



TRANSITION GUIDE

2025-2026

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Welcome Class of 2033 to Glenwood Intermediate School,

We are excited that you chose us for your student's education! Our goal is for every student to have the chance to grow academically and socially through the various opportunities we offer. We have great teachers here at Glenwood and with your student's hard work our reputation continues to grow.

The following is a guide to ease the anxieties of transitioning your student into the intermediate grades here at Plain Local. While Glenwood is a large building, we pride ourselves in providing each student with a small learning environment. This will help them feel safe and secure as they learn and grow in the middle grades. At Glenwood we also pride ourselves in the opportunities students are offered including STEAM, Coding, Visual & Performing Arts, and After-school Clubs.

It is our great privilege to continue your child's educational journey at Glenwood and we are honored to share the opportunities that await your student at Glenwood Intermediate School. Glenwood is privileged to house all of Plain Local's 5th and 6th graders in one building. We combine all 6 elementaries into one diverse educational experience that focuses on meeting the needs of all Plain Local's 5th and 6th grade students.

We are excited to share our academic opportunities, exploratory arts offerings, after school clubs and activities and the scheduling process. Please take a moment to review the following contents of this document to assist you in the scheduling process.

- Glenwood's Accomplishments
- 5th and 6th grade Art Elective Descriptions
- After School Clubs and Activities
- GWIS Rewards and Incentives
- 5th Grade Sample Scheduling Form

Glenwood Intermediate School will be hosting transition evenings where students and their families can learn more about the programs available at the school.

- **March 17** Barr, Middlebranch and Warstler (6:00-7:30)
- **March 18** Avondale, Frazer and Taft (6:00-7:30)

Following the sessions, please use the QR code on page 5 to complete your schedule requests. Please complete and submit the form by March 21. If you have any further questions please feel free to reach out to the Glenwood Counselors and administrators for all your scheduling needs.

We are proud to be your family's first choice in education and look forward to serving your family.

Glenwood Intermediate School

Arts-Elective Course Offerings

2025-2026 School Year



Coding (Grades 5 & 6):

Students will dive into the world of computer science, learning foundational programming concepts in coding languages such as JavaScript, HTML, and CSS. Students will build their coding expertise while fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. Fifth grade students will engage in cross-curricular projects that integrate coding with subjects like science and art, bringing their ideas to life through code while making meaningful academic connections. Sixth grade students will learn about the various elements of a web page and collaborate in groups to design and build their very own functional websites.

STEAM/Robotics (Grades 5 & 6):

STEAM/Robotics provides students a hands-on look and exposure to engineering. Students work together to brainstorm, design, construct and test their products. The result is a fun, exciting and stimulating environment in which students discover the important connection between classroom lessons and real-world applications through collaboration and cooperation.

Visual Art (Grades 5 & 6 + Honors for Grade 6):

The art class consists of opportunities for students to learn self-expression, collaboration, experience gains in core classes and more. This innovative class assists students in creativity and exposure to the real world of arts through painting, drawing, sculpting and more.

Drama (Grade 5) and Honors Drama (Grade 6):

Research reveals the positive impact of drama on a student's physical, emotional, social and cognitive development. This class allows students to use their imagination, gain self-confidence, increase communication skills and work collaboratively with others.

Dance (Grade 5) and Honors Dance (Grade 6):

Dance is a kinesthetic class focusing on specific and purposeful movement. It is designed to provide strategies and guidelines to increase the quantity and quality of physical activity, self-expression and skill. Grade 6 girls will be required to purchase and wear a black leotard, pink tights, pink split sole leather ballet shoes, and black lace up tap shoes. Grade 6 boys will be required to purchase and wear black jazz pants, a white t-shirt, black split sole leather ballet shoes and black lace up tap shoes.

Physical Education (Grades 5 & 6):

Who doesn't like physical education? This structured class stresses self-esteem, physical fitness, building muscle strength, cooperation and teamwork.

Wellness (Grade 6):

Health education builds students' knowledge, skills and positive attitudes about health. Health education teaches about physical, mental, emotional and social health. It motivates

students to improve and maintain their health, prevent disease, and reduce risky behaviors. Health education curricula and instruction helps students learn skills they will use to make healthy choices throughout their lifetime.

World Cultures Grade 5 (Exploratory Spanish Grade 6):

Did you know that 20% of Americans speak Spanish as their first language? It is the second leading language in the world. Research shows that learning Spanish has a positive effect on intellectual growth and enhances a child's mental development. Knowing Spanish opens the door to other cultures and helps children understand and appreciate people from all ethnicities and backgrounds.

Academic Lab (Grades 5 and 6):

This class allows students to receive academic support in a supervised setting. It is an opportunity for students to improve study and organizational skills and to support their own higher achievement in classes.

Band (Grades 5 & 6):

Band Rocks! Students in the GWIS Band learn the basics of playing a musical instrument and how to read music. The choice of instruments include: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and percussion. Students who participate in band are more successful in their academics, able to work as a team and become positive leaders in our school. Students are rewarded with band parties each semester, chosen MVP's and given fun performance opportunities.

String Orchestra (Grades 5 & 6):

Students will learn the basic fundamentals of musicianship through performance on instruments of the orchestra string family: violin, viola, cello, and double bass. Participation in the String Orchestra also helps develop individual independence, confidence and leadership skills in addition to increasing students overall musical fluency.

