

PEMBROKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parent Night: Transitioning to PCMS



April 16, 2025



OUR MISSION:

To ensure student achievement through excellence in teaching and learning.





Principal: Donna McGarrigle

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PCMS: Three Schools into One

Bryantville
Elementary School

n= 71

Hobomock
Elementary School

n= 60

North Pembroke
Elementary
School

n= 64

Seventh Grade **n= 195**



CLASS of 2031

PCMS: The Nuts & Bolts



Current enrollment: 355 students

Next year's enrollment: **380** students

- Seventh graders: **195 students**
- Eighth graders: **185 students**

Hybrid team model:

- “school within a school”
- cluster students among smaller number of teachers

Licensed content-area teachers

- ~35 faculty members



PCMS: The Nuts & Bolts



School day: 7:20 am – 2:10 pm

Early Release Day: 10:55 am dismissal (no lunch served)

Students can enter the building at 7:00 am

- ★ Front door for drop-offs (G7)
- ★ Basketball courts (G8)
- ★ Bus drop offs
 - Front parking lot

Seven class periods a day

- ★ 49 minutes/class
- ★ Titan Study: 32 minutes
- ★ Lunch: 25 minutes



PCMS: The Nuts & Bolts

Students tardy after 7:20 am

- Students sign the tardy book in the front office
- Obtain hall pass

Student Absence

- Parents should call in to report
- Send in a note the next day
- Automatic absence call later morning



Student Dismissal

- Parent note
- Students identify which class they will be dismissed from

Forgotten materials

- Drop off in front office

Courses [daily]

ELA: standard & accelerated

Math: standard & accelerated

Science 7: Contact Forces; Thermal Energy; Matter Cycling & Photosynthesis; Ecosystem Dynamics & Biodiversity; Earth's Resources & Human Impact; Natural Hazards

Social Studies 7: Ancient Civilizations and the Geography of Asia and Europe. Students complete a major research paper project in the Spring. The course ends with a study of Republican Democracy in Rome.



World Languages:

French
Spanish



2 years of middle school language =
1 year of high school language

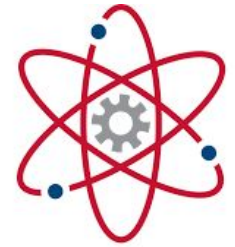
Some students may be
recommended for Honors levels in
high school.



**World
Languages**

STEM LAB

[every other day: 90 days/year]



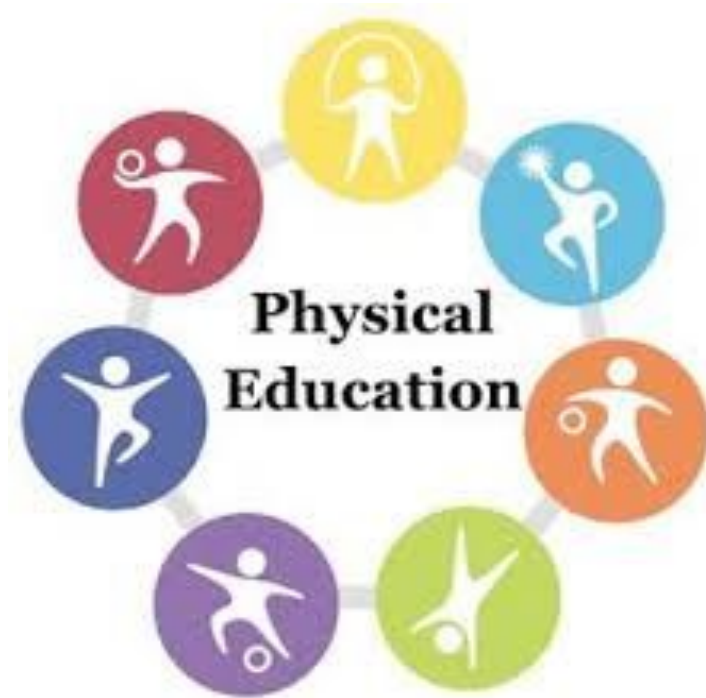
Students use math, science and technology to solve real world problems. Many hands on activities and cooperative group work. Designed to improve critical thinking and problem solving skills.

We use the Project Lead the Way Design & Modeling as well as engineering problems from the National Center for Technological Literacy and the Museum of Science.

Physical Education

[every other day: 90 days/year]

Students participate in a variety of activities, many team-based, like basketball, volleyball, badminton, handball, and floor hockey.



