

Whitehall Middle School Courses

<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
English 6	English 7	English 8	Daily Living
Math 6	Math 7	Pre- Algebra Math 8	Math
Social Studies 6	World History 7	Algebra	English
Science 6	Science 7	Environmental Science 8	Science
		US History 8	Social Studies
			Resource Room

Elective Course Selection by Department

ART 6 week courses:

Arts Exploration

This class is intended to be fun, and engaging, while exploring different types of art. You will be creating a variety of art projects from paintings, drawings, sculptural forms, and collage. If you enjoy working with a variety of art materials this is the class for you! You will also explore the elements of design through various art projects, as well as art history.

Clay

This course is a three-dimensional course where students will explore clay as their medium. Students will be introduced to the basic hand-building techniques of pinch, coil and slab, and explores the use of various clay bodies, glazing styles, as well as surface decoration. Students will experience making both functional and sculptural pieces from clay. Many fun projects are planned for this class!

Drawing

This course is designed to teach students how to draw what is around them: still-life, landscapes, and interior spaces, people, along with some more imaginary drawings. This course helps students to develop their perceptual skill of seeing edges, spatial relations, as well as lights and shadows. Some materials that will be used in this class include: pencil, charcoal, ink, pastels, and mixed media. If you love to draw, this is the class for you!

Painting

Do you like to mix colors and have a passion for painting? This class is a two-dimensional art course that will explore a variety of paints such as tempera, acrylic, and watercolors. Students will explore a variety of painting techniques to communicate their ideas and themes in their work. Basic drawing skills will also be taught throughout this course, along with color mixing. We will take a look at the history of painting, along with the different styles used by both past and present artists.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE 6 week courses:

Survival Spanish: Foods, Restaurants and Holidays

This opportunity to learn Spanish will focus on foods, restaurants, and holidays! Learn basic expressions and words to help you order food and shop in the Spanish speaking world. We'll play games, watch videos and do projects.

Survival Spanish II: Travel, Sports and Tourist activities This opportunity to learn Spanish will focus on travel, sports, and tourist activities. Learn to exchange money, buy tickets, bargain at the market, and book a hotel room. We'll also play games, watch videos and do projects.

Music: Year Long Classes

Band is a **year long** course which is an introduction course in the study of playing an instrument. Reading music, technique, theory, and appreciation are covered. Concerts are required for this course.

Choir is a **year long** class that teaches techniques needed for vocal singing. A desire to sing and love for music are mandatory. No previous choral experience or audition is required.

Music: 6 Week course

Drumming World (8th grade only): Have you ever wanted to hit things with sticks and NOT get in trouble for it? Drumming World is a class where you will learn to play a variety of percussion instruments, such as buckets and trash cans, as well as drums from around the world; bongos, congas, and traditional african drums. In this class, you will learn how to read music, as well as learn basic percussion techniques to play a variety of instruments. Our 9 week course will conclude with a performance as an ensemble for your peers.

Pop Ukulele (7th and 8th grade only): Come learn how to play ukulele! As a whole group we'll learn basic chords and strumming patterns that allow you to play many of your favorite songs with your friends.

Theater Improv (7th grade only): If you like acting, performing, creating, or being dramatic, you'll love improv! We'll play games and activities that allow you to create skits and scenes with your friends.

Physical Education 6 weeks

Recreational Activities will focus on several backyard recreational games such as corn toss, ladder golf, can jam, and others. Creative Games will help students learn to work in small groups to develop a new game, teach others how to play their game, and how to effectively implement and run their game. Rhythmic Activities are combinations of physical movements with sounds, beats, or music.

Fit-Well 6: Fit-Well will educate students on wellness, cardiorespiratory fitness, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility. Workout of the Day will be a 30 minute, equipment free workout designed to improve strength and conditioning levels of students.

PE 1: Invasion games are tactical problems related to invasion games include maintaining possession, attacking and/or defending a goal, winning the ball, etc. Examples of invasion games include soccer, basketball, football and wrestling.

