

Senator Joyce Fairbairn

Middle School

2023-2024 Grade 6 Options



General Information for Options:

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- 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.

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* All Grade 6 Students must choose one music and one arts option.

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Information on Selecting Options

At Senator Joyce Fairbairn Middle School, we offer a wide variety of option courses. As a grade six student in Alberta, 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 or 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 when PowerSchool opens at the end of August.

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OPTION PLANNING GUIDE

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

Art _____ Art Exploration _____ Art Around the World _____
Art with the CNC Machine (Industrial Arts) _____ Culinary Art _____

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) _____ World of Drumming _____

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.

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| ♦ Drama | ♦ Industrial Arts (Shop) |
| ♦ Foods | ♦ Minecraft |
| ♦ Handcrafts | ♦ Outdoor Education |
| ♦ STEM | ♦ Sewing |
| ♦ Hockey | |



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: \$20.00 (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: \$20.00 (supplies & materials)

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: \$20.00 (supplies & materials)

ART WITH THE CNC MACHINE

Ever want to use shop materials to create art? In this class, you will gain the knowledge to digitally create designs on our fancy CNC machine, and learn to use a variety of hand tools to design ornamental and functional projects. Course Fee: \$20.00 (supplies & materials)

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. 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: \$20.00 (supplies & materials)

CULINARY ART

For this course, students will look at the design and artistic aspects of the culinary world. Students will have the opportunity to design and create layouts, menus, and the interior/exterior design for the food industry. Students will have the opportunity to explore the design process and use mixed media art aspects to create vision boards. On top of that, we will cook with artistic flair to create food that is Instagram worthy! Course Fee \$25.00 (supplies & materials)

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

Electronic music is designed to introduce students to the basics of electronic music production and performance. Students will learn about the history and evolution of electronic music, including the different genres and sub-genres that make up this diverse and dynamic field. Through hands-on projects and activities, students will explore the basic tools and programs used in electronic music production, such as digital audio workstations (DAWs) and virtual instruments. They will also learn about the techniques and concepts used in electronic music, such as sound design, synthesis, sampling, and effects processing. As they become more familiar with these tools and concepts, students will have the opportunity to apply their knowledge through fun and engaging projects, such as DJing and sound scaping. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to experiment and explore their own creative ideas, and will receive guidance and feedback. They will also learn about responsible online behavior, such as copyright and licensing issues related to music production and distribution.



FALCON ACADEMY

(Every Grade 6 student will get to take this course!) At Fairbairn we want our students to do things the R.I.G.H.T. way. We teach the 5 core principles of: resiliency, integrity, gratitude, humility, and thoughtfulness by planning school spirit days, building escape rooms, learning how pets enhance our mental well-being, learning how to study, understanding how to deal with stress/anxiety, competing in outdoor games, by sending gratitude grams, and creating podcasts. In Falcon Academy, we have a whole lot of fun preparing students for middle school. 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 (supplies & materials)

HANDCRAFTS

If you love to create beautiful things with your hands, this is the option for you! Come down to the Sewing Lab to experience a rich variety of handcrafts and how they have evolved through time and across different cultures. Practice cross-stitching, weaving, knitting, beading, and more in this class that will have you coming home with fine crafts that you will be proud to display. No prior experience needed! Course Fee: \$20.00 (supplies & materials)

HOCKEY

Pre-Requisite: For the on-ice portion of this course, students must be a member of a hockey association (for safety reasons). On-Ice sessions @ Nic Sheran or ATB: Monday & Wednesday 7:15-8:15 am

Our athletes will be exposed to high intensity drills, skills, and small area games. Students will be responsible for transportation to and from the rink. The In-class school portion of this program will include: video analysis (checking, face-offs, forecheck, hockey sense, offensive and defensive concepts, passing, shooting, PK, PP, skating, shoot out moves, system play), learning the basics of hockey analytics, positional analysis, social media awareness, respect for the game, nutrition, recovery, history of the game and hockey cards, trends, and what is happening in hockey around the world. Students will also participate in a referee clinic.



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 (supplies & materials)

MINECRAFT

Minecraft is designed to introduce students to the creative and artistic side of Minecraft, as well as its potential for educational purposes. Through a variety of activities and projects, students will learn how to use Minecraft's building and design tools to create unique and imaginative structures and environments. In addition to developing their creative and artistic skills, students will also explore the educational potential of Minecraft. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to collaborate and share their creations with their peers, building a sense of community and fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment. Students will also have the opportunity to learn about responsible online behavior, such as appropriate social interactions and digital citizenship. Course Fee: \$10.00

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

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: \$20.00



STEM

Innovation and creation, that's what STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) is all about. Come help us build, explore, and learn through a plethora of project-based experiments and experiences. STEM empowers individuals with the skills to succeed and adapt to our changing world. Seventy-five percent of jobs in the fastest growing industries require workers with STEM skills. Not only will you learn to solve problems, expand your creativity and independent thinking; you will have a ton of fun making the coolest things. VR, robots, you name it; we will do it.

WORLD OF DRUMMING

World drums, congas, bongos, cymbals, drums, keyboards and all things percussion! If it makes a noise, we're going to hit it! This new performance option at Fairbairn has it all. No musical experience or training is necessary to participate in this class. The objective of this class is to create and perform a variety of rhythmic music from many global cultures. The music created from this class will be performed to an audience near the end of the term.