G7 elective: 4 options

1	Band 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Band meets for the full year• 150 days of instruction• Quarterly concerts
2	Term electives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ART 7• COMPUTER PROGRAMMING• STRENGTH & CONDITIONING• MODEL UNITED NATION
3	Drama & Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semester-based electives• Drama will meet in band room• Art includes some digital tools
4	Chorus 7 & 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chorus meets for the full year• 150 days of instruction• Class contains both G7 & G8• Quarterly concerts

BAND 7



- ★ Band meets for 150 classes/year
- ★ Increased expectations for sight reading & independent playing
- ★ Band room have lockers for instrument storage
- ★ Student perform in PCMS & district-wide concerts
- ★ Providence Bruins (fall) & Six Flags (spring) performances

G7 Term electives



- 1. Art 7**
- 2. Introduction to Programming**
- 3. Model United Nations**
- 4. Strength & Conditioning**

G7 Term Electives



ART 7: students produce meaningful & unique drawings, paintings, prints, sculptures, etc.

Mediums: water color, acrylic paint, clay, pastels, pen & ink, foil



Introduction to Programming: This course will introduce students to block and text code. The stories, games, puzzles, and projects engage students in computational thinking skills.

G7 Term Electives

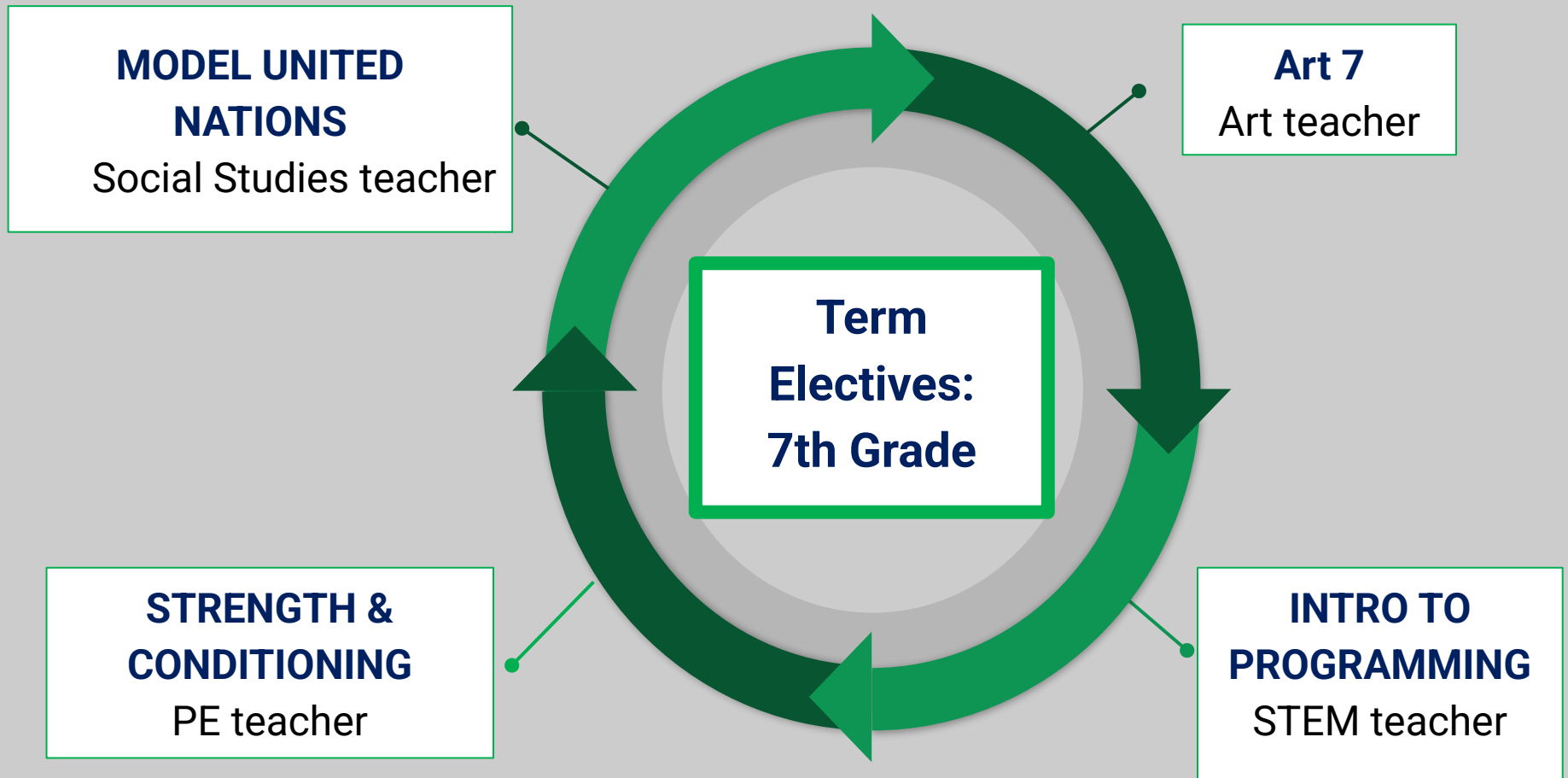


Model United Nations: students examine a wide variety of functions of the United Nations (UN) and how the UN deals with crucial world problems. The students end the elective by researching one country and participating in a mock general assembly.