PE 2: Striking, Fielding, Net & Target Games Tactical problems related to striking and fielding games include striking the object to an open space, reducing space on defence, scoring points and retiring players from the game. Examples of striking and fielding games include baseball, cricket, softball and kickball. A net sport is a sport where a net is a standard part of the game, especially where the net separates the opponents. The basic goal in these sports is to hit an object over the net back to the opponent. Target Games are activities in which players send an object toward a target while avoiding any obstacles

STEM/Project Based Designs 6 weeks

6th grade STEM Explorers: What is STEM? In this course, you will have the opportunity to learn what STEM is and how it applies to the real world. You will be introduced to the world of engineering. Students will learn about safety, the engineering design process and solve a real-world problem that will be presented to the class. If you like to solve problems and learn what it is like to be an engineer, then this class is for you.

7th grade STEM Innovators: What could be? Do you always come up with new ideas or ways to do things? Do you think it would be fun to invent new products? Innovation happens all around us and technology is changing the way we do it. This class will help you to learn what it means to be innovative and how current technologies are used to make things better or easier. We will identify a societal problem that can be resolved with technology and use innovation to solve it. Students will explore current innovators, 3-D printing and solve real-world problems with new creative ideas.

8th Grade STEM Designers: What is the solution? Are your career interests in STEM careers? If so, then this class is for you. You will learn what it means to think like an engineer by solving community/school problems. You will design products that will be presented to a panel of community members. You will also have the opportunity to learn how to use AutoCAD to design products. Join this class to prepare you for your future career.

Class Descriptions for Whitehall Home School Classes **2020-2021**

All Whitehall District School students are eligible to participate in Home School Partnership classes. Additionally, students who live in the following counties are also eligible to participate: Muskegon, Kent, Oceana, Ottawa and Newaygo. Students enrolled in the program are considered students of Whitehall District Schools. All WDS policies and the Student Code of Conduct applies to all Home School Partnership students. We expect families to review the Parent/ Student Resources tab on the Whitehall District Schools website for additional information about each school building.

For additional information please refer to the Whitehall Home School Partnership Handbook or contact:

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ART

ART 101 – Intro to Art for Elementary Students

Intro to Art is designed for our younger learners. This class will complement content taught in other classes in the Partnership, but at an age appropriate level. Students will use games, art, movement and music to explore graphic arts and make new friends.

Grades K-2

ART 102 - Art in the Style of...

Using famous artist styles for inspiration, students create their own interpretation of “the Masters.”

Grades 3rd-8th

ART 103 – Nature Reflections

Learn more about the world around you and appreciate your own backyard. Students will learn about animals, culture, nature and arts in different places around the world using various artistic mediums; including visual art, PE and technology.

Grades 3rd-12th

ART 104 – MultiMedia

An introductory course in developing media in a variety of mediums: podcasts, webpages, vlogs & blogs, video editing, cinematography, photography, graphic design and broadcasting. There will be 8 projects (1 each month) featuring a different medium (listed above) to challenge students' creativity and expand their technology skills. Come with an open and creative mind to learn through mixing creativity, technology and communications. Grades 6th-12th

ART 105 – Life Style Art

This class will combine life skills lessons, health units, food preparation and technology.

A class designed to increase student knowledge and skills necessary for everyday living. The course emphasizes decision making and problem solving, communication, healthy lifestyles, nutrition and consumerism.

Grades 3rd -12th

ART 106-Art of Fashion Design/Fashion Show

Students will explore the history of fashion through the decades to inspire their own designs culminating in pattern making, sewing and modeling their outfit (shirt, pant, short, skirt, dress...). Depending on skill level and work pace this may include accessories; handbags, jewelry, headwear, etc.

Prerequisite: Students must have taken Advanced
Grades 6th-12th

ART 108 - Sewing Basics

This class is designed for those interested in learning or reviewing basic sewing skills like straight lines, curves, zippers, applique, taking measurements, reading patterns and completing simple projects.

Grades 3rd-8th

ART 109 - Advanced Sewing Fashions Upcycled

Students will make items that they can wear and recycle old clothes into new items.

Prerequisite: Students must have completed ART 108 prior to being allowed in this course or be able to demonstrate and pass a basic sewing skills test.

Grades 3rd-8th

ART 110 - Creative Expressions

Explore art and communication in new and creative ways! Students will learn to keep an art journal through a variety of mediums to express themselves. It will be a journey of creativity, intrapersonal and interpersonal communication and reflection!

Prerequisite: Students must be able to independently cut, paste, hammer a nail, work hands with materials using fine motor skills and be able to connect and communicate feelings and emotions associated with assigned projects.

