



Sarasota Middle School 2021-2022

Encore Class Preference Form 5th into 6th



What is an encore class?

Encore classes are the classes that you select based upon your interests.

How many encore classes can I take?

You can take two* encore classes. One of your encore classes has to be Physical Education (PE) or PE with Dance Emphasis unless a PE waiver is signed and submitted by a parent or guardian. If a signed PE Waiver is submitted then you will be scheduled into another encore course, **if space is available**.

How do I choose my encore classes?

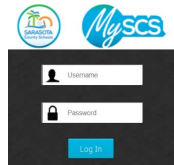
Read the course descriptions and requirements on Page 2 and 3 of this document. Then complete page 4 by ranking your top five choices. Please be sure to complete this with accuracy and as soon as possible.

Also please note this is a REQUEST form only. Preferences are not guaranteed.

Please complete and submit by May 14, 2021.

Below are the detailed steps you must follow with your parents to complete the request form:

- **Step 1:** Review your encore choices by reading the choice list and the course descriptions.
- **Step 2:** Fill in your Name, Student ID (“N” Number), and current Elementary School.
- **Step 3: Make at least 5 selections** on the preference form by ranking them in order from 1 (your first choice) to 5 (your last choice).
 - If you plan on taking PE, PE must be your first or second choice. If you are requesting to be exempt from PE, your parent must also complete, sign, and submit the PE waiver. Note: a PE waiver does not guarantee that you will not have PE.
- **Step 4:** Your parent or guardian must sign the preference form.
- **Step 5:** Submit your documentation and preferences to Sarasota Middle School:
Using your N Number and pin, login to <https://my.sarasotacountyschools.net/LoginPolicy.jsp> and then into your school Office 365 account.



Next, click the link below to enter your preferences and upload your documents:

<https://forms.office.com/r/zBEHGRzn53>. This link can also be found on the SMS website.

- After clicking the link, a popup window may appear that says “Sign In” and asks for an “Email or Phone Number.” If you see this window, use your student’s school e-mail which is their N Number followed by @student.sarasotacountyschools.net. For example, if your students n number is n123456 then their school e-mail is n123456@student.sarasotacountyschools.net. When prompted for a password, enter your students school pin number.
- Complete the online Form by filling out the required information.
- Attach and submit a scanned .pdf (preferred) or picture file of the signed paper(s).

Have questions? E-Mail: SMSEncoreForm@sarasotacountyschools.net for support.

*Please note that if it is determined that you need additional support in a core class (ELA, Math, Science, or Social Studies), one or more of your encore periods may be used for this support.

Sarasota Middle School Encore Class Descriptions

Physical Education Department

Physical Education - Students will participate in team/individual activities which promote athletic skills and personal fitness.

Physical Education with Dance Emphasis - This high-energy course combines elements of dance, cheer, and traditional Physical Education sports. Students will learn and develop skills and combinations from each of these three disciplines. Throughout the course, students will learn, create, and perform choreographed dance routines to popular songs.

Arts, Humanities, and Foreign Language

Art - An exploratory, hands-on adventure with emphasis on real life drawing, color theory applied to realistic and abstract paintings, perspective studies and architectural renderings, and much, much more! Master artists and their works will be introduced and analyzed along with both college and career opportunities in the visual arts.

Creative Writing - In Creative Writing, students will learn to express themselves through a variety of writing projects and genres, including fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Students will play with vocabulary, explore various writing techniques, strengthen their technical writing skills, and discover their written voice.

Spanish – Learn basic language skills including listening, reading, writing, and speaking. The culture and history of Spanish speaking countries will be introduced. No prior Spanish Language experience required. Sixth graders take **beginning**, seventh takes **intermediate**, and **8th grade takes Spanish 1 for high school credit**. FSA levels are considered for placement.

Student Leadership (Peer Counseling) - The purpose of Peer Counseling is to develop leadership skills in order to support the SMS student body. This is done by developing self-awareness and the awareness of others through learning effective communication skills, peer facilitating, and conflict resolution through fun, engaging activities.

