



Student Name

ALDERWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE REGISTRATION 2026-2027

Welcome to Alderwood Middle School! As you prepare to enter the 7th grade next year for the 2026-2027 school year, you will need to select your preferences for electives and math placement.

Students take a full year of English, Math, Science, Social Studies, P.E./Health, and an elective. Below are the year-long elective choices. Refer to the companion course descriptions document for more information.

- **Explore Elective Wheel**
- **Performing Arts Elective Wheel**
- **Concert Band**
- **Concert Orchestra**

In the space below, write down your first elective choice.

First Elective Choice ('My Requests' in Skyward Qmlativ)

In the space below, write down up to two alternate elective choices.

Alternate Elective Choice ('Alternates' in Skyward Qmlativ)

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In the space below, please select your Math Preference. Letters will be sent to Parents/Guardians with math placement recommendations.

- ☐ Math 7
- ☐ Pre-Algebra
- ☐ Algebra I (minimum requirements exist)

Use this worksheet as a guide to input your Course Requests and Math Preference into Skyward Qmlativ—your 6th grade teacher will set aside time during class to complete this step on a later date. **Input of Course Requests and Math Preferences into Skyward Qmlativ are due by March 13th, 2026.** Students who do not input course requests or math preferences into Skyward Qmlativ by the due date may be defaulted into courses based on space availability.

ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Explore Elective Wheel (Full Year)

Students who take the Explore Elective Wheel are enrolled in the following three courses: Explore AMS, Explore Art, and STEAM Fundamentals. Each course lasts for one trimester. The order in which students take each class in the Elective Wheel is randomly assigned during registration.

- **Explore AMS:** This course is designed to equip students with the essential study skills necessary for academic success in middle school and beyond. Students will learn and practice various strategies to improve reading comprehension, note-taking, test preparation, time management, organization, healthy habits, and presentation techniques.
- **Explore Art:** 7th graders will learn the basic 7 elements of art and how they can be used and identified in their own art and the art of others.
- **STEAM Fundamentals:** In this course, you will be introduced to engineering and design concepts through creative hands-on build projects. You will learn how to safely operate hand and power tools to design and race your own wood dragster car, use 3d printers to make keychains and other objects, run a laser cutter to make cell phone stands and tokens, and create an air launched rocket that can fly a full football field. You will also learn to use Computer Aided Design programs to make 3D models for characters, tools, and toys, build a balsa structure that will hold hundreds of pounds in a crushing machine, create an architectural model of a dream house, and work as a team on a robotics build that you will code to operate. You will feel like a real engineer in this course and it will be the highlight of your year!

Performing Arts Elective Wheel (Full Year)

Students who take the Performing Arts Elective Wheel are enrolled in the following three courses: Explore Performing Arts, Explore Art, and STEAM Fundamentals. Each course lasts for one trimester. The order in which students take each class in the Elective Wheel is randomly assigned during registration.

- **Explore Performing Arts:** This course is an introduction to drama which may include improvisation, theater games, comedy skits, commercials, monologues, pantomime, conflict scenes, special effect makeup, movie producing, musical theater choreography, Shakespeare, one-act plays and more.
- **Explore Art:** 7th graders will learn the basic 7 elements of art and how they can be used and identified in their own art and the art of others.
- **STEAM Fundamentals:** In this course, you will be introduced to engineering and design concepts through creative hands-on build projects. You will learn how to safely operate hand and power tools to design and race your own wood dragster car, use 3d printers to make keychains and other objects, run a laser cutter to make cell phone stands and tokens, and create an air launched rocket that can fly a full football field. You will also learn to use Computer Aided Design programs to make 3D models for characters, tools, and toys, build a balsa structure that will hold hundreds of pounds in a crushing machine, create an architectural model of a dream house, and work as a team on a robotics build that you will code to operate. You will feel like a real engineer in this course and it will be the highlight of your year!

MUSIC

- **Concert Band (Full Year)**
Open to students with zero to two years of experience or the equivalent. Students must agree to remain in the class for the entire school year. Students continue to work on the fundamentals of musicianship including practice and rehearsal skills, performance-related music theory, instrumental techniques and accurate music reading. Also, they study symphonic band literature with an emphasis on rhythmic analysis, interpretation, and phrasing. Members are required to participate in all concerts at which the band performs. Members are expected to remain in good standing with their teachers and with the school's administration. Fee \$20 for the entire year.
- **Concert Orchestra (Full Year)**
Open to students with zero to two years of experience or the equivalent. Students must agree to remain in the class for the entire school year. Students continue to work on the fundamentals of musicianship. Instruction will focus on proper instrument positioning and posture, basic sound production, and reading notes. A broad range of musical styles will be explored throughout the year. Members are required to participate in all concerts at which the orchestra performs. Members are expected to remain in good standing with their teachers and with the school's administration. Fee \$20 for the entire year.