

# Course Schedule & Electives

## How the Process Works

Both Middle and High Schoolers have Elective options (learn more below).

For us to build your son's schedule, we'll need you (parents) to select from among these options.

**When and how?** Following the Math Placement tests in May, you'll receive an email with an online form to make these Elective selections. You'll have about a week to submit it\*. Then our Heads of School will build your son's course schedule around his Elective choices and Math Placement. Schedules are typically communicated via email by mid-July.

*\*6th Graders are automatically enrolled in a mandatory music elective and do not need to complete a form.*

# What Elective Options Do You Have?

## Middle School

### Elective Options

Starting in 7th and 8th grade, your son will have a period each day for an elective course. These are semester-long, for-credit courses that are in addition to his core classes. There are a wide variety of selections, including Middle School Band, Computer Coding, Spanish, Drawing, Woodworking, Bugs & Botany, and more. See the full offerings in our [Course Catalog](#).

*Will my son get his request?* Elective courses are subject to availability. 8th Graders get priority, and we try hard to give a student his first or second choice.

### 6th Grade Music

In 6th grade, students enroll in a full year of Music as a mandatory elective. In this Music class, your son will study music theory and history as well as learn to play an instrument. Learn more about our Music program [here](#).

### Languages

Northridge 7th and 8th graders take Latin. 6th Graders will take Language Arts, where there is a focus on grammar, writing, and some Latin roots.

For any middle schooler interested, Exploratory Spanish I & II are offered as semester Electives. Pending no schedule conflicts, some high-performing students may be able to skip first year Spanish in High School. In High School, students will choose to concentrate on either Latin or Spanish. **For how the selection process works, please see above in the High School section.**

**More questions?** Please reach out to our Head of Middle School, Mr. Mike Stangel, ([mstangel@northridgeprep.org](mailto:mstangel@northridgeprep.org))

## High School

### Picking a Foreign Language Track

In May, when elective requests are made, your son will also choose between Latin and Spanish in grades 9–12. (Though the schedule does not always provide for it, advanced students may be able to test out of first-year Spanish or Latin. This would be done in May when elective requests are made).

### Elective Options

Elective options expand during your son's time at Northridge. In 9th grade, electives focus primarily on music (Band and String Ensemble).

Starting in 10th grade, some students may wish to specialize in tracks such as Engineering, Biomedicine, or Business / Economics. Students can also try a variety of engaging courses in areas such as History, English, Computer Coding, Yearbook, Creative Writing, Art, or Woodworking. See our [Course Catalog](#) for all High School Elective Options.

*Will my son get his request?* Elective courses are subject to availability. Older students get first priority. Most students get at least their second choice.

### Questions?

Further information needed for the course selection process will follow in May, and there will be several ways for you to add comments or to raise questions as you fill out the online form. (We provide space for and welcome such comments).

In addition, you may feel free to contact our Head of High School, Mr. Kieran Driver ([kdriver@northridgeprep.org](mailto:kdriver@northridgeprep.org))