

# Welcome to North Lake Middle School



## Mission Statement:

North Lake Middle School is committed to ensuring that every student learns at high levels, engages effectively in their classrooms, and feels a deep sense of belonging in our school community.

# Session Targets

## Daily Life & Registration



Understand the registration process



What does a day look like for a middle school student?



Importance of Attendance

## Academic Pathways & Support



College and Career Ready



ELA/Math Pathways



What is the correct placement for my child?



What is Advisory?



Main Office: 425-335-1530



Counselor Center: 425-335-1640

# Registration for 2026/2027



## February






Student handbook and registration information sent to 5th grade teachers for distribution. Also on NL website-Class of 2033.

## March 9th-12th



The counselors will visit elementary schools. Check email for registration information after the elementary visit.

 Sunnycrest 3/9 | Highland  
 3/10 | Stevens Creek 3/11  
 Mt. Pilchuck 3/12

## Late August



August 26th (tentative)-3:30-5:30 Open House for students and parents to get schedules, locate classrooms, and meet the teachers.

\*School starts Wednesday, Sept. 2nd

# Lake Stevens Secondary Advanced ELA Course Pathways

Grade	Gen Ed	Challenge	Advanced Challenge
6	Language Arts 6	Challenge LA 6	Advanced Challenge LA 6 (7th grade standards)
7	Language Arts 7	Challenge LA 7 (8th grade standards)	Advanced Challenge LA 7 (8th grade standards)
8	Language Arts 8	Challenge 8 (9th grade standards and curriculum)	
9	English 9	Pre-AP 9 (10th grade standards and curriculum)	
10	English 10	<i>Choose high school courses each year:</i>	
11	English 11	English 11	AP Language & Composition
		Choose 2: senior English electives (list at left)	AP Literature & Composition
12	Choose 2 senior English electives: <b>Novels, Creative Writing, British Literature, World Literature</b> or opt into AP Lit. or UW English.	Choose a different 2: senior English electives (list at left)	UW English (open to seniors with B+ average)

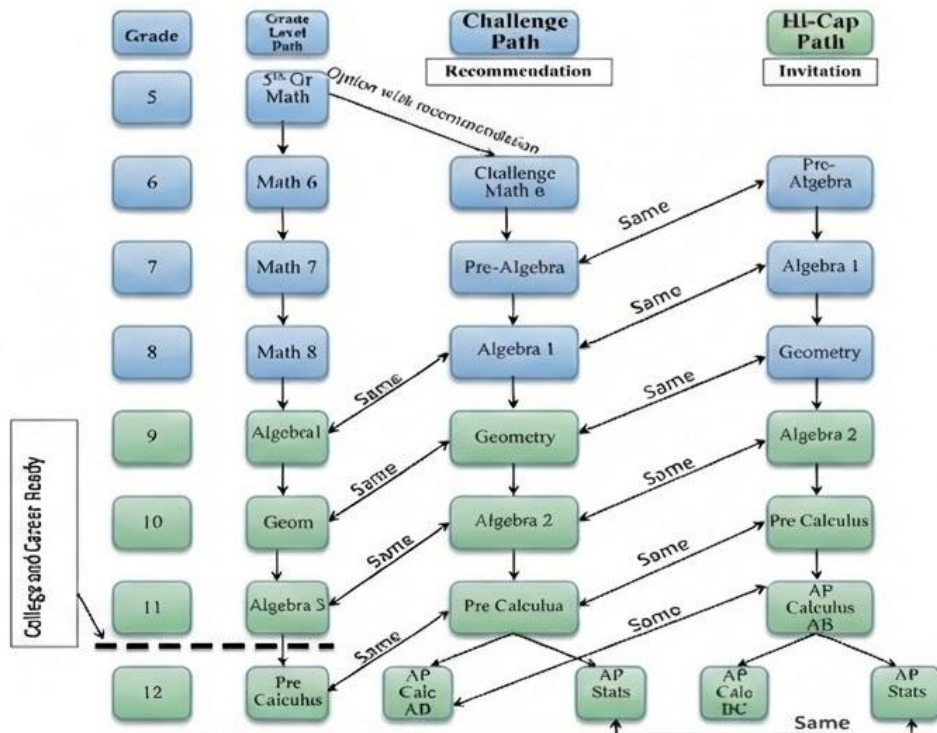
# Math Progressions

Questions about Placement?  
Please contact either:

Tim Bartlett  
MTSS Specialist  
Tim\_Bartlett@lkstevens.wednet.edu

Leanne Koenigs  
6th Grade Counselor  
leanne\_koenigs@lkstevens.wednet.edu

## LSSD MATH PATHWAYS



# Are Challenge Courses Right for You?

It may be a consideration if you:



## Accelerated Pace

Demonstrate the ability and willingness to work at an accelerated pace



## Strong Organization

Demonstrate strong organizational skills, complete assignments, and turns them in on time



## Above Grade Level

Perform above grade level (level 4) on the SBA in math or ELA

# What is the Exploratory Program?

## Sixth Grade Exploratories

Technology and Art  
(semester each)



Explore creative and technical skills.

Band (full year)



Develop musical talent.

- Beginning Band, or
- Intermediate Band

Choir (full year)



Find your voice.

# Making Your Selections

- Make your choices carefully, and be sure you are committed to the classes you select.