Strength & Conditioning: Students will learn age-appropriate training principles associated with different modes of strength training. The course will cover the components of fitness including, strength, flexibility, nutrition, health and wellness.

PCMS G7 Term Electives



Elective Options: Half year (semester)

DRAMA I & ART I



- ★ **DRAMA I** meets for 75 classes/year
- ★ Either Sep- Jan or Jan - June
- ★ improv, comedy, drama

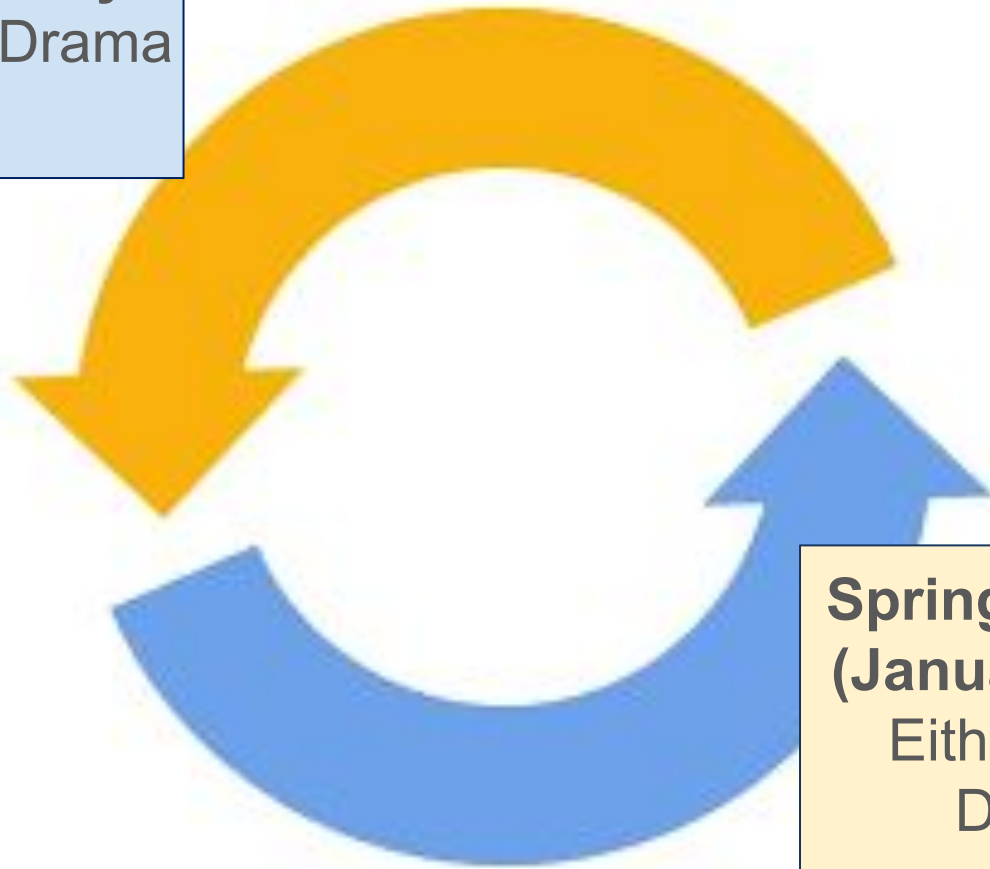


- ★ **ART I** meets for 75 classes/year
- ★ Length of Art I will allow for greater depth than Art 7
- ★ Variety of mediums including digital art

Elective Options: Half year (semester)

DRAMA I & ART I

Fall Semester
(August- January:
Either Art I or Drama
I



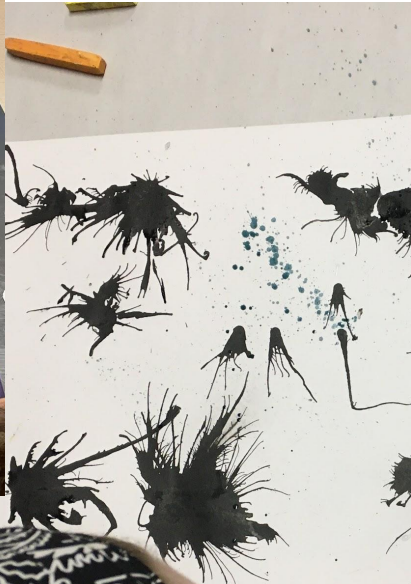
Spring Semester
(January- June):
Either Art I or
Drama I

Chorus 7 & 8



- ★ Chorus meets for 150 classes/year
- ★ Chorus is mixed grade level with both G7 & G8 students
- ★ Student perform in PCMS & district-wide concerts
- ★ Providence Bruins (fall) & Six Flags (spring) performances

ART



ART



ART





**Orchestra meets
several times a
week in place of
Titan Study.**

Sign-ups in the fall

Orchestra

Orchestra students will continue to develop their music reading and playing skills in a larger ensemble setting. Students will have the opportunity to select popular or rock music to perform.