Grades 6th-12th

ART 111 - Philanthropy-phi·lan·thro·py: fəˈlanθrəpē)

Students will explore the leadership, democratic process (majority vote) and advocate for the voice for the 'majority' in order to plan events both social and for charity and nonprofits. We will learn to survey the student body, and put student requests into action! This is going to be a great learning experience through real life applications. Students will utilize their creativity as well as social skills! Students will have a personal goal to achieve as well as work on a team to accomplish a school, or local community goal.

Grades 6th-12th

ART 112 - Homestead

Students will explore the art of creating a variety of artisan home goods as well as grow in life skills associated with nature and health. We will explore survival skills, emergency readiness, food/edible plants specific to our area, triage, map reading and more.

Prerequisite: Students must be able to read at a 3rd grade level and login to a student Gmail account independently and proficiently.

Grades 6th-12th

ART 113 - Illustrations

Students will use art and activities to gain a better understanding of graphic arts. This class will touch on artistic mediums including paint, clay, crayons camp like games, food and teamwork.

Grades 3rd-8th

ART 115 – Art of World Cooking

Learn the basics of different forms of art, dance and culinary styles from around the world.

Grades 3rd-8th

ART 117 – Creative Art Solutions

Creative Solutions is an art class where students will brainstorm on how to use everyday items in unique and interesting ways to solve problems; all the while making creative art creations.

Grades 3rd-8th

ART 118 - Yearbook Class

In this class students will design and finish their product encompassing an entire year of school pictures for keepsake.

Grade 3rd-8th

ART 119 – Art for Beginners for Middle/High

This is the fundamentals of art class: color, color wheel, color mixing, art techniques...

We will explore the basics and progress through the year using different mediums (pencil, chalk, oil pastels, paint, clay, beads, scissors) doing different projects: drawing, painting, collages, mold/modeling/sculpting. Focus will be on developing basic art techniques and being responsible for & with supplies.

Grades 6th-12th

ART 120 – Digital Life Skills

Come surf the net, send an email with an attachment, make a digital presentation, create a database & much more! This class will introduce students to the world of technology we live, learn & communicate in everyday! This class will be taught from the Google Suite of apps (docs, sheets, slides, sites, jamboard, cardboard, maps) which are free and accessible to students at school and at home!

Prerequisite: none

Grades 6th-12th

ART 121-Architectural Art

This class will focus on painting, drawing and building a variety of structures and buildings, both well known and your own design.

Grades 3rd-8th

ART 122-Chess

In this class you will not only learn to play this timeless and strategic game, you'll end the year by constructing your own chess pieces and board.

Grades 3rd-8th

ART 123-Animal Art

Use mammals, amphibians, insects, birds and fish as inspiration to create awesome animal art.

Grades 3rd-8th

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

FOREIGN LANGUAGE 101 - American Sign Language (ASL)

This class will accommodate beginners as well as advanced “signers.” Students will learn the manual alphabet, numbers 1-100+, fingerspelling, receptive skills, expressive signing skills, conversational skills, and deaf culture. Each year is unique in the lesson approach and is meant to build a multi-year language program for your student! There will be basics for beginners, and review and challenges for advanced students!

Prerequisite: English alphabet memorized, ability to count in English 1-30, ability to login to student Gmail account independently.

Grades 6th-12th

MUSIC

MUSIC 101 – Intro to Music

Intro to Music is designed for our younger learners. This class will complement content taught in other classes in the Partnership, but at an age appropriate level. Students will learn about vocal music, instruments and music concepts in a fun and colorful way.

Grades K-2

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE 101 - Fitness and Recreation

Physical education class integrating how your body works, health and life skills lessons. This will include track, camp games, creative play, organized sports and team challenges as well as classroom life skills units.

Grades 6th-12th

PE 102 - Modern Life Skills

Students will learn to make goals and solve problems in real world situations they face, as they grow older. This course is designed to increase student knowledge and skills necessary for

everyday living. Topics covered will include, but not be limited to: problem solving, healthy lifestyles, nutrition, citizenship and consumerism.

Grades 6th-12th

PE 103 – Intro to Physical Education

Intro to PE is designed for our younger learners. This class will complement content taught in other classes in the Partnership, but at an age appropriate level. Students will utilize play and a range of human movement activities to gain important social and physical skills.

Students may attend either AM or PM sessions, but not both sessions (PM session is a repeat of the AM session).

