LAKEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL – 2024-25 REGISTRATION

Information for students entering 7th Grade

Student first and last name _____

Please review the course descriptions below and rank order the electives you are interested in. Place a "1" by your first choice, "2" by your second choice, "3" by your third choice, and a "4" by your fourth choice:

_____ Coding 1
_____ Concert Band (all year)
_____ Choir (all year)
_____ Leadership 6/7
_____ Project Engineering
_____ Read 180
_____ Robotics 7
_____ Visual Arts 6/7

We will try to place you in your top choice(s). However, this may not be possible in some cases, which is why we need you to number your choices.

NOTE: Some students may be placed in a Read 180 in place of another elective based on academic performance and/or teacher or parent recommendations.

7th Grade Elective Classes

Coding I

In Coding I, students learn to create websites using HTML and CSS inside Code.Org's Web Lab environment. Throughout the unit, students consider questions of privacy and ownership on the internet as they develop their own personal webpages and group websites. Students also learn the JavaScript programming language while developing animations and games in Code.org's Game Lab environment. Students end the unit by designing their own animations and games.

Students who participate in this class can join the Technology Student Association which provides tech competition (website design and game design), educational opportunities, and leadership development. Further, it is a great way to connect with your school and develop your resume. Scholarship committees, post-secondary schools, and employers like to see that students are involved in a variety of activities, and TSA affords you the opportunity to build your resume. **If you would like to join the Technology Student Association, choose the 1ˢᵗ semester section of Coding.**

Concert Band

Concert Band is the next level of band after Cadet Band. At this level, students present evening concerts and other performances. The Concert Band performs annually at Music in the Parks hosted by Wild Waves. Be part of a legacy! Lakewood bands are winning competitions and performing in high profile concerts. Students in Concert Band have been selected to be in All-State Band and performed in high profile concerts. The pre-requisite for Concert Band is Cadet Band or previous Band experience in another middle school.

Choir

Working as a team, learning to use your singing voice, and having fun while learning are all integral parts of Choir. Students can 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!

Drama 7

This class will help you to use your voice and body to project ideas and emotions. There are a lot of improvisational games that help you to develop teamwork and confidence skills. You will learn to write short scripts to perform in class and there are also short plays we can perform for others. Learn about how to audition for a HS or community play. Learn about directing, along with positive feedback and constructive feedback. We will also watch some professional productions to learn about genre and talk about performance. This class will prepare you for even more challenging drama schemes in 8ᵗʰ grade and beyond.

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.

Project Engineering – Students learn about the use of computer graphics to design and model projects. The classroom will have a workshop to make physical projects using computer technology and devices such as 3D printers, laser cutters, and CNC routers. (CNC routers are machines used to cut many types of materials, such as cardboard, wood, plastic, aluminum, and high density foam.)

Read 180 7th Grade
This is a great opportunity to get personalized instruction in reading. Through small group instruction, personalized lessons, games/lessons on the computer and independent reading you will grow in your confidence as a reader.

Robotics 7
Students will log on daily to their computers and enter the virtual world of robotics. Students will be learning basic coding principles while using block-based code. Student will complete digital missions by using code to control and move their character in the VEX VR Playground. If you love coding, computers, and challenging work, this is the class for you!

Visual Art 6/7
Whether you love Art or want to become a better artist, 7th 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.