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Dear Parents and Guardians of Rising 7th and 8th Graders,

We at Lionville Middle School and Downingtown Middle School are excited to start planning for the 2024-2025 academic year. It's time for students entering 7th and 8th grades to select their courses, and we want to share some important details with you.

This year, 7th and 8th graders will choose their encore courses online using the Infinite Campus (IC) Student/Parent Portal. From January 22nd, you and your child can log in to select these courses. Please refer to the attached instructions for guidance. Remember, course selection closes on February 2nd. After this date, any changes must be coordinated through your child's school counselor.

Many core courses are pre-selected for your child, including English, Science, History, Math, and any necessary intervention courses. Math placements will be determined using various data, and you will receive a letter this Spring detailing the process and your child's specific math level for 7th and 8th grades.

For detailed course descriptions, please visit our Middle Level Program of Studies Handbook on our school websites lm.dasd.org and dm.dasd.org. You'll find it under the menu icon, then 'resources', 'backpack', and finally, 'program of study'. Additionally, we will share information about our courses in a video presentation next week (1/9/2024) at LMS and DMS, and the week of 1/16/2024 at MC6GC. Stay tuned to both the Marsh Creek website and your child's middle school website for more details and answers to parent questions.

For LMS parents and guardians, we're hosting an in-person course scheduling event on 1/10/2024, from 6-7 pm in the cafeteria. This is specifically for those whose children will be in 7th and 8th grades at LMS during the 2024-2025 school year. DMS will be releasing a video for parents/guardians of children who will be in 7th and 8th grades at DMS at 6pm on 1/10/2024.

We will provide a draft course selection sheet to your child, a copy of which is attached here. Use this as a guide when scheduling courses through IC. Please note, while we strive to accommodate all encore course requests, changes might occur due to seat availability during summer scheduling.

If you have any questions after reviewing this information, feel free to contact your child's current school counselor.

Sincerely,

DASD Middle School Administrative Teams

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Submitting Course Requests through Infinite Campus (IC)

Between January 22 and February 2, students will submit their course requests electronically through IC. Students will not be able to submit course requests online after February 2nd. If changes need to be made, students need to contact their respective school counselor. Please note that the building schedulers will try their best to fulfill all requests; however, all requests are not guaranteed to be scheduled.

The directions to submit course requests online are listed below. Please note that you should have 6.98 credits scheduled.

PATH: Campus Student > More > Course Registration

1. After logging in to Campus Student/Campus Parent, select **More** from the Index. Then select **Course Registration**. A list of Course Registration Enrollments displays.
2. Select the desired enrollment (Next school year's enrollment).
3. You are now ready to enter Course Requests (Reference course selection sheet attached to this letter).

Required, Requested and Alternate Courses

- Courses that are preloaded display as **Required**. Changes to these requests cannot be made
- Courses you requested display as **Requests**. These requests can be modified (changed to alternates, removed, etc.)
- Courses you requested as alternates display as **Alternates**. These requests can be modified (changed to requests, removed, etc.)
- Change a course request to an alternate by selecting it from your list of courses and clicking the **Convert to Alternate** button,
- Delete a request by clicking the red X from the Search Results or by selecting the course and clicking **Delete Request**.

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<u>Pre-Loaded Core Subjects:</u>	<u>Pre-Loaded Recommended Courses (based on recommendation/need)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math (1.0 credit) ● English- Literature (1.0 credit) ● English- Writing (1.0 credit) ● Science (1.0 credit) ● History (1.0 credit) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math Extensions ● Academic Expeditions ● Curriculum Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Writing - Organizational - Mathematics ● Social Dynamics ● Functional Strategies ● Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Courses determined by academic need. For information about our reading courses, please refer to our Course of Studies. ● English Second Language (ELL) ● Music (Performance based) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vocal Ensemble - Band - Strings
<p><u>Pre-Loaded Fixed Encore Subjects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technology and Engineering Foundations (7th grade only .33 credits) ● Health Education (.33 credits) 	

This selection sheet is for you to generate a list of courses that you would like to take. You will select these courses online via Infinite Campus (IC).

Encore Classes will be 2x's a cycle and will run for the full academic year. Please note that we will try our best to schedule the classes you elect, however, in certain circumstances, your 'Alternates' will be scheduled.

Student Selected Encore Classes (electives)

1. **Rising 7th Graders** must pick **four** **electives** from the five Encore area options: Physical Education, World Language, Music, Family/Consumer Science, and Art (a required Tech Ed & Health course will be pre-loaded)
2. **Rising 8th Graders** will select one World Language and five encores (Health will be preloaded)
3. For courses that you would like to have as alternates, please place an 'A' on the designated line.
4. Please note that you are encouraged to take one course from each content area by the time you leave LMS/DMS at the end of 8th grade.

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7th GRADE STUDENT SELECTED COURSES

World Language Expeditions

- ___ 4070 German
 ___ 4170 French
 ___ 4270 Spanish

<u>Music</u>	<u>Technology Education</u>	<u>Physical Education and Health</u>	<u>Family/Consumer Science</u>	<u>Art</u>
___ 6701 Gen Music ___ 6702 Chorus ___ 6703-**Voc. Ens. ___ 6705 **Band ___ 6707 **Strings ** Teacher recommendation and preloaded.	<u>X</u> 7705 Technology & Engineering Foundations	<u>X</u> 8711 Health ___ 8701 Phys Ed	___ 7711 FCS	___ 5701 Studio Art ___ 5702 3D Art ___ 5703 Digital Art

8th GRADE STUDENT SELECTED COURSES

**** World Language (1 credit)**

- ___ 4081 - German
 ___ 4181 - French
 ___ 4281 - Spanish

<u>Music</u>	<u>Technology Education</u>	<u>Family/Consumer Science</u>	<u>Physical Education and Health</u>	<u>Art</u>
___ 6801 - Gen Music ___ 6802 - Chorus ___ 6803 - Voc. Ens.* ___ 6805 - Band ___ 6806 - Wind Ens. 8 ___ 6807 - Strings *- Audition Required	___ 7806 - Design+Modeling ___ 7807- Automation+Robotics	___ 7811- 8 th Gr FCS	<u>X</u> 8811 Health 8 ___ 8801 Phys Ed 8	___ 8501 - Studio Art 8 ___ 5102 - 3D Art 8 ___ 5800 - Digital Art 8