



SUMMER SCHOOL

Registration:

Grades K-5 Noon, March 26 - 3 p.m., April 4

Grades 6-8 Noon, March 27 - 3 p.m., April 4



Summer School 2025

Middle School Course Catalog

June 4 - July 2, 2025

Middle School (6-8)

Pleasant Lea Middle School

June 3 - Drop in Day 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Middle School Summer Course Registration Dates:

March 27th at 12:00 PM - April 4th at 3:00 PM



Lee's Summit R-7 Schools

Questions and Answers

Who can attend the Middle School Summer Program?

Any incoming 6th - 8th grade student who is a resident of the LSR7 School District may attend. Students will be enrolled in classes based on their grade level for the 2025-2026 school year.

How are Summer courses arranged?

All courses will run for 20 days. Placement is based on student preferences and available space.

How do I register my child for Summer School 2025?

Parents will log into their PowerSchool parent portal account; select Summer School Registration; and follow the on-screen prompts to choose course preferences. Students will select four courses and two alternates. After the registration window closes, course placement will be determined based on preferences, and final course selections and locations will be confirmed in May.

What if the course my student wants fills to capacity?

You will choose your course preferences, and placements will be based on availability. While we will do our best to assign students to their top choices, we ask that you also select two alternate options.

What schools are hosting Summer School?

Middle School (6-8) is hosted at Pleasant Lea Middle School.

What if my child is absent during Summer School?

Consistent attendance is key to a successful learning experience. In the case of an occasional absence, parents should contact the school and notify the Attendance Secretary of the absence so it is excused. Students with four unexcused absences may be dropped from Summer School.

What are the dates of Summer School 2025?

Middle school students will attend Summer School at Pleasant Lea Middle School from June 4 to July 2. 2-25 from 7:45 am to 12:45 pm, for a total of 20 days.

2025 SUMMER SCHOOL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 1	JUNE 2 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	JUNE 3 DROP IN DAY 4:30-6:00 PM	JUNE 4 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL	JUNE 5	JUNE 6	JUNE 7
JUNE 8	JUNE 9	JUNE 10	JUNE 11	JUNE 12	JUNE 13	JUNE 14
JUNE 15	JUNE 16	JUNE 17	JUNE 18	JUNE 19 NO SCHOOL	JUNE 20	JUNE 21
JUNE 22	JUNE 23	JUNE 24	JUNE 25	JUNE 26	JUNE 27	JUNE 28
JUNE 29	JUNE 30	JULY 1	JULY 2 LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL	JULY 3	JULY 4	JULY 5

How will my child be transported to and from Middle School Summer School?

Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from Middle School Summer School. If someone other than the parent is transporting your student, please inform the school office. Please see below for additional transportation details

Shuttle stops will be available to all middle school students	
Please note, PM time is an approximate time, allow fifteen minutes after school is out for the shuttle to arrive at its location. Parents are expected to be there before the shuttle arrives.	
Summer School	Shuttle Times (AM/PM)
Bernard Campbell Middle School	7:30/12:55
East Trails Middle School	7:30/12:55
Summit Lakes Middle School	7:30/12:55

*Any student who receives a conduct notice may lose transportation privileges on the first notice during the summer school session. *More shuttle information will be provided after enrollment in early May.*

Will any middle school students be eligible for transportation during Summer School?

Only students who qualify for "Extended School Year" (ESY) via Special Services may receive transportation through the ESY program. This will be arranged through Special Services. For the safety of these ESY students, only one bus and one neighborhood bus stop is permitted during summer programs.

Will my child receive Learning Center or ELD student support during Summer School?

ELD students will have the opportunity to fully participate in the summer enrichment course with their peers. ELD students attending Pleasant Lea Middle School have the option to take an enrichment course taught by a teacher certified to work with ELD students. Teachers will have student IEPs to follow and will implement accommodations, but direct services are not provided unless a child otherwise qualifies for ESY.

