

PEMBROKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parent Night: Transitioning to PCMS



April 16, 2026



OUR MISSION:

To ensure student achievement through excellence in teaching and learning.



Principal: Donna McGarrigle



Assistant Principal/Team Chair: Erica Swift

Guidance Counselors:

Erin Goitia (G7) & Danielle McLean (G8)

School Psychologist: Bryanna Kerr

Social Worker: Cheryl Larson

School Nurse: Valerie Phillips

Secretaries: Alicia Clancy (Front Office)

Tracey Smith (Special Education/Guidance)

PCMS: Three Schools into One

Bryantville
Elementary School

n= 53

Hobomock
Elementary School

n= 49

North Pembroke
Elementary
School

n= 56

Seventh Grade

n= 158



CLASS of 2032

PCMS: The Nuts & Bolts

Current enrollment: 372 students

Next year's enrollment: **353** students

- Seventh graders: **158 students**
- Eighth graders: **195 students**

Licensed content-area teachers

- ~35 faculty members

Paired ELA/Math teachers:

- 1:2 science/1:2 social studies



PCMS: The Nuts & Bolts

School day: 7:20 am – 2:10 pm

Early Release Day: 11:05 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

- ★ 47 minutes/class
- ★ Titan Study: 35 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: Chemical Reactions, Metabolic Reactions; Matter Cycling & Photosynthesis; Ecosystem Dynamics & Biodiversity; Earth's Resources & Human Impact

Social Studies 7: Ancient Civilizations and the Geography of Asia, Oceania & Europe. A major research project is completed in the spring. The course ends with a study of the Republican Democracy in Rome.



Physical Education

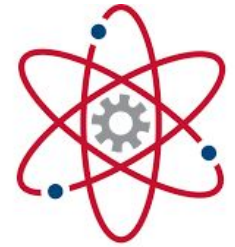
[every other day: 90 days/year]

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



STEM LAB

[every other day: 90 days/year]



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY
PLTW



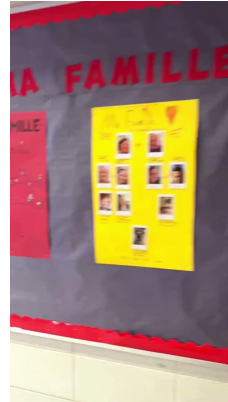
Students use math, science and technology to solve real world problems. Many hands on activities and cooperative group work. Designed to improve critical thinking and problem solving skills.

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.

Language Options:

French

Student video



Spanish

Student video



**World
Languages**

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

G7 elective: 5 options

SY 2026-2027 Elective Options

1

Band 7 or 8



- Band meets for the full year
- 150 days of instruction
- Quarterly concerts

2

**Term electives
G7/G8**



- Art7/8
- Computer Programming 7/8
- Strength & Conditioning 7/8
- Model United Nations/Medical Detective

3

Drama & Art



- Semester-based electives
- Grade specific

4

Chorus 7 & 8



- Chorus meets for the full year
- 150 days of instruction
- Class contains both G7 & G8
- Quarterly concerts

5

Orchestra 7 & 8



- Orchestra meets for the full year
- 150 days of instruction
- Class contains both G7 & G8
- Quarterly concerts

Band 7



- ★ Band meets for 150 classes/year. Full year elective.
- ★ 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

Orchestra

7 & 8



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Elective Option: DRAMA & ART



