

BIGELOW MIDDLE SCHOOL  
**Grade 6**  
**2020/2021**  
**World Language**  
**And**  
**Extension Period Electives Selection**

Dear Parent of a Future **Bigelow Sixth Grader**,

We look forward to having you and your child as a member of the Bigelow Middle School community next year. Below is information about choosing a world language and extension period electives for your child. **Please read this information carefully and then select the courses at our secure online registration link.**

**World Language**

The choice of a world language is an important decision, as your child will be studying this language for the next three years at Bigelow. We are pleased to offer four world languages: Chinese, French, Italian, and Spanish. All of these languages meet four times per six day cycle. Please read the document about world languages entitled “World Language Study in the Newton Public Schools.”

*When registering online, please select your top two choices for world language. If you do **not** have a preference between your top two choices, please indicate this in the checkbox provided. If you do have a strong preference for your first choice, please check the appropriate box and write your reason in the comment box provided. Every effort will be made to give students their first choice. However, staffing constraints may restrict the enrollment in some world languages. You will be notified in early June of the language to which you have been scheduled.*

**Extension Period Electives**

Extension period, also known as 4<sup>th</sup> block, takes place every day of the six-day cycle. During this period a variety of classes and programs, including band, chorus, orchestra, reading, ELL, and special education support services are offered.

Three electives are open to all sixth graders during the extension period: **Band, Chorus, and Orchestra**. They each meet two times per six day cycle.

*If you are interested in taking one or more of these ensembles, please register online. If you select **Band and Chorus**, you will participate in each group once per six day cycle.*

For more information about these elective choices, please see the “*Elective Course Descriptions*” document.

*Note: Special Education and ELL classes will be scheduled later in the spring. Students enrolled in special education and ELL classes may not be able to get their choice for world language or for extension period electives due to scheduling constraints.*

**THE DEADLINE FOR ONLINE COURSE REGISTRATION  
IS:**

**Monday, April 6, 2020**

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