

## Elective Registration Grades 3-5 2009-2010

Elective Registration looks a little different this year so read carefully!

For your child to register for electives the following items are needed:

- Grade Level Elective Registration Worksheet - Parents fill in their request for electives each period, making four choices each period. This provides registrars with information about the electives you want for your child in priority order. Because only two grade levels are involved in electives each period, it is important that you make your course selections on the worksheet that is specified for your child's grade level. If you do not request four choices each period, we must select for you if your choices are not available.
- Elective Description Guide – We have posted this online. If you need a paper copy and did not receive one, please send a request to your child's homeroom teacher. All courses are listed in this guide may not be offered when your child's elective periods. Make sure the courses you select are listed on the grade level elective registration worksheet.

### Selecting Electives

At Wiley International Studies Magnet, we believe that students should have a balanced menu of electives that include courses from each of the following four areas:

Core Subjects (Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Technology),  
International (Foreign Language, Cultural Studies)  
Arts (Visual, Performing, Contemporary)

To carry out Wiley's mission we require that all students take a minimum of one course per area by the end of the school year. Some courses satisfy a requirement for more than one area (e.g., Cradle of Civilization satisfies both the International requirement and the Core requirement). You do not have to select a course from each area every quarter, but plan ahead to accomplish this distribution over the year. The Elective Registration Worksheet indicates which areas each elective fulfills; in addition, we have posted a proposed Spring Elective Course Menu so that you can better plan for a balanced schedule. Please note that there may be some adjustments made to the spring schedule but this will give you an idea of course offerings for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

### Teacher Recommendations:

#### Foreign Language

If your child took a foreign language the previous year, language teachers have made a placement recommendation, which is attached to this sheet. The foreign language teachers know which class will best meet your child's individual needs. Therefore, language recommendations should not be changed unless you have approval from the language teacher. If your child is new to Wiley and would like to take a foreign language at a level other than a beginning level, please call the school so that you can speak to one of the language teachers. Since not all students choose to take a foreign language, we offer many cultural elective choices to broaden their world and carry out Wiley's mission.

### AG

It is strongly recommended that AG students take at least one AG elective each semester in their area(s) of identification: Language Arts (includes Social Studies electives) or Math (includes Science electives). AG students may only pre-register for AG electives which are in their areas of identification (students who are dually-identified may register for any AG electives). For other electives, AG students will register as "In-house" identified students, on a space-available basis.

### Support Electives

Students needing additional assistance and reinforcement may be required to take a course that supports the individual academic needs of the student. Teachers will communicate with parents regarding the need for specific interventions offered during this elective time. Parents may not opt out of a teacher-required course without approval from the principal. Students will continue to have at least one choice elective each quarter, as they develop their confidence in meeting goals and classroom success.

### General Recommendations

Teachers may recommend certain courses other than support electives, which they feel would be beneficial for your child. These courses are not required.

Elective registration for 3-5 will take place on Tuesday, September 8 and Wednesday, September 9. When your child's class goes to the Media Center to register for electives, registrars will do everything possible to give students their first choice of electives each period. If your first choice that period has been filled to capacity, we will go to the second choice. This procedure will be followed until your child has a complete elective schedule. It is very important that you fill in four choices for each period. If you do not and your selections are filled, we are in the position of having to select for you. We prefer that you make those choices. Elective registration is an exciting time for students and teachers. Being sure that the information on your registration form is complete and accurate will help enhance your child's experience.

We ask that you return the completed registration form to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 4. If you have any questions please call 856- or email Kitty Yarbrough. A help session will be offered Friday, September 4 from 9:30 until 10:30 in the Magnet Office, Room in the Cafeteria Building.

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