Students must be able to play a string instrument or piano at a proficient level to participate in the orchestra.

Want to learn more about our courses?



PCMS Program of Studies 2025-2026

Yikes! Middle School



Middle School Supports



“The answer lies in preventing [...] failures, not in looking for better ways to fix the people who are failing.”

William Glasser, Choice Theory

Middle School Supports



Literacy (Title I support class):

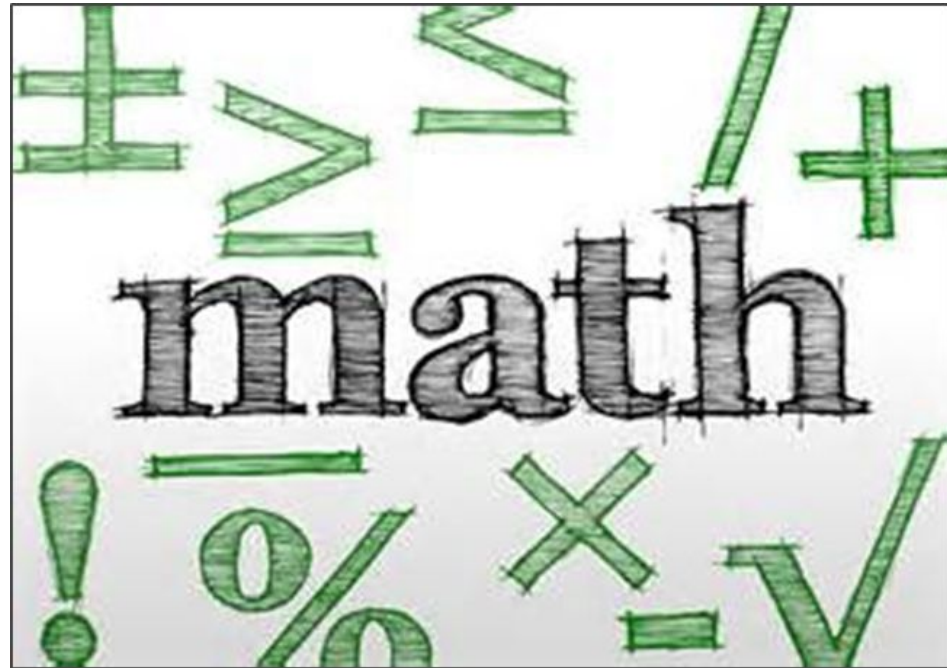
A small-group class, focused on strengthening reading, fluency, vocabulary, and writing skills. Students are identified based on teacher recommendations and assessment scores.

Middle School Supports

Math Foundations

(Title I support class):

A small-group math class, focused on strengthening mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills. Students identified based on teacher recommendations and assessment scores.



Middle School Supports

Titan Study



Daily 32 minute block

Used for extra support & enrichment

Assigned to a smaller 'home base'
~ 16-18 students

Teachers can schedule students from other rooms to make up tests, provide extra help etc.

~ Enriching Students

Middle School Supports



KID DAY: Team teachers, counseling staff and administrations meet weekly to discuss and review any student concerns.

STUDENT UPDATE MEETING: Principal, assistant principal, school nurse, and counseling staff meet weekly to review and discuss student concerns.

Middle School Supports

- ★ School (Guidance) Counselors
- ★ School Psychologist
- ★ Social Worker



~available to provide emotional, academic and/or organizational support

~ small skills groups

~ resources for parents



Middle School Supports: School Counseling

★ **G7 School Counselor: Ms. Danielle McLean**



~your child's counselor throughout middle school

~guidance check-ins 4x/year (typically after progress reports)

~weekly guidance class

~ student check-ins for emotional, academic, organizational support.



21st Century Skills

(30 days/year)

Weekly classes supports student development in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and career exploration skills.

