physical education staff, students will build and apply movement skills, participate in activities to improve physical fitness, and explore a variety of health topics. PE uniform and dress out required.
Drawing Studio <i>Fulfills requirement:</i> <i>Arts</i>	Learn and practice techniques to improve drawing skills. Draw assigned themes and as well as personal choice subjects. Reference master artists to help understand concepts such as value, perspective, composition and more. A personal sketchbook for planning and documenting work is encouraged.
Student Council* <small>Will only be placed in class if you are elected into office</small>	Student council officers are responsible for planning and executing a variety of student activities including dances, rallies, spirit week, community service, and more. The officers will run meetings and plan events. This course requires independent workers with a desire to get involved in the school community. If you run for office and are elected you will be placed in this class. Students in this class will have opportunities to audit classes that support being an officer.
Beginner Ukulele <i>Fulfills requirement:</i> <i>Arts</i>	Have you been wanting to learn to play an instrument, but didn't know where to start? Do you love the sound of the ukulele every time you hear it? Have you already started learning to play the ukulele, but wish you didn't have to play alone? This class will help all budding musical artists in learning how to play the ukulele.
M2News <i>Fulfills requirement:</i> <i>Tech</i>	Have you ever wanted to pursue a career in newscasting or journalism? With the help of Merryhill’s talented tech team, our Midtown middle schoolers will create short news pieces on events around the campus, participate in the Monday Morning Mustang announcements, and work in tandem with the yearbook team to collect school photos. Student council members will also audit this class at various times during the trimester.

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<p>Midtown Production <i>Fulfills requirement: Tech</i></p>	<p>All the world has photos at its fingertips. This class will help support the yearbook squad in taking pictures for the yearbook, learning and mastering photo editing, and starting to work with graphic design for posters and flyers for the campus and more! Students will also take on other forms of media, such as drone footage and clip editing skills. Students will also learn the basics of assisting Miss Caraballo with different tech needs around campus with staff and students.</p>
<p>Creative Writing <i>Fulfills requirement: Arts</i></p>	<p>Without creative writing, the world would be a much duller place. From the biggest blockbuster movies, to the shortest haiku written by someone on a sticky note, creative writing gives us the ability to express ourselves. Students in this class will practice opening their creative side with different writing exercises and learning from the masters.</p>
<p>Basketball Conditioning <i>Fulfills requirement: PE</i></p>	<p>Dribble, shoot, Score! This class is designed for students who want to learn more about Basketball and playing, or for students who are considering entering the Merryhill basketball program in the Winter. Students will practice fundamentals, learn new skills, and scrimmage for games.</p>
<p>Introduction to Relief Printing <i>Fulfills requirement: Arts</i></p>	<p>Block printing is a relief printing technique that uses a carved material, such as linoleum or rubber to transfer ink onto fabric or paper. The block serves as a stamp, with the final product resulting in a mirror image of the carving. Block prints can range from small images intended to be repeated in a pattern to large works of art that require a large printing press to print. Students will be creating block prints using a variety of techniques. Elective Cost: \$25</p>

COURSE B SELECTIONS

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<p>PE <i>Fulfills requirement: PE</i></p>	<p>With the help of Merryhill's talented physical education staff students will build and apply movement skills, participate in activities to improve physical fitness, and explore a variety of health topics. PE uniform and dress out required.</p>
<p>Midtown Media <i>Fulfills requirement: Tech</i></p>	<p>All the world has photos at its fingertips. This class will help support the yearbook squad in taking pictures for the yearbook, learning and mastering photo editing, and starting to work with graphic design for posters and flyers for the campus and more! Students will also take on other forms of media, such as drone footage and clip editing skills. Students will also learn the basics of assisting Miss Caraballo with different tech needs around campus with staff and students.</p>
<p>Painting Studio <i>Fulfills requirement: Arts</i></p>	<p>Learn and practice techniques to improve painting skills. Paint assigned themes and as well as personal choice subjects. Reference master artists to help understand concepts such as value, perspective, composition and more. A personal sketchbook for planning and documenting work is encouraged.</p>
<p>Intro to Theater <i>Fulfills requirement: Arts</i></p>	<p>Do you like to act? Express yourself? Go crazy in an organized fashion? This class will teach monologues, screenwriting, improv, and much more. Students will practice their acting skills to the fullest in this fun class. Remember, this class requires active participation!</p>

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Midtown Mentors <i>Application Based</i> <i>Fulfills requirement:</i> <i>Tech</i>	The Mustang Mentor program is designed to encourage student leadership through the mentoring of elementary school students within the area of technology. Students applying for this elective will work closely with the technology team on the campus. Hours for this elective can be considered to constitute for service hours for applications for NJHS. To be considered for this elective, please complete the application as well as sign up using the elective selection link. <u>APPLICATION</u>
World Cultures	Have you every wanted to create your adventure for people to read and experience the thrill of adventure? Well, this class is your chance! In this course, students will create their own multimedia adventures for “readers” to complete. These adventures will include written, drawn, and recorded formats.
Flag Football <i>Fulfills requirement:</i> <i>PE</i>	Students in this course will learn the basics of throwing, catching, and kicking a football. This class will also give students a foray into the differences between regular football and this modified version of football that will be competed on in the next summer Olympics.
6th Grade Success	This 6th grade only course teaches students critical study and organizational skills necessary for success both in school and life. A focus on research source authentication, writing, and preparation are a few course highlights.