

LAKEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL - 2024-25 REGISTRATION

Elective Choices for Incoming 6th Grade



STUDENT NAME (first and last name): _____

The classes that 6th graders take are year-long History, Language Arts, Math, and Science along with semester-long Design Tech and PE. **Students will also have a daily elective class based on their choices below.**

Some electives run for the entire year, while others run for just half the year (one semester). You will be scheduled for either one full-year elective or two half-year electives.

Students: Please rank order the electives you are interested in taking **from 1 to 4**. Course descriptions start on the back of this flyer. Place a “1” by your first choice, a “2” by your second choice, a “3” by your third choice, and a “4” by your fourth choice.

- _____ Band (all year)
- _____ Choir (all year)
- _____ Fitness Class (one semester)
- _____ Intro to Leadership 6/7 (one semester)
- _____ Math 180 (one semester)
- _____ Pathways to Success (one semester)
- _____ Read 180 (one semester)
- _____ Science Exploration (one semester)
- _____ Visual Art 6/7 (one semester)
- _____ World Cultures (one semester)

We will try to place you in your top choices. However, this may not always be possible, which is why we ask you to number your choices. If you don't turn in a form or rank order your top choices, you will be assigned electives based on class sizes and it may not be possible to change them.

NOTE: Some students may be placed in Math 180 or Read 180 based on academic performance and/or teacher or parent recommendations.

Cadet Band

Cadet Band is designed for students who are starting an instrument for the first time or played in 5th grade band. The primary focus is on sounding amazing on our instruments and making awesome music. The following instruments are a part of Cadet Band: flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, and percussion. Cadet Band presents evening concerts and other performances. Be part of a legacy! Lakewood bands consistently win regional competitions and perform in high profile concerts.

Choir

Working as a team, learning to use your singing voice, and having fun are all integral parts of Choir. Students perform solos and/or work in small groups as well as sing in the large choir. The choir performs at assemblies, concerts, and travels to festivals where they have earned superior ratings. Students in Choir have won auditions to sing in prestigious All-State Choirs. The Choir performs annually at Music in the Parks hosted by Wild Waves. Join the Choir Family!

Fitness Class

This is a *semester-long* class is designed to be an alternative option for the traditional Games/Sports Physical Education. Allowing kids to engage in a variety of physical activities to increase aerobic conditioning, muscular strength, and endurance. Keeping records of fitness activities will be an important part of this class. Goal setting would be a large part of this class.

Intro to Leadership 6/7

Are you interested in making a change in our school? This semester class will give you the opportunity to learn how to be a successful leader in our school and community. You will learn communication skills, organizational and time-management strategies, the qualities of a leader, and what it means to serve others. Assignments include in-class team building activities and projects determined by the needs of our school and community. Intro to Leadership works closely with the Leadership class to positively influence our school culture and make LMS a welcoming place.

Math 180

This class is designed to improve students' math skills. This course is ideal for motivated students who want to learn the skills they need in order to meet state standards in math and reach the next level. Students will receive direct instruction along with computer-based challenges. MATH 180 is designed to build students' confidence with mathematics and accelerate their progress.

Pathways to Success

Pathways to Success is a class where students learn how to be successful not just as students but in the real world as well. We do a deep dive into future career possibilities and focus on success in the classroom as first year middle school students and beyond. This class is all about understanding how to be successful as you move forward through your education and life.

Read 180

Read 180 is a computer-based program where students choose reading units that are tailored to their abilities. We also read a novel together and work in a book where we pick a subject to delve into. There is not a lot of writing in this class—just reading and speaking mostly. This is a good class to boost your reading skills and work in small groups.

Science Exploration

Science Explorations is a one semester course about scientific inquiry and experimental design. Students are presented with a myth or popular misconception each unit and they'll create an experiment to either prove or disprove their hypothesis (what they think is the truth). We will see just how dirty our phone cases really are, discover if cereal has iron in it, and more. At the end of the course students will have a working knowledge of the scientific method and be able to apply it to everyday problems.

Visual Art 6/7

Whether you love Art or want to become a better artist, 6th Grade Art is the class for you. For one semester, students use paint, watercolor, colored pencils, oil pastels and more! We learn about artists like Van Gogh, Picasso, and Banksy. We also create our own versions of art using an artist's particular style, create sculptures and learn about some amazing artistic careers. If you aren't sure if Art is for you, this semester class gives you the chance to try it out.

World Cultures

Explore different cultures and countries, learn about traditions, music and dance, art, food and holidays. In addition, you'll also learn important study skills such as note-taking, research, and how to create a great PowerPoint.

6th Grade Required Classes

DESIGN TECH - This is a *semester-long* class. Students will learn about engineering and design principles through assignments and projects. The classroom will have a workshop to fabricate and model projects using computer technology and devices such as 3D printers. Students will understand how to clearly define engineering problems and learn to design and evaluate potential solutions to those engineering problems.

HISTORY - This class concentrates on the Eastern Hemisphere, including Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania from the dawn of time to the present. Students learn about maps and globes, and focus on World History. Geography, economics, history, and civics are also incorporated. Different civilizations are compared and contrasted.

LANGUAGE ARTS - This course focuses on reading, writing, and higher-order thinking skills. Reading practice will include literary and non-fiction texts. Grammar usage and conventions will be incorporated into argumentative, narrative, and expository writing. Curriculum will integrate research, technology, and keyboarding skills. Students will demonstrate speaking and listening skills in a variety of activities.

MATH - (Math 6, Compressed 6/7 or Compressed 7/8) - Basic skills are reviewed, and concepts in algebra, number sense, geometry, probability/statistics, and measurement are developed through activities requiring problem solving, reasoning, and communication. Math placement is based on STAR and SBA scores as well as the recommendation of the student's 5th grade teacher. Parents will get a letter in June from Mrs. Coté with the recommendation.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – This is a *semester-long* class. PE allows students to engage in a variety of physical activities to increase aerobic conditioning, muscular strength, and endurance. Keeping records of fitness activities will be an important part of this class. Individual, as well as team activities emphasize working as a group and good sportsmanship.

SCIENCE – In this integrated science class, students will study natural phenomena and the underlying scientific principles that describe them. Specific topics include Metabolism, Reproduction, Thermal Energy, Earth's Changing Climate, Oceans, Atmosphere, and Microbiomes.