



Registering for Grade 6 in 2024-2025

Duluth Public Schools: Lincoln Park and Ordean East

Student Name (print clearly): _____ Elementary School: _____

Registering for middle school courses is exciting! Please use this worksheet to indicate your preferred courses.

Required Courses - All students will take the following courses:

- English 6 (year long)
- Math 6 (year long)
- Earth Science 6 (year long)
- Minnesota Studies (year long)
- Physical Education (A/B rotation all year with music)
- Skills for Success (A/B rotation all year with Computer Literacy)
- Visual Arts 6 (one semester)
- Computer Literacy (A/B rotation all year with Skills for Success)

Required Music - Please select one.

- Beginning Band (A/B rotation all year with PE)
- Beginning Orchestra (A/B rotation all year with PE)
- Beginning Choir (A/B rotation all year with PE)

Instruments will be selected and assigned after the school year begins. You do not need to make arrangements for an instrument before that time.

Exploratory Course - You'll be placed in one. Please rank your top 3 choices 1, 2, and 3.

****While we will try our best, we cannot guarantee placement in the top choice.***

- ___ Media Arts 6 (one semester)
- ___ Exploring Robotics and Coding 6 (one semester)
- ___ Exploring Outdoor Education 6 (one semester)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Brief course descriptions of Music and Exploratory Options are on the back of this sheet.

6th Grade Music and Exploratory Options Course Descriptions

Beginning Band 6 – (wind and percussion instruments) A beginning Band yearlong class that meets every other day opposite Phy. Ed. Students will study performance skills on an assigned instrument and learn how to work effectively in a group. Basic music theory will be studied which includes the knowledge of music fundamentals, scales and rhythms. A prescribed amount of daily practice is recommended outside of school. Weekly group lessons may be offered. Concert participation is expected.

Beginning Choir 6 – (vocal music) A beginning Choir yearlong class that meets every other day opposite Phy. Ed. Students will study performance skills related to their voice and learn how to work effectively in a group. Basic music theory will be studied which includes treble note recognition, simple rhythms and basic music terminology. One and two-part music reading, choral rehearsal techniques and sight-singing skills will be studied and assessed. Individual practice is recommended and concert participation is expected.

Beginning Orchestra 6 – (string instruments) A beginning Orchestra yearlong class that meets every other day opposite Phy. Ed. Students will study technical playing skills on a given string instrument and learn how to work effectively in a group. Basic music theory will be studied which includes the knowledge of music fundamentals, scales, and rhythms. A prescribed amount of daily practice is recommended outside of school. Weekly group lessons may be offered. Concert participation is expected.

Media Arts 6 – Students will explore the worlds of animation, cartooning, and stop-motion animation using drawing, sculpture, object manipulation, and photography. Character development and storyline will pair with background and sound as students explore visual culture through a variety of Media Arts techniques.

Exploring Outdoor Education – We live in a city that provides a wide variety of outdoor activities. This class will not only teach the basic skills but will also inspire you to get out and enjoy the fun, exciting and healthy activities our city and state have to offer. Students will have the opportunity to participate in several outdoor activities. This course is designed for any student wanting to learn skills or better their skills needed to enjoy these activities. Outdoor education will also make you contemplate the balance of human interaction and the environment. A lot of this class is taught outdoors so you will need to be prepared to enjoy the outdoors and dress appropriately.

Exploring Robotics and Coding - This course provides an opportunity for students to explore Lego robotics, coding, and other engineering activities.