ESY = Extended School Year - Special Services ELD = English Language Development

Will breakfast and lunch be available during Summer School?

Breakfast is \$1.90 and lunch is \$3.00 for students at Summer School. Families who are eligible for free and reduced lunch and breakfast will continue to receive free/reduced meals at Summer School. If you feel you qualify for free/reduced meals and are currently paying for meals, please fill out an application to see if you qualify to receive free/reduced meals during the summer. Apply at your earliest convenience at our Nutrition Services website (<https://leessummitschoolnutrition.com/>).

What should I do if my child has a health or allergy concern?

Each Summer School site will have an LSR7 district health clerk or LPN on site, with an LSR7 District nurse to support. Each healthroom will have access to a student's medical forms and health alerts. This health information is provided to Summer Learning teachers and supporting staff before the start of Summer School.

May I visit the Summer School site before the first day?

"Drop in Day" will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. This optional event allows students and parents to visit the Summer School site and tour the building.

When will I be notified about my child's school site, room#, teacher's name, & course enrollment?

This information will be shared with parents by the third week of May. For any questions before then, please contact the middle school director, Andrews Haws, at andrew.haws@lsr7.net.

Should I purchase new school supplies for Summer School?

No. Please have your child bring his/her school supplies from the end of the school year. Teachers might ask your child to bring supplies specific to the course chosen.

Summer School Courses

Escape Room Adventure: Unlock the Fun!

Calling all 6th graders! Dive into an exciting world of escape rooms packed with puzzles and challenges that will test your skills and creativity. After mastering the art of escape, team up with classmates to design your own themed escape room, complete with mind-bending puzzles. This summer, laugh, learn, and discover the secrets of problem-solving through play. Don't miss the chance to escape into a world of fun and adventure!

Teacher: Palatinus, Brittney

Grade: 6

Art Integration through Literature

This course combines the love of art and literature. Students will create art pieces on poems, excerpts, and short stories. Students will be exposed to different mediums and techniques for creating art pieces. Students will learn how to analyze different texts and create art that reflects the text. Students will also participate in a gallery walk with their class to showcase their work and explain their reasoning behind their choices in creativity.

Teacher: Gengler, Grace

Grade: 6

Art- 6th Grade

Explore creativity through three exciting units: Drawing & Value, where students learn shading techniques; Painting & Color, focusing on color theory and brushwork; and 3D & Clay, introducing sculpture and handbuilding skills. Students will develop their artistic expression while mastering essential art techniques.

Teacher: Kriefall, Jake

Grade: 6

Ceramics Camp- 6th

Discover the magic of ceramics through this fun, hands-on clay experience, designed for 6th grade students. Learn the science behind clay including clay stages and glazing, while also expressing individuality & creativity. Students will learn essential clay handbuilding methods including pinch, slab, and coil techniques.

Teacher: Garwood, Whitney

Grade: 6

Digital Math Breakout

This course will focus on 6th grade math skills. This course is for students who are advanced (going into 6th) or for outgoing 6th and 7th graders that may need a review. Students will get a daily digital breakout room to complete.

Teacher: Zabroski, Hollie

Grade: 6

Event Planning 101

Do you enjoy attending parties, special events, or vacations? If so, this class is perfect for you! In this engaging course, we will: Plan Activities and Events: Collaborate with your classmates to organize fun and memorable gatherings. Budget Management: Learn how to set a budget and work together to stay within it. Weekly Fun: Carry out exciting events and activities each week. Come join us and turn your passion for planning into reality!

Teacher: Sukaromya, Adena

Grade: 6

Mad Scientists Unleashed

Put on your lab coat and prepare to learn about the scientific process by conducting hands-on experiments. Students will use lab equipment to learn about the world around them. STEM projects will be utilized to develop critical thinking skills. It will be a fun month filled with team building and learning within science exploration!

