7th and 8th Grade Course Selection – 2025-2026



Christensen Middle School

March 2025

Course Selections

Required courses include –

--English and Social Studies

- Grade-Level English **AND** Grade-Level Social Studies (2 periods)
- Honors English **AND** Honors Social Studies (2 periods)

-- Physical Education

-- Science

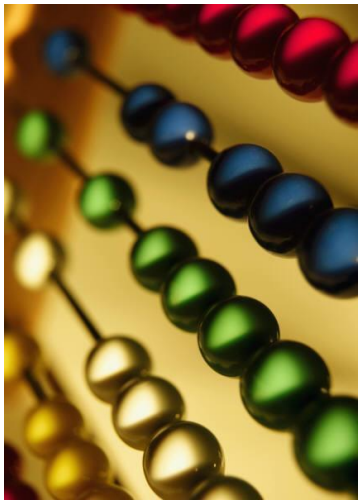
- Science (7th grade)
- Science (8th grade)

Required Courses . . .

--Mathematics

- Math 7
- Math 7B/8, Accelerated
- Math 8
- Algebra 1

- Math placement will be determined using the LVJUSD Math Placement Matrix. This matrix uses information from multiple student data sources as well as teacher recommendation to determine the best math placement.



7th Grade Electives

- Yearlong (Choose one)
  - Art, Advanced
  - Band, Advanced and Intermediate
  - Leadership
  - Orchestra, Advanced and Intermediate
  - Resource (Spec. Ed. Students only)
  - Spanish 1A
  - Spectrum (AVID Readiness/Art/Home Economics)
  - STEM 1 (Science Technology Engineering Math)
  - Student Assistant
  - Yearbook

8th Grade Electives

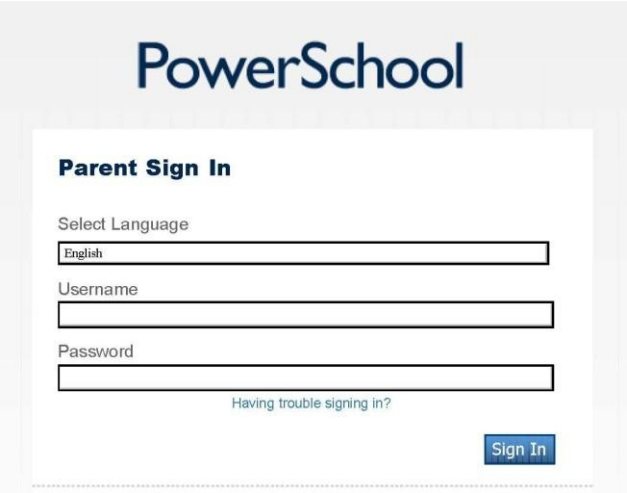
- Yearlong (Choose one)
  - Art, Advanced
  - Band, Advanced and Intermediate
  - Leadership
  - Orchestra, Advanced and Intermediate
  - Resource (Spec. Ed. Students only)
  - Spanish 1B (prerequisite - C or higher in Spanish 1A)
  - Spectrum (AVID Readiness/Art/Home Economics)
  - STEM 1 (Science Technology Engineering Math)
  - STEM 2 (prerequisite - C or higher in STEM 1)
  - Student Assistant
  - Yearbook

Course Selection Process

- Go online to choose electives: https://ps.lvjusd.k12.ca.us/public/home.html

- In the **2025-2026 Online Course Selection** item in the Headline and Features Section, we have the course descriptions for all grades and the link to the **PowerSchool Login.** Click on the PowerSchool Login link to complete the course selection process.

  - Username: Student's Google ID (less @lvjusd.org)
  - Password: Student's Google Password



Course Selection Process

- Complete the online course selection with your Parent.
- Due date: Window will be open from March 14, 2025 until March 28, 2025



Keep in Mind that . . .

- Elective courses offered may change even AFTER you have signed up
- There are no guarantees you will get what you sign up for!
- If you select the "Two Electives = Zero Period P.E. Option," please understand that most requests for two electives will not be accommodated due to staffing and budgetary constraints. Please prioritize your elective choices carefully. While we will make every effort to honor requests, it may not be possible in many cases. If your first and second choices are the same elective, the office will assign an alternative will be assigned if your preferred choice is unavailable.

Consider carefully!

- If you do not select your elective preferences, electives will be chosen for you. You will not be given an opportunity to change them in that case.
- 7th Graders can have first OR second lunch -- prepare yourselves.
- If you know you will not be attending Christensen next year, please let the office know.

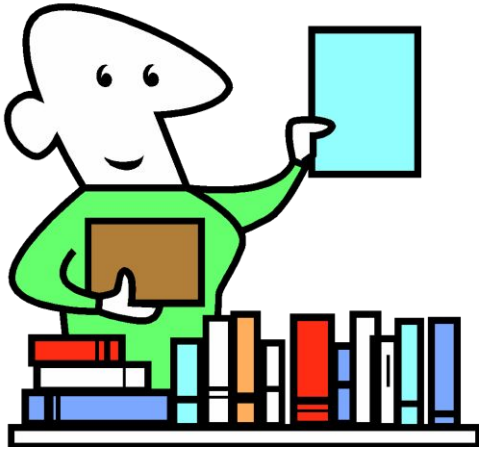
Honors Core at Christensen

- How it can help you succeed in middle school, high school and beyond…

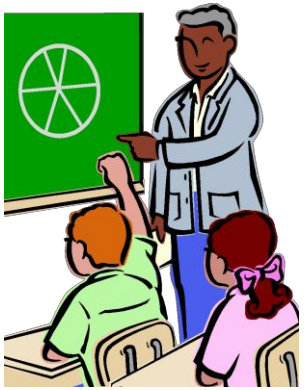


Honors Criteria

- Grades
- District Write Score
- Teacher Reference







Why Take Honors?



- Independent Learning
- Challenging Assignments
- More Class Discussion
- More Group Work
- Higher Level Thinking the Norm

Webb's Depth of Knowledge: 4 Levels

Level 1: Recall and Reproduction

Requires eliciting information such as a fact, definition, term,

or a simple procedure, as well as performing a simple algorithm or applying a formula.

Level 2: Basic Skills and Concepts

Requires the engagement of some mental processing beyond

a recall of information.

Level 3: Strategic Thinking and Reasoning

Requires reasoning, planning, using evidence, and explanations

of thinking.

I Should Consider Honors If I...

- Am completely comfortable with a grade-level textbook
- Read independently and enjoy it
- Find myself with extra time in core
- Like challenges
- Enjoy reading
- Love to Write



How Is Honors Different?

- Less time with Social Studies textbook
- More time with primary sources
- More in-depth research
- Higher expectations on projects
- More time spent on the finer points of writing



Can I Do This And Still Have A Life?

YES! Many students…

- Play basketball
- Play volleyball
- Play baseball/softball
- Play in band/orchestra
- Sing in choirs or solo
- Act
- Lead clubs



How Will This Prepare Me for High School and Beyond?

- Note-taking, research
- Essay writing
- Oral presentation skills
- Connections & high-level thinking
- Owning your future