Band



Choir



Art/Tech



Challenge ELA  
and/or Math

Once schedules are created, our ability to change classes during the year is limited due the number of sections available.

# Special Education Services



- Specially designed individualized instruction is offered for students who qualify for special education programs. There are different levels of support offered, depending on individual student needs.
- Case managers will place your child according to his/her IEP goal areas. IEP case managers will meet with each elementary school resource team to discuss student placement.

# What Might a Sixth Grader's Schedule Look Like?

Period	Time	Subject
1	8:10-8:30	Advisory
2	8:34-9:28	English Language Arts
3	9:32-10:25	Wellness
L	10:25-10:55	A-Lunch
4	10:59-11:59	Math
5	12:03-12:56	Science
6	1:00-1:53	Social Studies
7	1:57-2:50	Exploratory, Choir, <u>or</u> Band

**Example**

# Advisory

Advisory class occurs Monday-Thursday during 1st period.

The class meets for a variety of purposes:



Problem solve and tackle real-life issues



Create opportunities to build positive relationships



Develop social-emotional skills



Warm up thinking with a variety of mentally challenging games and relevant activities



Build self-confidence



Introduce students to the High School and Beyond Plan and its requirements (Schoolinks)



# Keys to Middle School Success



## Attendance

Every day counts. Daily, on-time attendance is crucial. It is difficult to catch up what is missed when absent.



## Work completion

Scores earned for class work, homework, and tests will be tracked to assign grades.



## Structured evening routine & healthy habits

Even without written work, this is a perfect time for reading and studying for upcoming tests.



## Check grades regularly

Choose one day per week to check grades, attendance, and behavior online through Family Access. Set up email notifications.

# Enrichment and Support Opportunities

## Clubs and Activities



- ASB Activities
- Jazz Band
- Cooking Club
- Sewing Club
- Battle of the Books
- Running Club
- Theater Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Board Game Club



## Extra Support



After school math support

Friday after school Grade  
Doctor

Before and after school  
support (teachers set time)

Teacher help by appointment



# Attendance

**We Want Your Student at School  
Each and Every Day!**

**Impacts of missing school:**



**Social  
Skills**



**Missed Learning  
Opportunities**



**Building  
Good  
Habits**

**Monthly Reward: Resin ducks for great attendance!**



# The 3 R's of Bulldog Pride



## Respect for Learning

- **Be Ready to Learn:** Arrive on time with materials and a focused mindset
- **Participate Positively:** Engage in discussions, ask questions, and share ideas appropriately
- **Take Pride in Your Work:** Complete assignments neatly and with your best effort
- **Listen When Others Are Speaking:** Give full attention to teachers and classmates without interrupting
- **Accept Feedback:** Be open to learning from corrections and suggestions
- **Own Your Learning:** Ask for help when needed and take responsibility for improvement



## Respect for People

- Maintain a safe and positive environment
- Show empathy and dignity for all people
- Support classmates by being positive and respectful during group work.



## Respect for Property

- Respect the property of others
- Treat books, technology, and classroom resources with care

# Bulldog Bucks

## Earning Bulldog Bucks



Students can earn Bulldog Bucks for demonstrating the 3 R's of Bulldog Pride:



**Respect for Learning** (e.g., being ready, participating)



**Respect for People** (e.g., showing empathy, supporting classmates)



**Respect for Property** (e.g., treating books/tech with care)

## Spending Your Bucks



Students can spend their 'bucks' at the Bulldog Buck Store every other Friday.

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# Cell Phone Policy

## During Class Time



Phones AND ear buds must be off and put away in backpacks.

## Locker Rooms & Restrooms



Cell phones may NEVER be used.

## Passing Periods & Lunch



Cell phones may be used.

# Chromebooks



Each student is assigned a Chromebook and will use it daily while at North Lake.



Students need to bring their Chromebook each day charged and ready to use for classwork.



Google Classroom, Clever, etc.



Chromebook insurance is available (\$30/\$10)



Students are responsible for intentional damage



# Communication from School to Families



## 1. Skyward Qmlativ Family Access

Watch for  
Message Center  
emails and set up  
notifications.



## 2. Check in with your student

about assignments  
and important  
class information.  
(Look at Google  
Classroom and  
Skyward together)



## 3. Check the NLMS website.

<https://nlms.lkstevens.wednet.edu/>



## Bulldog Bark

via email and text  
messaging  
(optional) every  
Friday.

# Communication from Families to School

**Questions about school work or grades?**



Call or email the teacher directly (teachers are available to email and call before and after school).

**Concern about child's well-being?**



Call or email the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Counselor:  
425-335-1640  
[leanne\\_koenigs@lkstevens.wednet.edu](mailto:leanne_koenigs@lkstevens.wednet.edu)




**Any other questions?**







Call the main office and they will direct you. We are here to help.  
425-335-1530

# Getting Ready for North Lake

## Essential Information & Dates

-  Supply List – Check District Website
-  August Back-to-School Newsletter
-  (Tentative) Open House:  
Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30pm
  - Find your children's classrooms
  - Familiarize yourselves with the campus

## Purchases (Online or Office)

-  PE Shorts/Shirts: \$19
-  ASB cards: \$15 required for athletes and ASB/club participants
-  Yearbook: \$28
-  Chromebook insurance: \$30/\$10 optional insurance



**Making a  
Difference...  
One Bulldog  
at a Time**

