

2019-2020 SMS ENCORE COURSE SELECTION

Procedures and Guidelines

What is an encore class? Encore Classes are the elective classes that you select based upon your interests. Please see the back of this document for descriptions of the available courses. According to the Middle School Student Progression Plan, all students will take Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies Core Classes. The level of each of these classes is dependent upon student needs.

How many encore classes can I take? You can take two* encore classes. One of those Encore Classes has to be Physical Education (PE) or PE with Dance Emphasis unless you fill out a PE Waiver. If you have a PE Waiver, you do not have to take PE if there is space available in the other encore classes to allow your request to be granted.

How do I choose my encore classes? In order to get your preference of encore classes, you need to fill out the encore preference form completely, accurately, and as soon as possible. **Please note this is a REQUEST form only. Choices are not guaranteed. Forms are due back to Sarasota Middle by MAY 3rd. The sooner you return this form, the more likely you are to get your requested classes.**

Here are the steps you should follow to successfully complete your request for encore classes:

- Step 1: Review your encore choices by looking at the choice list and the course descriptions.
- Step 2: Fill in your Name, Student ID (“N” Number), and current Elementary School.
- Step 3: **If you plan on taking PE, PE must be your first or second choice. If you are not taking PE, you need a PE Waiver that can be found on the back of the preference form.**
- Step 4: **Make 5 selections** on the preference form from the ENCORE categories by ranking them in order from 1(your first choice) to 5 (your last choice). You can make more than 5 selections but you have to make at least 5 selections.
- Step 5: After completing steps 1-4, talk with your parents and have your **parent sign the preference form**. If you **do not want to have PE** in the next school year, have them **complete and sign the PE Waiver as well**. At this time, your parents can **write down any additional scheduling requests** that they might have.
- Step 6: Return this form to Sarasota Middle School in one of the following ways:
 - Scan and E-Mail the form to the following address: SMSEncoreForm@sarasotacountyschools.net
 - Fax this form to the following phone number: 941-361-6798
 - Bring this form directly to the Sarasota Middle School front desk: Office Hours 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday
 - Return this form by mailing to Sarasota Middle School at the following address:
Sarasota Middle School
Attn: Encore Forms
4826 Ashton Road
Sarasota Florida, 34233

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

*Please note that if it is determined that you need additional support in a Core Class (Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies), one or more of your encore periods may be used to provide this support.

Sarasota Middle School Encore Course Descriptions

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.

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

Chorus – Learn ensemble and solo singing and vocal performance skills. Includes the study of music history and notation. All students are welcome in beginning chorus. Intermediate/Advanced choruses require teacher permission. Students in chorus have the opportunity to audition for the select Honor Choir.

Coding Fundamentals - The content includes but is not limited to foundational knowledge and skills related to computer coding and software development. Learning activities are provided in a laboratory setting using hands-on experiences with technology. Students learn Python language to design a game and HTML for webpage development. Open to all grades.

Computer Business Applications - This course is designed to provide instruction in keyboarding, word processing, electronic presentation, computer hardware, Internet, spreadsheet, and business applications skills. This class will utilize the above skills in the creation of the school yearbook and school newsletter.

Creative Writing - In this course, students are able to express themselves through fun and exciting writing projects. Students will use their imaginations to become active characters in their own stories in order to further develop their written voice using a variety of literary forms.

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.

Fundamentals of A/V, Print Tech (Digital Art) - Students explore the fundamental concepts, terminology, techniques, and applications of digital imaging to create original work. Students produce digital still and/or animated images using computers, digital cameras, digital video cameras, scanners, photo editing /drawing/painting software, tablets, and more.

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 require 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.

Peer Counseling - In this course, students will develop awareness of self and others. Emphasis will be on acquisition of basic skills for thoughtful planning, peer facilitation, effective communication and making healthy choices. Some students may be prepared to facilitate and conduct peer counseling sessions.

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.

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.

STEM - Immerse yourself in a course filled with hands-on science opportunities! Lessons will include fun science, engineering and technology activities and challenges. Participants will spend their time acting as real-world scientists. Student Scientists will have opportunities to identify science and engineering topics of their choice to research.

Technology – Students are engaged in various computer simulations, robotics programming, 3D printing, and participating in engineering projects. Students construct and apply their own knowledge, “design under constraints,” using multiple resources and solutions. Everyone is welcome in the “Automation and Robotics Class.” “TSA” requires a signature.

TV Production - Learn the “ins and outs” of TV production as part of the WSMS News Team. Experience news research, copy writing, and anchoring while you learn to operate the camera equipment and computer board. Open to all grades.

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2019-2020 SMS ENCORE SELECTION FOR GRADE 5 INTO 6

Instructions: Complete form and return to Sarasota Middle School (SMS) by mailing, faxing and delivering to SMS front office between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm to SMSEncoreForm@sarasotacountyschools.net. Forms are due May 3rd, 2019.

Student Name (Last, First) _____ Student No. (N#) _____
 Current School _____

ALL ELECTIVE COURSES ARE FULL YEAR COURSES	
Rank elective selections in order of preference with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Select 5	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (must select as 1st or 2nd choice if PE Waiver not complete)	
	Physical Education (PE)
	Physical Education (PE) With Dance Emphasis
FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES ENCORE CHOICES	
	Art
	Creative Writing
	Peer Counseling
	Spanish (Taken Spanish Before? Check One <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No)
MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS	
	Band Instrument Preference _____
	Chorus
	Drama/Theater
	Guitar
	Orchestra Instrument Preference _____
TECHNOLOGY ENCORE CHOICES	
	Coding Fundamentals
	Computer Business Applications
	Fundamentals of AV/Print Technology (Digital Art and Design)
	STEM
	Technology and Robotics
	Television Production (TV News)

Additional Scheduling Requests _____

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

Home Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR PE WAIVER. MUST BE COMPLETE IF STUDENT DOES'CHWANT PE.

TEACHER USE ONLY: Date returned _____ PE Waiver Complete Yes No

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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 elective 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