

Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School

2022-2023 Grade 6 Options



General Information for Options:

- The school year is divided into 3 terms and each term has 2 option blocks. This means students could potentially have six different options each year.
 - Band is a FULL YEAR option. This means Band will take up 3 of the 6 option blocks. Choir is a 2 TERM option and will take up 2 of the 6 option blocks.
 - Some options have a supplementary fee to cover material and supply costs.
 - Students and parents should talk about which options to select ahead of time.
- * All students will be enrolled in Falcon Academy at some point throughout the year.
- * All Grade 6 Students must choose one music and one arts option.

PLEASE NOTE: Depending on student numbers, students' option selections, and teacher schedules, options courses may be created or cancelled.

Information on Selecting Options

At Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School, we offer a wide variety of option courses. As a grade six student, you are **required** to take one Music option and one Art option. Your remaining selections may be made from all options listed.

The following planning guide is designed to help you select your choices, while assuring you have met the requirements. The planning map has been designed to resemble the format and order in which you will be selecting your options online in PowerSchool. In addition, you will need to note that a few options are **multi-term options** meaning they occur for longer than one term.

What you need to know and do

1. Read through the attached information.
2. Make sure you have access to PowerSchool, either through the student or parent portal. Your school's administrative assistants can help you with this.

Reminders:

- This process does not prioritize preferred options, nor do we track who selects options when. Once all selections are entered for all students, our software will populate as many students with their requested options as possible.
- Selecting more options than required is better than selecting fewer. It helps create flexibility if some options fill up before others.
- You will learn what options you will be taking in the fall.

Option Planning Guide

Step 1: Grade 6 students are required to take an Art option, so please make sure you select **ONE** of the Art based options listed below when you are registering in PowerSchool.

Art _____ Art Around the World _____ Art Exploration _____

Step 2: Grade 6 students are required to take a music-based option so please make sure that you select **ONE** of the Music based options listed below when registering in PowerSchool.

Band (3 terms) _____ Electronic Music _____
Choral (2 terms) _____ History of Rock & Roll _____

Step 3: Now you will be asked to select 3 to 6 additional option choices that you would be interested in taking. Even though you will only have a total of six option periods throughout the year, we will need to have some alternatives just in case.

- Active Living
- Dance
- Drama
- Foods
- Improv
- Industrial Arts (Shop)
- Outdoor Education
- Physical Theatre
- Puppetry
- Sewing

ACTIVE LIVING

This is not a traditional option class! Students of all ability levels are encouraged to join for an opportunity to increase their mental and physical strength. Through a variety of physical activities, some individual and some group based, this class will provide basics in various types of games, sports, and movement-based activities. Learn different ways to keep moving and stay healthy!

ART

“Creativity is contagious, pass it on.” – Albert Einstein

Come and explore the wonderful world of Art! As an artist, you make others see, think, and feel differently about the visual world around them. Here you will dabble in a variety of drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and fabric art techniques. If you love to create and design, this class is for you! Course Fee: \$15.00 (supplies & materials)

ART AROUND THE WORLD

In this class, you will "travel the world" to fill your own artist passport by exploring a variety of cultural artworks throughout history. As an artist, you will learn about specific themes and styles of other people as inspiration for the creation of your own artwork.

Course Fee: \$15.00

ART EXPLORATION

In this class, artists will create their own handmade sketchbooks and use them to explore and experiment with a variety of tools, techniques, and art media. As an artist, you will learn that skills practice is important in the development of artistic style. You will also use your knowledge to create a variety of finished artworks. Course Fee: \$15.00

BAND (3 Terms)

This class is designed primarily for students who are new or continuing to learn how to play a band instrument. No prior musical experience is necessary – only the will and desire to play an instrument. The instruments offered are: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba and Percussion. Students will perform in at least two concerts during the year and travel trips may be offered. Watch this video put together by Mr.

Ponech for more information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYjA3YePES4>

Additional costs: After instruments are assigned, most students will privately rent from a local music store (flute, clarinet, alto/tenor saxophones, trumpet, and trombone).

Percussion and larger instruments are rented from the school for a fee of \$65. All students pay an option fee of \$45 that allows them to attend a beginner workshop and includes a method book and folder that will be used for the year.

