7th and 8th Grade Course Selection 2026-2027



March 2026

CMS


CHRISTENSEN
SCHOOL

Required Courses

- Physical Education
- Science
  - Science (7th Grade)
  - Science (8th Grade)

Required Courses

- English and Social Studies
  - Grade-Level English AND Grade-Level Social Studies (2 periods)
  - Honors English AND Honors Social Studies (2 periods)
    - Students may select their preferred Core course during course selection. After course requests are submitted, the Honors Core Placement Matrix will be applied to determine final placement. The matrix incorporates course grades, District Write scores, state assessment results, and teacher recommendation to ensure appropriate placement.

Required Courses

Mathematics

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

Math placement will be determined using the LVJUSD Math Placement Matrix which uses teacher recommendations, assessment results, and grades.

7th Grade Electives

Yearlong (Choose one)

- Advanced Art (Includes Ceramics)
- AVID Middle School
- Band (Advanced and Intermediate)
- Spectrum (Art/Ceramics/Home Economics)
- Leadership
- Orchestra (Advanced and Intermediate)
- Spanish 1A
- STEM I (Science Technology Engineering and Math)
- Student Assistant
- Vocal Music
- Yearbook

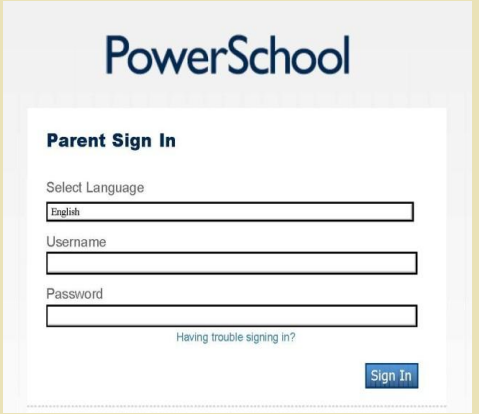
8th Grade Electives

Yearlong (Choose one)

- Advanced Art (Includes Ceramics)
- AVID Middle School
- Band (Advanced and Intermediate)
- Spectrum (Art/Ceramics/Home Economics)
- Leadership
- Orchestra (Advanced and Intermediate)
- Spanish 1B (Prerequisite of a C or higher in Spanish 1A)
- STEM I (Science Technology Engineering and Math)
- STEM II (Prerequisite of a C or higher in STEM I)
- Student Assistant
- Vocal Music
- Yearbook

Course Selection Process

- Go online to choose electives: http://ps.lvjusd.k12.ca.us.public/home.html
- In the CMS Course Selection Information 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 6, 2026 until March 20, 2026.

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 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.

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

- Most Current Grades
- District Write Score
- Teacher Reference
- CAASPP Score

Why Take Honors?

- Independent Learning
- Challenging Assignments
- More Class Discussion
- More Group Work
- Higher Level Thinking
- More Opportunities for Public Speaking

I should Consider Honors If...

- I am more invested in learning than grades
- I am completely comfortable with a grade-level textbook
- I read independently and enjoy it
- I take the time to give my best effort
- I like challenges
- I love to write
- I know that progress is more important than perfection
- I can easily manage my academics with extra curricular activities
- I am able to navigate technology to complete necessary tasks

How is Honors Different?

- More time with primary sources
- Multiple Resources/Materials Used in Class
- More in-depth research
- Higher expectations
- More Presentations
- More time spent on the finer points of writing
- More Work Outside of the Classroom

Can I do This and Still Have a Life?

Yes! Many students...

- Play sports
- Extra Curricular Activities
- Play in band/orchestra
- Sing in choirs or solo
- Act
- Lead clubs
- Participate in School Activities
- Spend time with family and friends

How Will This Prepare Me for High School and Beyond?

- Note-taking
- Organization
- Research
- Essay writing
- Oral presentation skills
- Connections & high-level thinking
- Taking ownership of your learning
- Owning your future!