Teacher: Murray, Julie

Grade: 6

Middle School Strength and Conditioning

Students and athletes will develop essential skills in speed, agility, and weightlifting through proper techniques and practice. This course focuses on building strength, coordination, and athletic performance while emphasizing safety, efficiency, and effective training methods to enhance overall fitness and sports ability.

Teacher: Conniff, Chris

Grade: 6

Whodunnit?

Want to solve puzzles, uncover secrets, and win big this summer? Join us as we become summertime sleuths and read The Westing Game together! Follow clues, meet unforgettable characters, and maybe even discover who wins the mysterious inheritance. Don't miss out on this thrilling adventure!

Teacher: Murray, Julie

Grade: 6

Creative Journeys: Growing Through Your Writer's Notebook

Explore the creative side of your mind! Students will use a composition book and computer to collect, write about, and develop various creative writing ideas. Example activities include roll-a-story, picture prompts, partner stories, ABC stories, and stories based on real-life experiences to fuel your imagination!

Teacher: Lahmann, Tara

Grades: 6,7

The Lit Squad

Hey, book lovers (and future book fans)! Join the Lit Squad for exciting adventures, surprising twists, and stories that transport you to new worlds. Together, we'll read fun and thrilling books, chat about our favorite moments, and dive into unexpected surprises. Along the way, we'll play games, solve mysteries, and tackle book-themed challenges. Plus, you'll get creative with fun crafts and activities inspired by our stories. Whether you're a bookworm or just looking for the perfect read, this club is for you!

Teacher: Michael, Jamey

Grades: 6,7

All About Sports

Do you love playing sports? In this course, you will explore various sports with sports themed games and activities. You will actively participate in games, read and write about sports, and have a blast this summer!

Teacher: Ahlquist, Erik

Grades: 6,7,8

Breakout

This course is designed to help students build critical thinking skills, think creatively and practice peer collaboration. During this course, students will learn how to solve puzzles, riddles and use their skills to "breakout" of digital and physical escape rooms! They will even create their own digital escape room for their classmates! During this course, teachers will need to utilize the resources provided by the breakout.edu website to create physical and digital escapes. Each day, the students should be engaged in at least one "escape room," and additional curricular activities.

Teacher: Lewis, Onnie

Grades: 6,7,8

Build Your Own Games

Do you love to play games? In this course you will show off your creativity and sharpen your math skills by building board games, card games, game shows, and digital games. Students will collaborate with each other and play the games they build!

Teacher: Ahlquist, Erik

Grades: 6,7,8

Camp Half-Blood: A Percy Jackson Summer Adventure

Step into the world of Percy Jackson and explore Greek mythology through games, challenges, and creative projects! Discover your godly parent, compete in Camp Half-Blood activities, and bring myths to life through reading, writing, and hands-on STEM projects. Whether you're a demigod-in-training or new to the world of Percy Jackson, this class is packed with adventure, teamwork, and fun!

Teacher: Bingham, Lindsey

Grades: 6,7,8

CodeVerse: VR and Beyond

Combine creativity and technology in this dynamic beginner's Virtual Reality and Coding class! Students will learn to design and program interactive virtual reality experiences while exploring the basics of coding and VR technology. Using beginner-friendly programming tools, participants will create virtual environments, interactive games, and immersive simulations. This class emphasizes problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration, making it perfect for budding programmers and tech enthusiasts. No prior coding experience is necessary—just a passion for exploring the cutting edge of technology! Get ready to bring your ideas to life in the virtual world!

Teacher: Moreno, Jenny

Grades: 6,7,8

Computer Science Basics With MineCraft EDU

Computer Science Basics with Minecraft EDU focuses on introducing block coding to students. Students will learn how to communicate and collaborate effectively, understand and apply fundamental programming concepts to solve problems, and create programs by developing and testing code in a modular, incremental approach while in the world of Minecraft.