- ★ **DRAMA I** meets for 75 classes/year
- ★ improv, comedy, drama

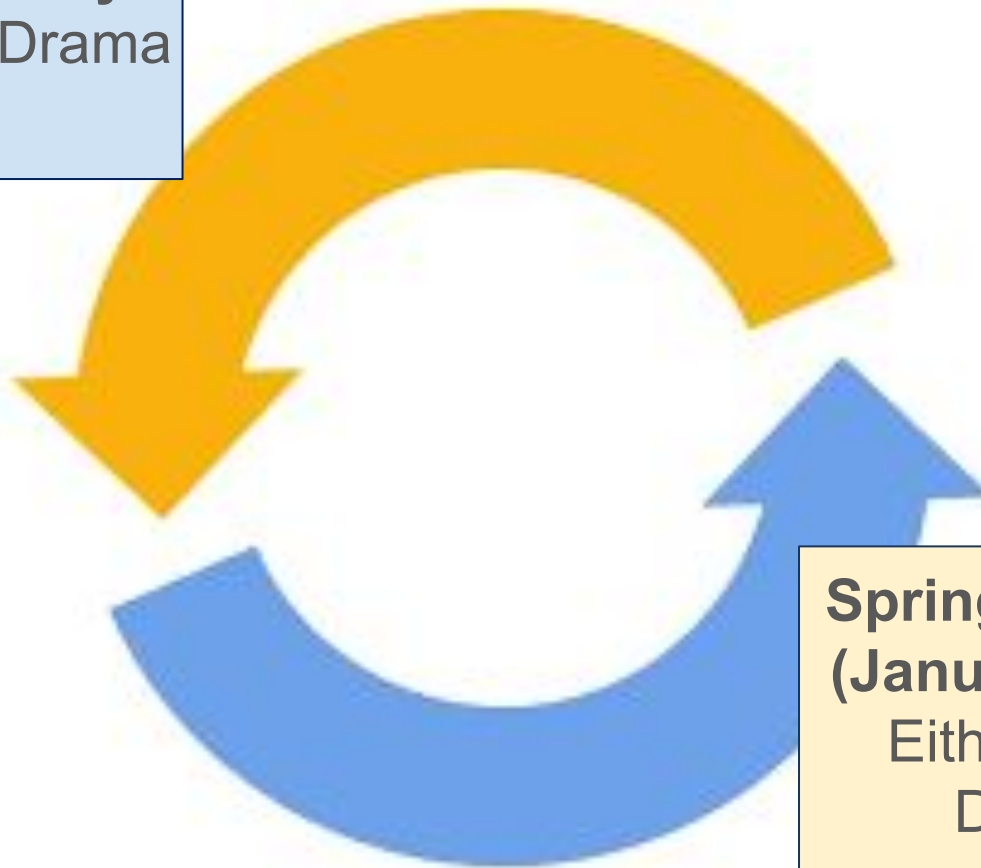


- ★ **ART I** meets for 75 classes/year
- ★ Length of Art I will allow for greater depth than the term elective
- ★ Variety of mediums including digital art

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

G7 Term electives



1. Art 7
2. Computer Programming
3. Model United Nations
4. Strength & Conditioning

★ each course meets for ~37 classes

G7 Term Electives



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

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



Computer 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



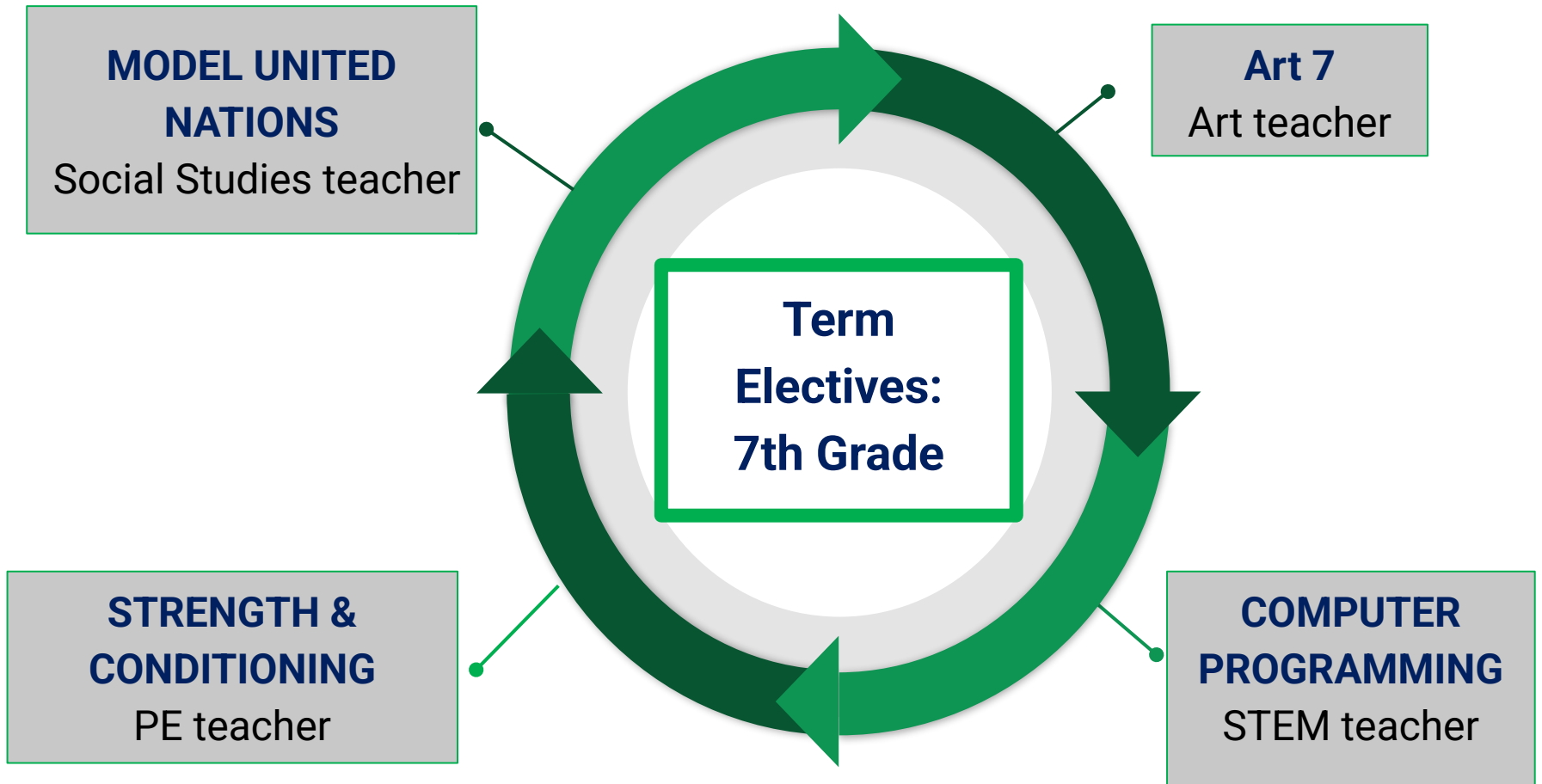
Model United Nations:

Students examine a wide variety of functions of the United Nations (UN) and how the UN deals with crucial world problems. Taught by a social studies teacher.



Strength & Conditioning: Students 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. Taught by a PE teacher.

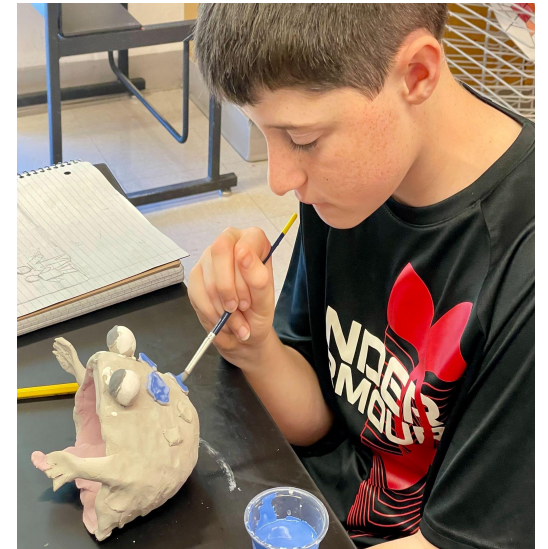
PCMS G7 Term Electives



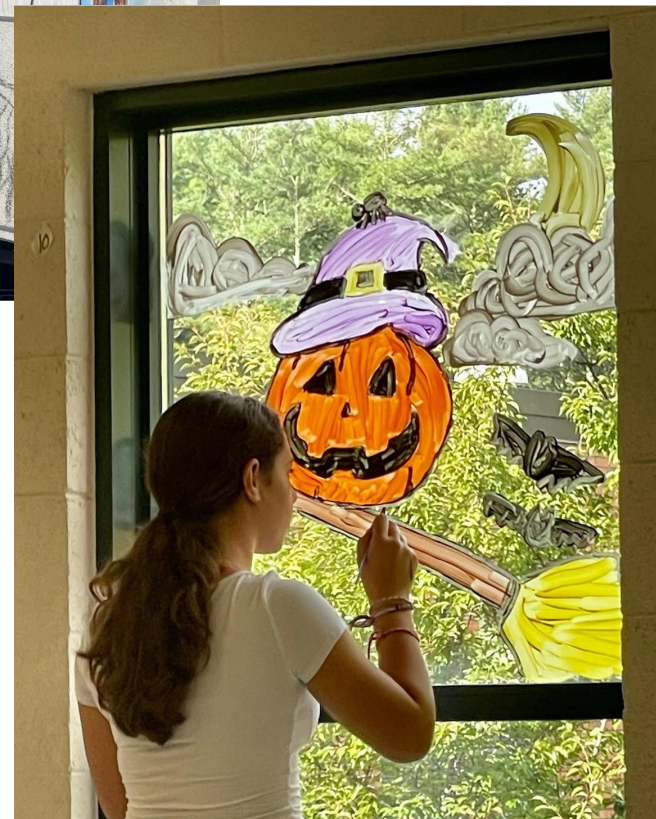
ART



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ART





Want to learn more about our courses?