- ★ Empathy, stress management, organization, study skills, making healthy choices, anti-bullying, conflict resolution, college/career exploration

PCMS Courses:

6-day, 7 period schedule



1. ELA
2. Math
3. Science
4. Social Studies
5. World Language or Literacy/Math Foundation
6. Stem Lab and Physical Education (every other day)
7. Electives and 21st Century Skills

PCMS Sample Schedule

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
period	HOMEROOM (10 minutes)					
1	ELA (49 minutes)					
2	Math					
3	Social Studies					
4	Science					
	G7 Lunch (25 minutes)					
	G7 Titan Study (32 minutes)					
5	World Language or Literacy/Math Foundations					
6	PE	STEM Lab	PE	STEM Lab	PE	STEM Lab
7	21st Century Skills	elective choice	elective choice	elective choice	elective choice	elective choice

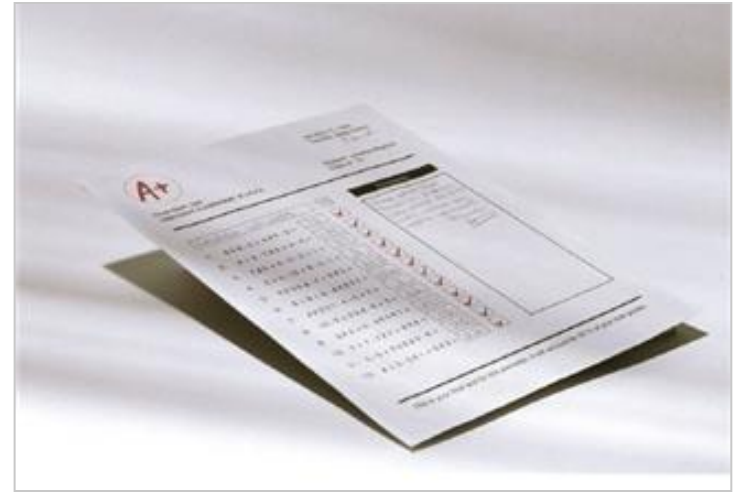
Rotating Schedule



- ★ Students are walked through the schedule and how it works.
- ★ After daily 10 minutes homeroom, Day 1 starts with period 1 followed by period 2, then period etc.
 - Day 2 starts with period 2 followed by period 3, etc.
- ★ Allows all content areas to be taught at different times of the day.
- ★ If late, students do not miss the same class.

Pembroke Community Middle School	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6
Titan Homeroom 7:20-7:30	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR
Block 1 7:30-8:19	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Block 2 8:19-9:08	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7
Block 3 9:08-9:57	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1
Block 4 9:57-10:46	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2
Lunch & TT 10:46-11:43	Lunch 7: 10:46-11:11 TitanTime 7: 11:11-11:43 ***** TitanTime 8: 10:46-11:18 Lunch 8: 11:18-11:43					
Block 5 11:43-12:32	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
Block 6 12:32-1:21	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Block 7 1:21-2:10	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5

Academics



Quarterly report cards

- ★ 4 terms
- ★ 45 days per quarter
- ★ Progress reports mid-term (8 reports/year)

Academic Recognition

- ★ **High Honors:** 90% or better in all classes
- ★ **Honors:** 80% or better in all classes

Course Registration



- ★ PCMS staff will go to the elementary schools on May 2 to register students for classes.
- ★ If parents/guardians prefer to register their child themselves beforehand, they can do so.
- ★ Contact PCMS if you need help

Schedule is created in late spring/early summer

- ★ Students are **not** more likely to get requests with earlier registration

Pembroke Community Middle School

PowerSchool Course Requests

Please follow the steps below to log into your student PowerSchool account and select courses

NOTE: This cannot be done on the mobile app. You will need to use a browser like Chrome, Safari or Edge to see the request screen

- Log into PowerSchool with your student username and password:
<https://ps.pembrokek12.org/public/home.html>
- On the left side of the screen, select Class Registration
- Use the pencil icons to the right of each subject or section to choose your classes
- When choosing your Elective Alternate, you must choose a different option than you selected for the first Elective Option. If you do not choose a different option as your alternate, school staff will contact you directly for your alternate choice.
- The Section called “Additional Requests” is blank for this year. Please ignore this section.
- When you have made all of your selections, click the blue Submit button at the bottom of the screen.