Teacher: Johnson, Derek

Grades: 6,7,8

Cooking Across the Continents

Grab your passport and get ready to embark on a culinary adventure around the world! In this course, students will have the opportunity to taste different cuisines while learning about the culture and culinary traditions from several countries. Ready to explore the world one bite at a time? Let's go!

Teacher: Cadwell, Hannah

Grades: 6,7,8

Design Dreamers: Express & Create

Dive into the world of graphic design with Adobe Express and Canva! This course encourages creativity and business-savvy skills through fun projects. Students will explore design fundamentals while expressing their unique style. Perfect for aspiring designers and creative thinkers!

Teacher: Meyer, Judy

Grades: 6,7,8

Exploring Manga & Anime

Designed for both aficionados and newbies, this class will explore a variety of activities centered around manga and anime. Get ready to learn more about Japanese culture as we read, watch, draw, & create!

Teacher: Brown, Christie

Grades: 6,7,8

Game On!

Do you love to play board games and cards? Then this class is for you! Students will learn to play various board games like chess, checkers, monopoly, and a variety of card games. We will learn the history of games and students will have an opportunity to make their own board or card game.

Teacher: Branch, Michele

Grades: 6,7,8

Games, Puzzles, and More!

Love games and puzzles? Join this class to play board games, card games, group games, and more! Get creative by designing your own game and test your skills with exciting puzzles. It's all about fun, learning, and challenges. Don't miss out on the fun!

Teacher: Mcgurk, Sara

Grades: 6,7,8

Life Team Sports & Conditioning

This class focuses on learning different athletic skills by playing different sports. It will have a variety of games and conditioning to help improve your stamina and practice physical skills to become a well-balanced athlete. For example, basketball, soccer, kickball, dodgeball, long base, and capture the flag.

Teacher: Johnson, Derek

Grades: 6,7,8

Missouri Wild: Exploring Nature, Wildlife, and Adventure!

Get ready to discover Missouri's wild side! In this exciting summer school class, students will explore the great outdoors while learning about the fascinating plants, animals, and ecosystems that make Missouri unique. Get ready to step outside, explore, and uncover the wonders of Missouri's natural world!

Teacher: Cunningham, Chris

Grades: 6,7,8

Printmaking Exploration

Come learn all about printmaking! We will use a variety of materials to make prints, including cardboard, gelli plate and gum roll up. No prior experience necessary, come with an open mind and plenty of ideas.

Teacher: Fresia, Aimee

Grades: 6,7,8

Puzzle Masters: A Journey Through Problem-Solving Adventures

Unlock the mysteries of the world around you in Puzzle Masters, an exciting, hands-on summer course where students become puzzle-solving detectives, engineers, and storytellers! Throughout the course, students will embark on thrilling adventures, from cracking codes to surviving on a desert island. Each week, they'll tackle a new set of challenges, using logic, teamwork, creativity, and STEM skills to solve complex problems and unlock rewards. Whether it's escaping from a locked room, creating your own puzzles, or designing a real-world survival device, every activity is packed with fun and learning! By the end of the course, students will have developed critical problem-solving skills that are both practical and rewarding. Get ready to become a true Puzzle Master!

Teacher: Bingham, Lindsey

Grades: 6,7,8

Science Art Class

Art is an important part of STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics. Come join this class and complete fun art projects with learning the science behind it. We will cover some physics, earth, and space science.

Teacher: Lake, Christine

Grades: 6,7,8

Scratch Summer Spectacular

Dive into the world of coding with our Scratch Summer Spectacular! Middle schoolers will explore creativity and logic by designing their own interactive stories, games, and animations. Perfect for beginners, this course encourages problem-solving and collaboration in a fun, supportive environment. Join us for a summer of coding adventure!

Teacher: Meyer, Judy

Grades: 6,7,8

Sports Fitness

Students will participate in a variety of team/individual sports along with strength/cardio training to improve fitness levels. Along with this, students will gain valuable knowledge improving their lifelong exercise habits.