Music and Performing Arts Courses

Band – Learn to play a band instrument. Select from flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba and percussion. All are welcome in Beginning Band. Intermediate and Advanced require teacher approval.

Chorus – Learn ensemble and solo singing and performance skills. Use creative singing techniques, music games and fun activities to learn to write, read and perform music. Choir skills reinforced through presentations and performances. Intermediate/Advanced chorus and Honor Choir require teacher permission. All are welcome!

Drama - Students will be introduced to the basic concepts of theatre arts. Students will use various creative drama techniques to build confidence and trust, stimulate imagination, movement, and role-play. This will be accomplished through participation in theatre games and activities. Students will also exhibit and reinforce their skills through individual and group presentations, performances, script and journal writing.

Guitar – Learn to play the guitar including how to read music notation and tablature. All students are welcome in beginning guitar. Intermediate and Advanced Guitar requires teacher permission.

Orchestra – Learn to play an orchestral instrument such as violin, viola, cello, or bass violin as a member of a symphony. All students are welcome in orchestra. Intermediate/Advanced Orchestra requires teacher permission.

Exploring Music- Students develop basic foundational skills and knowledge, including music theory, technique, musicianship of SMS band, orchestra, and choir. Additionally, students will improve musicianship performance skills as they study, rehearse, and perform high-quality ensemble literature in diverse styles. Students may be required to attend one or more performances outside of the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. This course may require students to obtain a musical instrument (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) from an outside source.

Career and Technology Education (CTE) Courses (continued on the next page)

Coding – Are you a gamer? Learn how to program games beyond the basics of block-based code in Javascript and Python with online learning platforms. This class provides the foundational knowledge and skills related to computer coding and software development. SPARK certification OR Computer Applications and Information Technology strongly recommended prior to taking this course. This course cannot be repeated and is available to 6th, 7th, and 8th grader.

Career and Technology Education (CTE) Courses continued

STEM - Designed to give students an opportunity to apply knowledge and skills related to the area of STEM Occupations. Students receive initial exposure to the skills and attitudes associated with occupations in a diverse range of careers, and will learn to gather data through research, including a required STEM Project.

Information and Communication Technology – This entry level course allows students to learn the basics of computer hardware and software concepts including operating systems, file management, common applications, digital citizenship and safe computing, the basics of Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and introduction to coding with students creating a website using HTML and CSS. Students will prepare for the IC3 GS5 Key Applications digital tool certification. This course is recommended for all sixth-grade students, but can be taken at any grade level. ***This course is required if you want to take Computer Business Applications 2/3, a class that gives you the opportunity to work on the SMS Morning News Program. This course cannot be repeated.***

7th/8th Grade Only* Computer Applications Business 2/3** – Delve deeper into the various Microsoft Software Applications including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Teams, OneNote and other applications. This class will apply these skills in ***producing segments for the SMS Morning News show including news research, copy writing, and anchoring while learning how to operate the camera equipment and computer board. Also, students in these classes will ***work on the school yearbook***. ***Successful completion of Information and Communication Technology is required. This course may be repeated. This course is not available for incoming 6th graders. It's been left on the form so students and parents can plan course progressions.***

8th Grade Only* Digital Discoveries in Society** - Digital Discoveries in Society is a computer science course that empowers students to create authentic artifacts and engage with computer science as a medium for creativity, communication, problem solving, and fun. In addition to fundamental computer information, the content includes but is not limited to digital technologies associated with problem solving, computer components, Internet safety and ethics, web development, animations and games, basic programming techniques, and physical computing. ***This course is not available for incoming 6th graders. It's been left on the form so students and parents can plan course progressions.