PowerSchool Course Requests

Grade History

Attendance History

Teacher Comments

Class Registration

Balance

My Schedule









School Information

District Code
BDLP

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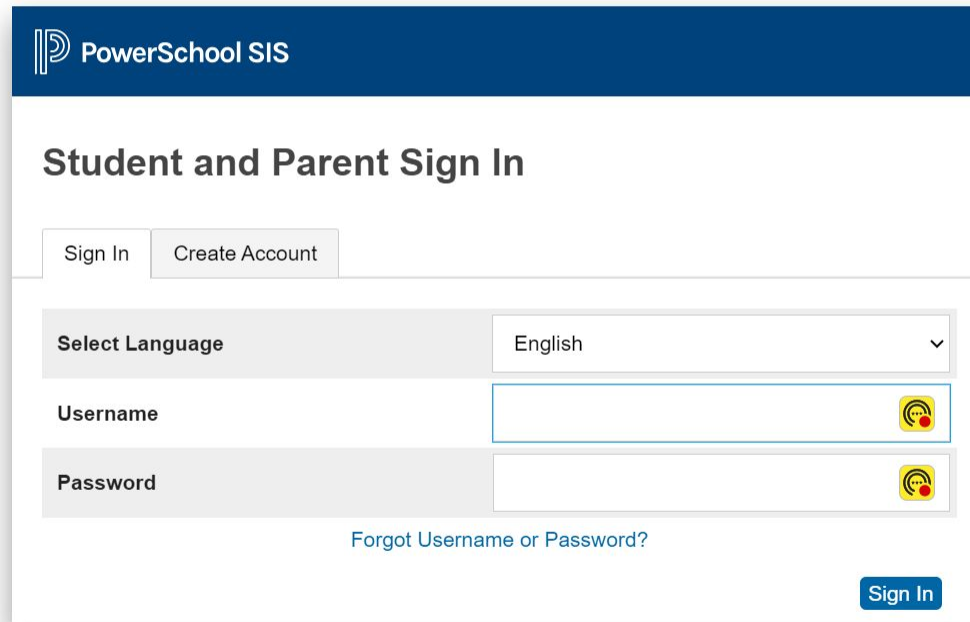
[View course requests](#)

Grade 7 Math Select the recommended Math course. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡						
Grade 7 English Select the recommended English course. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡						
Grade 7 Required Courses These 4 required courses will be scheduled. Number of requests to generate : 1	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>SCIENCE 7 731 - 4 credits</td> <td>SOCIAL STUDIES 7 740 - 4 credits</td> <td>21ST CENTURY SKILLS GRADE 7 757 - 1 credits</td> <td>P.E. GRADE 7 765 - 0 credits</td> <td>STEM LAB 7 770 - 0 credits</td> </tr> </table>	SCIENCE 7 731 - 4 credits	SOCIAL STUDIES 7 740 - 4 credits	21ST CENTURY SKILLS GRADE 7 757 - 1 credits	P.E. GRADE 7 765 - 0 credits	STEM LAB 7 770 - 0 credits	
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Grade 7 World Language Choices Please select a World Language. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡						
Grade 7 Elective Options Select One Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡						
Grade 7 Elective Alternate Choose a second elective if first choice is full. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ➡						
Additional Requests Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group.	Click the edit button to request a course ➡						
Requires at least 0 credit hours. Requesting 9 credit hours Requesting 0 additional credit hours.							

Submit

Registering in PowerSchool

STEP 1: Login to PowerSchool



The image shows a web browser window displaying the PowerSchool SIS login page. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://ps.pembroke12.org/public/home.html>. The page has a dark blue header with the PowerSchool SIS logo. Below the header, the title "Student and Parent Sign In" is displayed. There are two tabs: "Sign In" (active) and "Create Account". The login form includes a "Select Language" dropdown menu set to "English", a "Username" field, and a "Password" field. Both input fields have a yellow speech bubble icon on the right. Below the password field is a link that says "Forgot Username or Password?". A blue "Sign In" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

PowerSchool SIS

Student and Parent Sign In

Sign In Create Account

Select Language English

Username

Password

[Forgot Username or Password?](#)