Teacher: Rohlfing, Joe

Grades: 6,7,8

STEM Olympics

STEM Olympics combines STEM activities with competition. Students will work on teams to solve problems, work on hands on activities, and compete in challenges. All while earning points for their team. Awards given at the end of the session to the highest scoring team.

Teacher: Muckey, Kristine

Grades: 6,7,8

STEM-sational Summer: The Quest for the Best!

In this hands-on course, students tackle daily engineering challenges, such as building skyscrapers, boats, and rollercoasters. The course culminates in a Mouse Trap Race Cars Challenge, fostering creativity and teamwork as students innovate and compete for the fastest design!

Teacher: Lepert, Kelly

Grades: 6,7,8

Summer Camp Adventures

Experience the excitement of summer camp—right in the classroom! This fun, hands-on course lets middle schoolers enjoy team-building games, creative crafts, and light cooking projects. From making friendship bracelets and tie-dye to preparing tasty treats like s'mores and trail mix, students will develop teamwork, creativity, and basic cooking skills in a lively environment. Perfect for campers and newcomers alike, this course is all about making friends, building confidence, and having a blast!

Teacher: Keightley, Mariah

Grades: 6,7,8

Team Sports

Students will develop teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking by competing in various team-oriented sports. They'll learn the fundamentals of collaboration, sportsmanship, and leadership while engaging in exciting challenges that require coordination and effort. This course fosters skill-building, camaraderie, and a competitive yet supportive environment.

Teacher: Staponski, Carson

Grades: 6,7,8

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter

Congratulations! You have been accepted into Hogwarts, a magical school for witches and wizards. Students in this class will complete a variety of enrichment activities centered around the adventures of Harry Potter and his friends. Students will read, write, complete math assignments, and use their creativity to complete engaging art projects.

Teacher: Mayes, Sara

Grades: 6,7,8

Bridge Class: Math 6 to Accelerated Math 7

The bridge course is for students who were in 7th Math in 7th grade and want to move to Algebra I in 8th grade. This summer course teaches them the essential 8th-grade standards they need for 8 Algebra I but missed because they weren't in 7th Accelerated Math

Teacher: Belger, Kenzie

Grade: 7

Board Games and Game Shows

This course combines the love of art and literature. Students will create art pieces on poems, excerpts, and short stories. Students will be exposed to different mediums and techniques for creating art pieces. Students will learn how to analyze different texts and create art that reflects the text. Students will also participate in a gallery walk with their class to showcase their work and explain their reasoning behind their choices in creativity.

Teacher: Burke, Ryan

Grades: 7,8

Ceramics Camp- 7th and 8th

Discover the magic of ceramics through this fun, hands-on clay experience, designed for 7 and 8th grade students. Learn the science behind clay including clay stages and glazing, while also expressing individuality & creativity. Students will learn essential clay handbuilding methods including pinch, slab, and coil techniques.

Teacher: Garwood, Whitney

Grades: 7,8

Dive into Dungeons and Dragons

Discover the magic of storytelling in our Dungeons & Dragons class! Character creation, teamwork, and epic adventures are the goal as you play this exciting tabletop roleplaying game. Personal gaming supplies may be used during our session. All are welcome—your journey starts here!

Teacher: Coffman, Tracey

Grades: 7,8

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Teacher: Maggio, Phillip

Grades: 7,8

Puzzles Galore!

Do you love puzzles?! Jigsaws, crosswords, brain teasers, hidden pictures, sudoku, we'll do them all! Join me this summer to make new friends and have a relaxing, peaceful time while exercising your brain!

Teacher: Gamble, Mackenzie

Grades: 7,8

Bridge Class: Algebra 1

The bridge course is for students who were in 7th Math in 7th grade and want to move to Algebra I in 8th grade. This summer course teaches them the essential 8th-grade standards they need for 8 Algebra I but missed because they weren't in 7th Accelerated Math

Teacher: Camacho, Amanda

Grade: 8