

Grade Six Subject Overview

ELA	<p>In the 2024 - 2025 School Year, we rolled out a new English Language Arts curriculum in grades 6, 7, and 8 called Fishtank ELA. The guiding principles for Fishtank are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Building knowledge to nurture critical thinking.● Centering diverse, relevant, and rigorous texts.● Prioritizing student voices and ideas to build agency.● Learning to write, writing to learn. <p>For more about Fishtank ELA, visit the website: https://www.fishtanklearning.org/curriculum/ela/</p>
Math	<p>In grades K-8, we use the <i>Illustrative Mathematics</i> (IM) curriculum. IM Math is a problem-based core curriculum rooted in content and practice standards to foster learning and achievement for all. Students learn by doing math, solving problems in mathematical and real-world contexts, and constructing arguments using precise language. Information for families is available online in both English and Spanish.</p>
Science	<p>In 6th grade science, we use a curriculum called STEMScopes, which is aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards and the MA Curriculum Frameworks.</p>
Social Studies	<p>In 6th grade social studies, 2024-2025 is a transition year from our district-created units to using the Investigating History curriculum.</p> <p>Here's a google site with the units broken down which can be a helpful to understand the content covered in each unit:</p> <p>https://sites.google.com/view/investigating-history/grade-6</p>
SEL	<p>For SEL, we use the second step curriculum. Here's an overview of the units covered:</p> <p>https://www.secondstep.org/middle-school-curriculum</p>

	We also have anti-bullying units.
“Specials” Library, Music, Art, Spanish, Health, Physical Education	You can find an overview to these subjects in the parent guardian guide on pages 59 – 61. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DRVfeJYY_8gYwzpuAjabAO2yaUD-r_ZNin3TncjNr5w/edit#heading=h.gi16nadm774