Sign In

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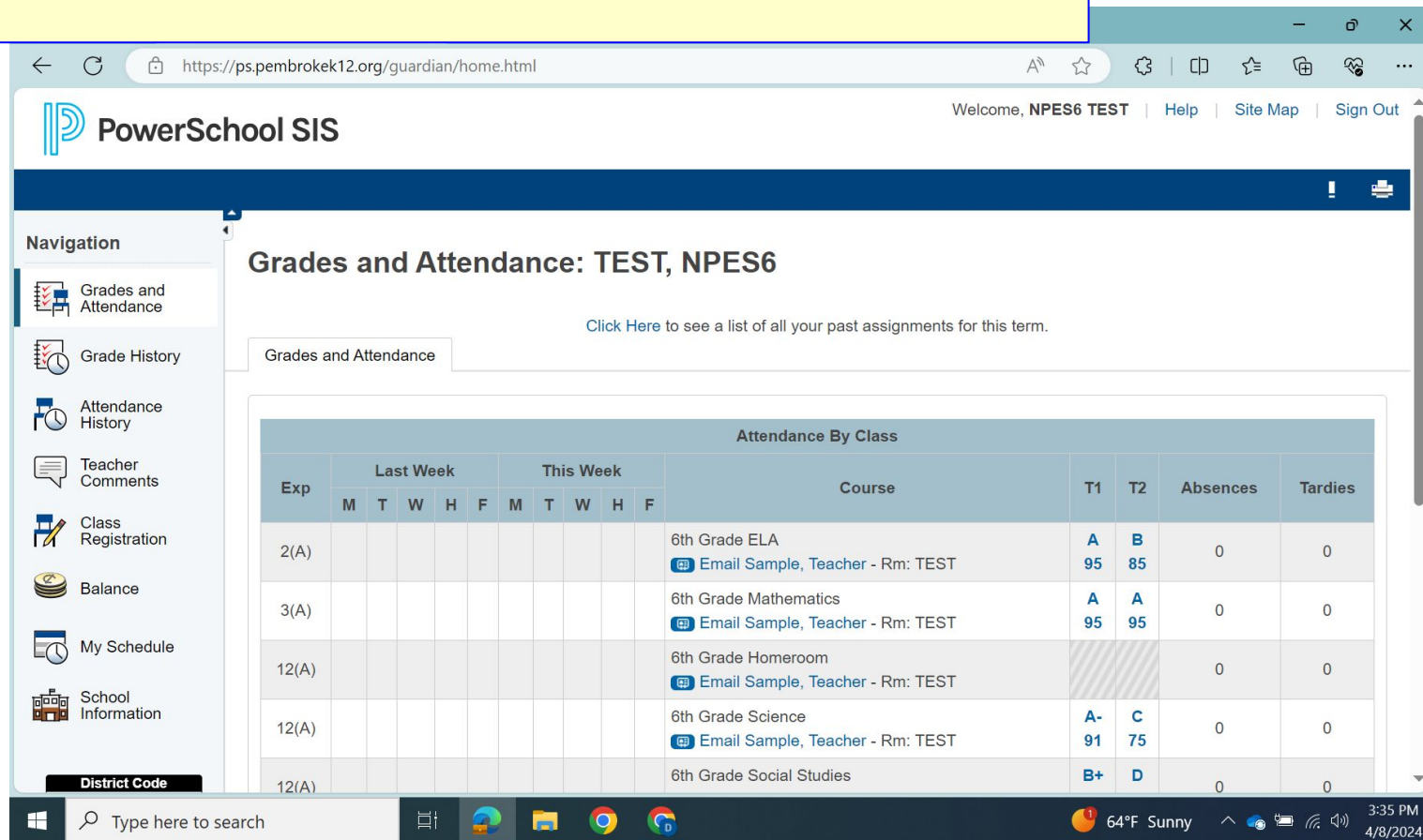
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Registering in PowerSchool

STEP 2: Select “Class Registration to the left of the screen.



The screenshot displays the PowerSchool SIS web application. The navigation menu on the left includes the following items:

- Grades and Attendance
- Grade History
- Attendance History
- Teacher Comments
- Class Registration** (highlighted with a yellow arrow)
- Balance
- My Schedule
- School Information

The main content area is titled "Grades and Attendance: TEST, NPES6". Below this title, there is a link: "Click Here to see a list of all your past assignments for this term." The "Grades and Attendance" tab is selected, showing a table titled "Attendance By Class".

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	T1	T2	Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F					
2(A)											6th Grade ELA Email Sample, Teacher - Rm: TEST	A 95	B 85	0	0
3(A)											6th Grade Mathematics Email Sample, Teacher - Rm: TEST	A 95	A 95	0	0
12(A)											6th Grade Homeroom Email Sample, Teacher - Rm: TEST			0	0
12(A)											6th Grade Science Email Sample, Teacher - Rm: TEST	A- 91	C 75	0	0
12(A)											6th Grade Social Studies	B+	D	0	0

Registering in PowerSchool

STEP 3: Select the first pencil to the right of the screen. Then choose the recommended math level and then move to the ELA and each subsequent section.

PowerSchool SIS

Welcome, NPES6 TEST Help Site Map Sign Out

Navigation

- Grades and Attendance
- Grade History
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- Teacher Comments
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Welcome to the Pembroke Community Middle School Class Registration System for 2024-2025: TEST, NPES6

[View course requests](#)

Grade 7 Math

Select the recommended Math course.

Number of requests to generate : 1

MATH 7
705 - 4 credits

Grade 7 English

Select the recommended English course:

Number of requests to generate : 1

ACCELERATED ENGLISH
700 - 4 credits

Grade 7 Required Courses

Grade 7 required courses. The following courses are required of all 7th graders and will be automatically preloaded and scheduled.