Music Tech (Grades 5 and 6):

Students will develop a basic understanding of music and music history as well as be introduced to the piano and the basics elements of reading music, music theory, musical terminology, various instruments and music from various cultures.

Choir (Grades 5 & 6):

Choir is a class that will guide students in finding their voices. Students must multitask as they focus on lyrics, sound, learn different languages and read notes. This class focuses on team building and working together to make beautiful music!

Music Appreciation (Grade 6)

Students will learn about the evolution of music through history. Students will become thoughtful listeners of music and develop an appreciation of different styles of music.

Glenwood Intermediate School Clubs & Activities 2025-2026 School Year



Science Olympiad (Nov-March, Mon 3:15-4:15)

Science Olympiad is an exploratory, after-school, science club. Students will spend time having hands-on fun with science! Club members will compete in several building challenges and complete activities in various fields of science (physics, crime scene detectives, etc.) This club is geared toward students who like to work together and want to learn more about science. *Note: Students will not be competing at regional and state competitions during 5th and 6th grade.

Advisors: Theresa Ackman (ackmant@plainlocal.org) & Amy Wise (wisea@plainlocal.org)

Mathletes (Nov-Feb, Thurs 3:15-4:00)

Our Math Club builds a competitive team of students, called Mathletes. We meet and practice weekly, preparing for our tournament in March. Students explore different math topics weekly, to select one topic for competition. This club is geared toward our advanced math students, preparing them for competition with Math Counts in 7th & 8th grade.

Advisor: Samantha Little (littlel@plainlocal.org)

Student Council (Sept-May, Elected Positions)

Student Council is a group of students who are interested in serving as leaders within our building. We will be involved in several community service projects throughout the year such as, adopted families, canned food drive and Akron Children's Hospitals campaign. We will also host several social events for students and families. Each homeroom will elect one Student Council Representative to attend a monthly meeting and communicate information to their homeroom.

Advisor: Alex Pachulski (pachulskia@plainlocal.org)

Chess Club (Sep-Dec, Mon. 3:15-4:15)

Students compete against other schools in either intermediate or advanced groups. All are welcome to join, from those who don't know how to play to those who are very experienced.

Advisor: Ed Keoshian (keoshiane@plainlocal.org)

Art Cares Club (Sept-May, 1st Tuesday of every month)

Art Cares Club is a group of students who want to make art for the betterment of the community. Students work together to create projects to donate. Students work as teachers by offering mini lessons in art techniques at Canton Christian Home and Bethany Nursing home. Students try out for the club by submitting a drawing and completing a club contract, interest form and essay.

Advisor: Amanda Arway (arwaya@plainlocal.org)

Summer Book Blog Bash (May-August)

A summer reading program for incoming 5th and 6th graders for the 2024-2025 school year. Choose three books to borrow over the summer based on your Lexile level. Blog with Glenwood Intermediate staff about the exciting events happening in your summer reading and celebrate with everyone in August at our Summer Reading Bash. Watch for registration information in the month of May.

Advisor: Angela Farwick (farwicka@plainlocal.org)

Drama Club (Sep-Nov, Thurs. 3:15-4:15)

Glenwood Drama Club members meet weekly in the fall for drama games, skits, mime, creative movement and improv. The season ends with a Mystery Dinner Party, where students come in costume and role-play assigned characters while solving a mystery. The club is limited to 60 students both grades.

Advisor: Wendy Martens (martensw@plainlocal.org)

LEGO Club (Grade 6) (Feb-April, Thurs 3:15-4:15)

Students meet to build LEGO models, integrate mathematical thinking and learn STEM concepts. The club helps students develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and social skills in an interactive and fun environment.

Yearbook Club (Grade 6) (Feb-May, Wed. 3:15-4:15)

Students prepare the yearly publication of the yearbook that includes, photography, design, writing and teamwork.

Advisor: Jessica Logan (loganj@plainlocal.org)

Glenwood Intermediate School

5th Grade Registration Form

2025-2026 School Year



Student Name: _____

Step 1:

All Students must request to take at least one semester of physical fitness. You can request to take gym (PE) both semesters. "X" in front of both PEs if you request gym all year.

Place an "X" next to the requested class(es).

_____ Physical Education—GW5700 (**sem 1**) _____ Physical Education—GW5702 (**sem 2**)

_____ Dance—GW5720 (beginning dance) (**one semester course**)

Step 2:

Students must request to take one of the four music courses.

_____ Band—GW5750 (**all year**) _____ Choir—GW5770 (**all year**) _____ Strings—GW5760 (**all year**)

Step 3-Fundamental Arts & Electives:

In addition to a student's four core classes (Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies), students will be enrolled in Fundamental Arts/Elective courses each semester from above and below. Please rank the below classes based on your preferences (1-7 with 1 being the **most** desired). The below classes are all **one semester courses**.

Course	Course #	Rank 1-7
Visual Art	GW5710	
Music Tech	GW5745	
World Cultures	GW5820	
Drama	GW5730	
Coding	GW5790	
Steam/Robotics	GW5701	
Academic Lab	GW0555	

Click on the link or QR code to register for classes.

<http://bit.ly/48WPqkg>



Your selections DO NOT guarantee placement in the above classes. We will do our best to meet your requests.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent best contact email/phone # _____

Forms are due by Friday, March 21.

Questions may be directed to the following Glenwood School Counselors:

5th grade 2025/26 Sean McCartney (mccartneys@plainlocal.org);

6th grade 2025/26 Iman Grant (granti@plainlocal.org)



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