CHORAL (2 Terms)

Come as you are and make music with us! We will sing a wide variety of music, including current hits you have heard on the radio...and classics your parents and grandparents might have heard too!

Course Fee: \$15.00

DANCE

In this class students will be introduced to choreography and given opportunities to bring their own dance knowledge into the dance space. We will work on learning different styles and genres of dance adding to a more worldly and introductory dance style. Dancers will also work on a number for the school musical, introducing elements of musical theatre to them. There will be a goal of a public performance with this class.

DRAMA

Drama is all about creating and expressing, whether that is through a character or just an exaggeration of oneself. This introductory option will have students learning the basic skills needed to begin a flowering career in the dramatic arts. They will learn elements of acting, movement, stage design, theatre history, and be given multiple opportunities to create and explore. There will also be opportunities to perform in front of an audience of fellow students within this class, to further gain the experiences needed to be a well-rounded thespian.

ELECTRONIC MUSIC

Techno, trance, dubstep, and house! By taking advantage of our laptops, students will learn the fundamentals of creating their own electronic music. No previous musical training or experience is required. We will be using sophisticated music production software to explore our imagination and creativity. Goals of the course include creating drum beats and using loops. Students will learn the fundamentals of music composition and create their own music.

Additional supplies needed: A pair of headphones with a 3.5mm or 1/8" jack is required to listen to the laptops. These can be purchased at many department stores and very reasonable in price.

FALCON ACADEMY (Every Grade 6 student will get to take this course!)

Falcon Academy is a snapshot into everything cool about middle school and SJF. We will do a million and one awesome activities that promote school culture, critical thinking, character building, and a growth mindset. Remember; "Your Wings Already Exist, All You Have To Do Is Fly". Flock on!

FOODS

Do you like food? Want to learn how to make food? This option will introduce you to all things culinary. Learn to talk like a chef, cook like a chef, and eat like a pro! Students will work in groups to create culinary delights and complete assignments to gain knowledge about kitchen safety, nutrition, simple meal planning, and food preparation techniques. By the end of this option, you will be "bacon" to be in the kitchen and have a greater understanding of the role food plays in our world! Course Fee: \$25.00

HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL

This option will explore the rich history of rock ‘n roll and how historical events and society shaped the music of the youth in each generation. Elvis Presley, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, Queen, Metallica, Nirvana, Linkin Park, and everything in between! Do not worry – you will never have to sing a note...though you may want to!

IMPROV

Following in the footsteps of improv greats like Keith Johnstone and shows such as “Who’s Line Is It Anyways?”, Improv will continue building acting skills, but with a twist; there is no script. This course is designed to give actors the tools needed to create fully improvised scenes or perform in fun and entertaining improv games. Students will learn their strengths as they navigate creating a song about llamas, or a physical piece where they need to be either sitting, standing, or lying down, the whole while trying to create something that follows a “plot”.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS- CONSTRUCTION

Students will learn woodworking skills and workshop safety. Students will work primarily with hand tools and some assorted power tools. Course Fee: \$30.00

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Outdoor Education is a student-centered program designed to enhance the participant’s knowledge and skill in an outdoor setting, while prompting growth in student learning ability, self-confidence, and self-discipline. This activity centered course will help forge personal connections between course content and future career opportunities through unique challenges, discussions, and exposure to lifelong hobbies. Course Fee: \$30.00

PHYSICAL THEATRE

This class is all about telling a story through physical movement, realizing that we say it best, when we say nothing at all. This class will use elements of slapstick (intro fight choreography), and clowning.

PUPPETRY

Following in the footsteps of Jim Henson and others like him, this class will focus on story telling through the medium of puppetry. Actors will learn how to create entertaining and interesting puppets as well as how to bring them to life in a creation of their own making. Puppetry can be so much more, and this class helps explore that. Course Fee: \$10.00

SEWING

Learn about the world of fashion, fabric, and design! In this option, students will gain basic hand sewing and machine sewing skills while learning how to work with different fabrics, follow pattern instructions, sew basic stitches, and explore garment design. Course Fee: \$15.00