8th Grade Only* Emerging Technology in Business**– Average salary of \$74,862 for Information Technology (IT) professionals with advanced certifications sound good to you? This course explores careers in IT with the knowledge of Internet connection methods, cloud computing, mobile devices, software development, databases, Internet security, and effective communication using social networking tools. You will learn business soft skills along with Microsoft Software Applications. Students will research new technologies for a capstone project in topics such as AI (artificial intelligence), VR (virtual reality), etc. ***ETB is for high school credit and students will take a high school level industry certification. Placement for this course is based on FSA levels and prior CTE classes. ***This course is not available for incoming 6th graders. It's been left on the form so students and parents can plan course progressions.***

Fun Introduction to Digital Design (Fundamentals of A/V, Print Tech) – This is an entry level **Technology-Based Art Course** designed to provide instruction in basic computing, electronic presentation, and business applications skills with an emphasis on Digital Design careers. Students will explore the fundamental concepts, terminology, techniques, and applications of digital imaging to create original work utilizing ADOBE Creative Cloud.

7th/8th Grade Only* Introduction to Print Arts & Design (Intro A/V & Communication)** - This is a second level **Technology-Based Art Course** designed to assist students in making informed decisions regarding their future academic and occupational goals and to provide information regarding careers in the Arts, A/V Technology and Communication career cluster. Student work will be Digital Design Project based. In addition to ***helping create the School Yearbook, students will explore ADOBE Creative Cloud programs while developing their technology literacy. ***Successful completion of Fundamentals of A/V Print Tech or CTE teacher recommendation required. This course is not available for incoming 6th graders. It's been left on the form so students and parents can plan course progressions.***

Fundamentals of Manufacturing Technology (FMT) – Students are engaged in various computer simulations, robotics programming, 3D printing, and participating in engineering projects. Utilizing the Engineering Design Process, students apply their own knowledge by designing under constraints and using multiple resources to formulate solutions.

SMS Technology Student Association (SMS TSA) – Students participate in multiple Career Technology Education (CTE) related challenges in a competitive environment designed to prepare them for future employment in an increasingly technology-dependent workplace. Participation requires membership in the SMS TSA Student Organization, Satisfactory completion of FMT, and Teacher/Advisor approval. For more information see: tsaweb.org and smstsachapter.weebly.com.

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2021-2022 SMS ENCORE SELECTION FOR GRADE 5 INTO 6

Instructions: Complete and submit to <https://forms.office.com/r/zBEHGRzn53>

Student Name (Last, First) _____

Student No. (N#) _____

5th grade Elementary School _____

Will you submit a PE Waiver Complete? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
ALL ENCORE COURSES ARE FULL YEAR COURSES	
Rank encore selections in order of preference with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Select 5	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (must select as 1st or 2nd choice if not submitting a PE waiver)	
	Physical Education (PE)
	Physical Education (PE) With Dance Emphasis
FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES ENCORE CHOICES	
	Art
	Creative Writing
	Spanish
	Student Leadership (Peer Counseling)
MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS: Check the appropriate level or check Beginning if this is your first time in the class.	
	Band
	Chorus
	Drama/Theater
	Guitar
	Orchestra
	Exploring Music
COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY ENCORE (CTE) CHOICES	
	Coding
	STEM
	Information and Communication Technology
	Fun Intro to Digital Design
	Fundamentals of Manufacturing Technology (Includes Robotics)
	Technology Student Association

Additional comments: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) and Signature _____ Date _____ Parent Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____ 003-16-0031

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MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER

Instructions: Parents/Guardians who want to request a waiver for their child from the state Physical Education requirement must check the reason below, sign the form, and return it to the child's school. For questions regarding this form, contact your child's school.

State Statute 1003.455 requires the equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for one semester of each year for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. There are exceptions to this requirement. A student's performance on assessments and class work may require student enrollment in remedial or intervention courses instead of Physical Education.

Student Name _____
Last First Middle

Team _____ Grade _____

School Name _____

As the Parent/Guardian of _____, _____
Student Name DOB

I hereby request to release my child from the Physical Education requirement for the 20____-20____ school year due to the reason selected below:

- I am requesting that my child enroll in another course from among those offered as options by the school during their encore schedule.
- My child participates in physical activities outside of the school day which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirements.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date