



Registering for Grade 7 in 2024-2025

Duluth Public Schools: Lincoln Park and Ordean East

Student Name (print clearly): _____

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 7 (year long)
- Math 7 (year long)
- Life Science 7 (year long)
- United States Studies (year long)
- Family & Consumer Sciences 7 (one semester)
- Industrial Technology 7 (one semester)
- Physical Education (A/B rotation all year with music)

Required Music - Please select one.

- Intermediate Band (A/B rotation all year with Phy Ed)
- Intermediate Orchestra (A/B rotation all year with Phy Ed)
- Intermediate Choir (A/B rotation all year with Phy Ed)
- General Music (A/B rotation all year with Phy Ed)

Required Arts - Please select one.

- Visual Arts 7 (one semester)
- Media Arts 7 (one semester)

Exploratory Courses: You'll be placed in one. Please rank your top 4 choices 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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

- ___ Media Arts 7 (if not selected under the above art section)
- ___ Visual Arts 7 (if not selected under the above art section)
- ___ Exploring Robotics and Coding 7 (one semester)
- ___ Exploring Outdoor Education 7 (one semester)
- ___ Communication Arts 7 (one semester)
- ___ *German 1A (one semester)
- ___ *Ojibwemowin 1A (one semester)
- ___ *Spanish 1A (one semester)

*World Languages Note

Students may take a language 1A in 7th then proceed to the same language 1B in 8th grade. They may also choose to try a new language 1A in 8th grade. No high school credit given to middle school language. All students will be required to take a placement test when registering for high school language courses later.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Brief course descriptions of Exploratory Courses are on the back of this form.

7th Grade Exploratory Course Descriptions

General Music – This non-performance course offers an exploration into the world of music. The course includes elements of singing and playing a variety of musical instruments. During this course the students will learn some music history, along with composing and reflection on music.

Media Arts 7 – Students will build on skills learned in Media Arts 6 by further exploring 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.

Visual Arts 7 – Students will build on skills gained in Visual Arts 6 through the exploration of a variety of materials and techniques, such as drawing, painting, sculpture, graphic arts, fibers, and ceramics. Visual Arts 7 further builds upon visual literacy skills by engaging students in the meaning and use of images across cultures and times. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their developing skills with various materials, methods, and approaches in creating works of art and design.

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.

Communication Arts 7 – Students will engage in collaborative activities that allow for creative and individual expression of ideas through debate, speaking, storytelling, and dramatic dialogue. The course will also include opportunities for students to evaluate mass media, mediate, and problem solve with discussion while presenting ideas in diverse media and formats. This elective course provides students with a deeper exploration of the Listening, Speaking, Viewing and Exchanging Ideas standard within English-Language Arts.

German 1A – German 1A is an introduction to the German language. Explore the language and start getting familiar with the German-speaking world! Upon completion of German 1A the student is eligible to take German 1B in middle school or German 1 in high school.
(No High School Credit is available for this course.)

Ojibwemowin 1A – Ojibwemowin Level 1A is an introduction to the Ojibwe language. Explore the language and start getting familiar with the Ojibwe-speaking world! Upon completion of Ojibwemowin 1A the student is eligible to take Ojibwemowin 1B in middle school or Ojibwemowin 1 in the high school.
(No High School Credit is available for this course.)

Spanish 1A – Spanish 1A is an introduction to the Spanish language. Explore the language and start getting familiar with the Spanish-speaking world! Upon completion of Spanish 1A the student is eligible to take Spanish 1B in middle school or Spanish 1 in high school.
(No High School Credit is available for this course.)