Grades K-2

PE 104 - Couch to 5K

Set goals, build endurance and get into shape. This course will get the body moving, starting off alternating between walking and running small distances, and slowly building up to long distance running. Daily schedule of stretching/warm up activity, distance run on track, followed by a cool down activity.

This class will meet/use the new indoor track as well as outdoor track around the football field.

Grades 6th-12th

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology 101

Students will explore the study of human behavior: Memory, Attitude, Perception and Personality. The **five** major perspectives in **psychology** are biological, psychodynamic, behavioral, cognitive and humanistic. Each perspective provides its own view on the roots of why you do what you do.

Prerequisite: students must be able to read at a 3rd grade level, and login to the student Gmail account ***independently & proficiently!***

VIRTUAL CLASSES

PBS Learning Media

PBS Learning Media offers thousands of powerful learning activities to promote design thinking, collaboration and experimentation. Within PBS Learning Media students can choose from art, PE/health or music.

Grades: K-12

DiscoveryK12

This online curriculum offers Visual/Performing Arts, Physical Education, and Healthy Living. While DiscoveryK12 offers more than 10 subjects per grade you may only choose the electives.

Grades: K-12

Incredible Art

IAD began as a showcase for elementary art students in Indiana and now includes a diverse range of subjects and topics of interest to art educators, general area teachers, students, parents, artists, and homeschoolers the world over. On this site you can find free art lessons, news, art resources, art careers, and art schools.

Grades: K-12

Go Noodle

Students will get active using interactive videos that engage the mind and body. This free site does require you to create a login to access materials. This virtual counts as a PE/health virtual.

Grades: K-6th

Daria Music

Meet a wonderful children's performer who has traveled the globe to share music that inspires, empowers and is just plain fun! On this website you can find lots of great ways to have fun with music, build your own music instruments, discover silly songs or design a multi-cultural project for your school or community group.

Grades K-6th

SFSKids (San Francisco Symphony)

The San Francisco Symphony welcomes you to SFSKids.org! We love music and are committed to music education. This website, in conjunction with our live performances, provides a great way for people of all ages to hear, learn, have fun and play games with music.

Grades K-6th

Music Theory

Explore Music Theory's free online content of music basics. This virtual covers the basics, rhythm and meter, scales and key signatures, intervals, chords, diatonic chords and more.

Grades K-12th

Peter's Online Typing Course

By the time you finish this course, you will be able to confidently type all the letters, numbers and all the common symbols, with proper ten-finger touch typing technique.

Grades 6th-12th

Typing.com

Typing.com is the world's most trusted free typing tutor! It's a perfect way to learn how to confidently type all of the letters, numbers and symbols. This program features fun and engaging exercises, interactive typing games and positive reinforcement.

Grades 6th-12th

Khan Academy

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. Students may only take computer programming, art, health or music.

Grades 6th-12th

Codeacademy

Codeacademy teaches people how to code. Their framework consists of practices and concepts that serve as a platform to create computer languages. Whether you're writing your first line of code or transforming to your next step, Codeacademy will give you the technical skills you need to skill up and stand out!

Grades 6th-12th

CODE.org

Code.org is a nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to computer science in schools and increasing participation by women and underrepresented minorities. Our vision is that every student in every school has the opportunity to learn computer science, just like biology, chemistry or algebra. Code.org provides the leading curriculum for K-12 computer science in the largest school districts in the United States and Code.org also organizes the annual [Hour of Code](#) campaign which has engaged 10% of all students in the world. Code.org is supported by generous donors including Amazon, Facebook, Google, the Infosys Foundation, Microsoft, and [many more](#).

Grades 6th-12th

Odysseyware Elective Descriptions

The following virtual classes are for Grades 6th-12th

ART HISTORY

Art History is designed to enable students to develop knowledge of the history and theory of art and the relationship between artist, artwork, and society. Students will research and critique periods, styles, and works of art from early civilizations through modern and contemporary art. Throughout the course, students may be asked to answer questions or to reflect on what they've read in their notes. The notes are not graded. Rather, they are a way for students to extend their thinking about the lesson content. Students may keep handwritten or typed notes.

FRENCH I

French 1, students begin to develop competence in four basic skill areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. While developing communicative competence in French, students gain and expand their knowledge of francophone countries and cultures. Emphasis is placed on learning the present tense, the near future and the past tense in French I through thematically designed units. Topics include home, school, family, holidays, and daily and leisure activities.

