



Registering for Grade 8 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 8 (year long)
- Physical Science 8 (year long)
- Global Studies (year long)
- Physical Education 8 (one semester)
- Health & Wellness 8 (one semester)

Required Math - Please select one course.

Verify with your Counselor and Math Teacher that you are selecting the appropriate course for 8th grade.

- Algebra 1 (year long)
- Intermediate Algebra (year long, HS course)

Required -Arts Courses Please select TWO courses.

- Media Arts 8 (one semester)
- Visual Arts 8 (one semester)
- Music- *Indicate course choice:*
 - ___ Advanced Band (year long)
 - ___ Advanced Orchestra (year long)
 - ___ Advanced Choir (year long)

**Note: You may also rank any of these courses below if you'd like to take more than these two!*

Elective Options - Write 1, 2, 3, and 4 to rank your top choices for an additional elective(s). We will do our best but cannot guarantee placement in your top choice(s). All of these courses are one semester long. If you selected music as an option above, you will have room for one of the following.

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| ___ Media Arts 8 | ___ German 1a |
| ___ Visual Arts 8 | ___ German 1b |
| ___ Communication Arts | ___ Ojibwemowin 1a |
| ___ Computer Science 8 | ___ Ojibwemowin 1b |
| ___ Outdoor Education 8 | ___ Spanish 1a |
| ___ Industrial Technology 8 | ___ Spanish 1b |
| ___ Fam and Cons Sci 8 | |

World Languages Note

You may take a 1a and 1b of the same course or take any 1a on its own. You must take 1a in 7th or 8th before you can take 1b. No high school credit is assigned. All incoming high school students will take a placement test if they wish to enroll in an advanced WL course.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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

8th Grade Exploratory Course Descriptions

Media Arts 8 - Students will generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and media arts through their own imagination, creative processes, and experimentation through stop motion animation, the moving image, cartooning, object manipulation and photography. Students will experiment with movie genres and use computer science applications to design.

Visual Arts 8 - Students will further 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.

Communication Arts - 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.

Computer Science 8 - This course will expand on skills developed in 6th grade Computer Science, including a deeper exploration of AI, app development, animations, and gaming.

Outdoor Education 8 - This course is designed to introduce you to topics and concepts within environmental science. Topics will range from plant sciences, forestry, studying our lakes and streams, and creating urban gardens. This course will provide you the opportunity to study the aquatic environment within our many lakes and streams and explore how the changing climate has impacted the environment. Students must be prepared to enjoy the outdoors and dress appropriately.

Industrial Technology 8 - Students will gain a more advanced understanding of skills and processes dealing with industrial technology, manufacturing sciences, engineering/design process, technical drawing, 3D modeling, CAD design, 3D printing, wood production (design and fabrication), as well as technical science, math and reading). Students will have an opportunity to design and fabricate more advanced projects than the previous 7th grade course.

Family and Consumer Science (FCS) 8 - This course will further develop skills and knowledge involving food preparation, culinary careers in food production and services, healthy meal planning, global food influences and skills needed for the workforce. This course will encourage students to explore how they can make a positive impact on themselves, their families and the community through individual growth, relationships and connections to the community outside of school.

German 1a - 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.)

German 1b - A deeper introduction to the German language. Continue expanding your language skills and cultural awareness. Upon completion of German 1B the student is eligible to test into German 2 in the high school. (No High School Credit is available for this course.)

Ojibwemowin 1a - 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.)

Ojibwemowin 1b - A deeper introduction to the Ojibwe language. Continue expanding your language skills and cultural awareness. Upon completion of Ojibwemowin 1B the student is eligible to test into Ojibwemowin 2 in the high school. (No High School Credit is available for this course.)

Spanish 1a - 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.)

Spanish 1b - A deeper introduction to the Spanish language. Continue expanding your language skills and cultural awareness. Upon completion of Spanish 1B the student is eligible to test into Spanish 2 in the high school. (No High School Credit is available for this course.)