



Furnace Brook Middle School

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Dear 5th Grade Students and Parents,

We are very excited to have the Class of 2026 join the Furnace Brook Middle School community this fall! I am working with all five elementary schools to set up times to visit you this spring and also have you visit FBMS. In addition, we are already busy at work getting ready for next year, and we need some of your help!

Grade 6 Course of Studies for the 2019-2020 School Year

The following subjects are required courses for all Grade 6 students. Please refer to the Program of Studies Booklet (available at mpsd.org on the Furnace Brook Middle School page) for a complete description.

- English/Reading (Level 1 or Level 2)*
- Grade 6 Common Core Math
- Supplemental Math (Math Apps Enrichment or Math Apps Support)*
- Science
- Social Studies
- Art (1/2 year)
- Health (1/2 year)
- Physical Education
- Music (Band, Strings, Chorus, or Music Appreciation)**

*Grade 5 teachers will make recommendations for placement in English/Reading and Supplemental Math at the end of March.

**All incoming 6th grade students must request a music course (Band, Strings, Chorus, or Music Appreciation), and will do so via Aspen, the district's secure, web-based Student Information System.

Please **follow the directions on the reverse side of this form to make a Music course selection** for grade 6. Course selection will open on Monday, March 18, 2019 and **must be completed by Friday, March 22, 2019**. Students who do not request and post a Music course by the deadline will have a Music course chosen for them.

I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maureen Kemmett

Requesting a Grade 6 Music Course in the Aspen Student Portal

Marshfield Public School District is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Marshfield Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, disability, homelessness, or age in programs, activities, or employment.

The Marshfield Public School District uses Aspen, a secure, web-based Student Information System which provides a variety of tools for students, parents, and staff. Students at Furnace Brook Middle School and Marshfield High School use their **Student accounts** in Aspen to access assignment, grade, and attendance information throughout the school year. There are also **Family accounts** in Aspen which allow parents and guardians to view and access similar information for all their students in grades 6-12.

The district has set up **Student accounts** in Aspen for all students in Grade 5, so that students may use Aspen to make their Grade 6 music course choice online.

Please note that **Family accounts** in Aspen will not be set up until students arrive at FBMS, and parents who already have Family accounts for older students will not see their 5th grade student listed until then.

MPSD Aspen Portal address: <https://aspen.mpsd.org>

Your student will use the same username and password for Aspen that he or she uses at school for Google and other systems. The Student username will be the number 26 followed by first initial, middle initial, and last name, such as 26absmith.

Please note that this process should be done on a computer/Chromebook (not a mobile device), and you will need to make sure that pop-up blockers are turned OFF.

1. Log in to the student's Aspen account at <https://aspen.mpsd.org>
2. Click the My Info top tab, then the Requests side tab.

3. In the "Primary Requests" box, click the "Select" button.

Primary requests

| | Subject area |
|---|--------------|
|  Select... | Music |

4. In the pop-up window that appears, check the box next to the desired Music class, and click OK.
5. Click the "Post" button at the bottom left corner of the page to submit your course requests. You may "Post" multiple times if necessary. The time of the last "Post" appears at the bottom of the screen for reference.
6. Please note that the posting deadline is March 23, 2019. **Students not requesting and posting music courses by the deadline will have music courses chosen for them.**

If you need additional technical assistance with Aspen, please contact aspen@mps.org.