Number of requests to generate : 1

SCIENCE 7
731 - 4 credits

SOCIAL STUDIES 7
740 - 4 credits

21ST CENTURY SKILLS GF
757 - 1 credits

P.E. GRADE 7
765 - 0 credits

STEM Lab 7
770 - 0 credits

Grade 7 World Language Choices

Click the edit button to request a course

Registering in PowerSchool

Schedule

View course requests

Grade 7 Math

Select the recommended Math course.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ACCELERATED MATH 7	706		4		Prerequisites have not been met
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH 7	705		4		Recommended Grade6 Teacher

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! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel Okay

Views of pop up screen after selecting the pencil.

App Store

Select the recommended English course:

Grade 7 English

Select the recommended English course:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	ACCELERATED ENGLISH 7	700		4		Recommended Grade6 Teacher
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGLISH 7	701A		4		Prerequisites have not been met

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! You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel Okay

Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective

Registering in PowerSchool

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool registration interface. On the left sidebar, there are links for 'My Schedule', 'School Information', and app download buttons for the App Store and Google Play. The main content area is divided into sections for required courses, world language choices, and full-year electives. The 'Grade 7 Required Courses' section lists Science 7, Social Studies 7, 21st Century Skills, and P.E. Grade 7, each with a credit value and a green checkmark. The 'Grade 7 World Language Choices' section prompts the user to select a language (Spanish or French) and includes an 'Additional Requests' section. The 'Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective' section has a checkbox for Band 7 placement. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom right. The system tray at the bottom shows the time as 4:00 PM on 4/8/2024.

My Schedule

School Information

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Grade 7 Required Courses

Grade 7 required courses. The following courses are required of all 7th graders and will be automatically preloaded and scheduled.

Number of requests to generate : 1

COURSE	CREDITS
SCIENCE 7	731 - 4 credits
SOCIAL STUDIES 7	740 - 4 credits
21ST CENTURY SKILLS GRADE 7	757 - 1 credits
P.E. GRADE 7	765 - 0 credits
STEM Lab 7	770 - 0 credits

Grade 7 World Language Choices

Please choose one of the following as your first choice for foreign language. All students select a language even if some students may not be scheduled for a language if not recommended.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course →

Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective

Check the box to be placed in the full year Band 7 elective. Skip this section if you do not want to be placed in Band 7.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Additional Requests

Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group.

Click the edit button to request a course →

Submit

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STEP 4: Choose Spanish or French for the world language choice (even if your child will not be taking a world language).

Some children will be taking Literacy and math foundations instead (teacher recommendation).

Registering in PowerSchool

STEP 5: Select the elective offering you would like.

STEP 6: Choose an alternative elective, in case the first choice is over-enrolled.

Ignore the last pencil (additional requests), and hit Submit!

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool registration interface for a Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective. The interface includes a Google Play button on the left. The main content area has a header "Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective" and a checkbox to be placed in the full year Band 7 elective. Below this, there is a section for "Additional Requests" with a pencil icon and a "request a course" button. The interface also displays the number of requests to generate (1) and the credit hours required (at least 0, requesting 17, and 0 additional). A "Submit" button is located at the bottom right. The Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom, showing the search bar, task view, and various application icons. The system tray shows the NASDAQ index, date, and time.

Google play

Number of requests to generate : 1

request a course

Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective

Check the box to be placed in the full year Band 7 elective. Skip this section if you do not want to be placed in Band 7.

Additional Requests

Click the edit button to request a course

Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group.

Requires at least 0 credit hours.
Requesting 17 credit hours.
Requesting 0 additional credit hours.

Submit

Type here to search

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After School Clubs

We have many after-school clubs. Clubs start after the first few weeks of school.

Examples: Unified Club/Best Buddies, Jazz Band, Stem Club, Art Club.

- Students can also recommend new clubs (Dungeons & Dragons)

Our drama club performs a musical each year

Late buses (with paid bus pass):

~Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

72 Pilgrim Road, Pembroke, Massachusetts 02359



Sports

Basketball, unified basketball,
volleyball, track & field,
cross country

PCMS student athletes compete against other local schools.

PCMS SPORT USER FEES*:

- ★ **\$50** for one child, one sport
- ★ **\$100** for one child, unlimited PCMS sports
- ★ **\$435** family cap for non-impact sports (PCMS & PHS)
- ★ **\$485** family cap for impact sports (PCMS & PHS)

**subject to change*



May 2: PCMS staff will visit elementary schools to have students register for their courses.

May 5-9: Parents can review their child's courses and contact the school if they would like changes made.

Mid/Late August: Schedules mailed home along with other important beginning-of-the-year information

Late August: School tours

First day of school: Extended Titan Time period to begin our day and get students acclimated.



QUESTIONS?

Transitioning to middle school can be challenging and exciting! We are happy to answer any questions you may have. 😊 Please email.

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