FRENCH II

French II is a foreign language course that builds on and reviews skills and concepts taught in French I through further exposure to communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and

communities. Course materials are designed to support students as they work to gain a basic proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, writing, and cultural competency. This course gives students practice using the mechanics of the French language, acquaints them with the cultural differences of francophone countries, and helps them gain a keen awareness of their own culture.

HEALTH QUEST

Health Quest is a health science elective course which introduces students to the concepts of what good health is, why good health is important, and what students should do in order to achieve good health.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Demonstrate an awareness of health as it applies to their own bodies, minds, and emotions.
- Demonstrate an awareness of health as it applies to their living environments.
- Identify the components of a healthy lifestyle and set reasonable goals to achieve a lifestyle of wellness.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH

Middle/High School Health is a health science elective course that introduces students to what good health is, why good health is important, and what students should do in order to achieve good health.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Demonstrate an awareness of health as it applies to their own bodies, minds, and emotions.
- Demonstrate an awareness of health as it applies to their living environments.
- Identify the components of a healthy lifestyle and set reasonable goals to achieve a lifestyle of wellness.
- Understand that incorporating sound health practices creates a lifestyle of moderation and wellness.
- Understand the responsibility of properly caring for their bodies.
- Describe health as it applies to broader society, the world, and their own responsibility to stimulate good health around them.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

The goal of this course is to provide instruction in basic musical elements, trace the development and growth of classical music, and give students a strong foundation for a greater appreciation of music. Students will examine music in the world around them and discover how they experience music. They'll be introduced to the basic elements and sounds of music and instruments. Students will learn the names and backgrounds of several famous musical composers. Students will also learn how and where classical music began, how it developed over the centuries, and the ways in which music and culture affect each other. Lastly, students will examine the ways modern music has been influenced by classical music. This course also provides students with lessons in engaged listening. These special lessons allow students to and respond to music. A template for how to listen and respond is provided.

MUSIC THEORY

Music Theory requires no prior instrumental, vocal, or music theory study. Using the piano keyboard as a visual basis for comprehension, the course materials explore the nature of music, integrating these concepts:

Throughout the series of assignments, ear training exercises are interspersed with the bones of composition technique, building in students the ability not only to hear and appreciate music, but step-by-step, to create it in written form as well. This highly interactive course culminates in the students producing original compositions, which while based on standard notation, demonstrate facets of personal expression. As the students' ability to perform increases in the future, they will better understand music and therefore better demonstrate its intrinsic communication of emotion and ideas.

PERSONAL AND FAMILY LIVING

This elective takes students on an interactive exploration of the challenges they may face as they transition into adulthood, including constructive conflict resolution, nutrition and health, building healthy families, financial responsibility, and long-term employment.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is an elective that focuses on performance of individual and team sports, with explanations of proper technique, rules of the game, and preparation. Team sports introduced include soccer, basketball, football, baseball, and volleyball. An introduction to fitness, strength, endurance, and nutrition is also included. Students will have the opportunity to perform each sport on their own time, while keeping a log of activity. The goal is incorporation of activity into their daily lives and the gain of lifelong healthy fitness habits.

PHYSICAL FITNESS

Physical Fitness is an elective designed to focus on the health benefits of regular physical activity and of a long term exercise program. As students work through the course, they will learn about the many aspects of physical fitness, including basic nutrition, the importance of flexibility, cardiovascular health, muscle and strength training, and realistic goal setting. Along the way, students will be required to maintain and submit an activity log in order to measure progress in course exercises, as well as in personal fitness goals.

Psychology

Psychology is an introductory elective. Throughout the course students will examine influences on human actions and beliefs, factors influencing behavior and perception, and basic psychological theories. Students will develop and apply their understanding of psychology through lessons and projects that require interaction and observation of others.

SPANISH I

Spanish I is an entry level foreign language course that explores the Spanish language through communication, culture, connections, comparisons, and communities.

Course materials are designed to support students as they work to gain a basic proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Spanish, and in cultural competency.

SPANISH II

Spanish II is a foreign language course that builds upon skills and concepts taught in Spanish I, emphasizing communication, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities. Course materials are designed to support students as they work to gain a basic proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing Spanish, and in cultural competency.