The 2026-2027 will be published soon, but you can look at this year's Program of Studies to get a more in depth information on teh PCMS 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):

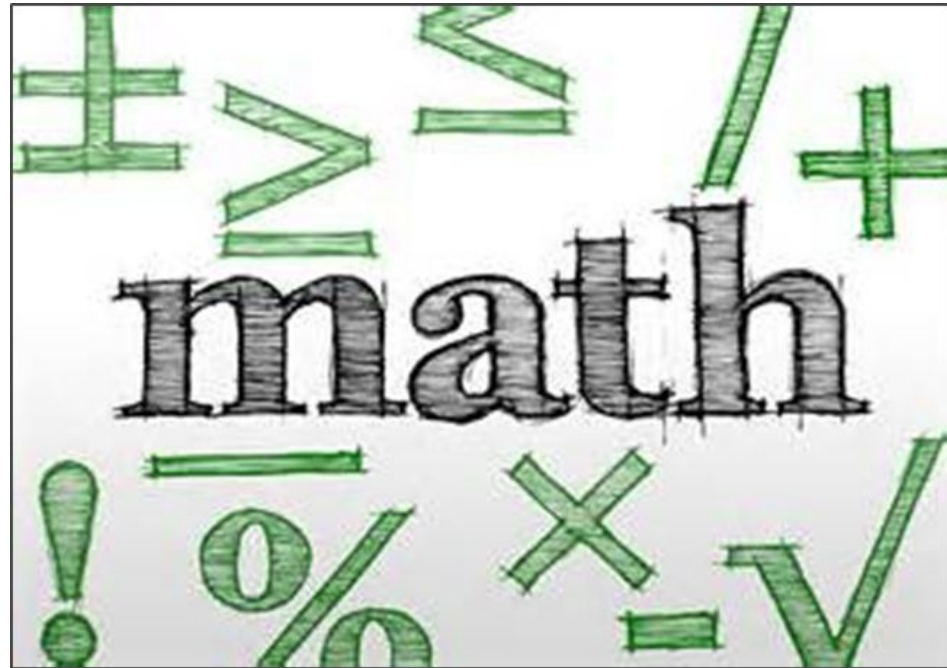
A small-group class, focused on strengthening reading, fluency, vocabulary, and writing skills. Students are identified based on teacher recommendations and assessment scores.

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 35 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: Teachers, counseling staff and administrators meet weekly to discuss and review 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: Mrs. Erin Goitia**



~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 Schedule:

6-day, 7 period



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

PCMS Schedule

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
period	HOMEROOM (10 minutes)					
1	ELA (47 minutes)					
2	Math					
3	Social Studies					
4	Science					
lunch	Lunch (25 minutes)					
5	World Language or Literacy/Math Foundations					
TT	Titan Time (35 minutes)					
6	PE	STEM Lab	PE	STEM Lab	PE	STEM Lab
7	21st Century Skills	elective	elective	elective	elective	elective

Rotating Schedule

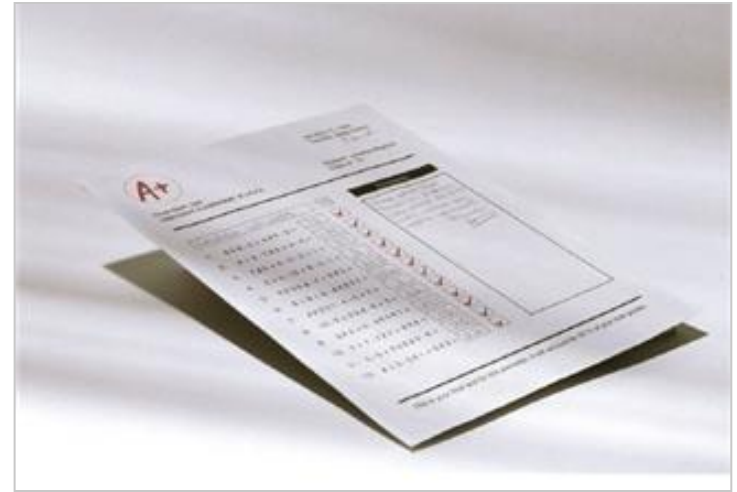


- Students are walked through the schedule and how it works.
- After daily 10 minutes homeroom, Day 1 starts with period 1 followed by period 2, then period etc.
 - Day 2 starts with period 2 followed by period 3, etc.
- Allows all content areas to be taught at different times of the day.
- If late,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

PCMS Schedule: Rotating 6-day, 7 periods

Pembroke Community Middle School 2026-2027	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 7:30-8:17	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6
Block 2 8:17-9:04	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7
Block 3 9:04-9:51	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1
Block 4 9:51-10:38	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2
Block 5 10:38-12:01	Period 5/L	Period 6/L	Period 7/L	Period 1/L	Period 2/L	Period 3/L
Block 5 10:38-12:01 Lunch is 25" each.	LUNCH 1 10:38 AM- 11:03 AM Block 5 class time: 11:03- 12:01 (58") LUNCH 2 11:07 AM- 11:32 AM Block 5 class time: 10:38-11:07 & 11:32- 12:01 (58") LUNCH 3 11:36 AM- 12:01 PM Block 5 class time: 10:38- 11:36 (58")					
Titan Time 12:01-12:36	Titan Time	Titan Time	Titan Time	Titan Time	Titan Time	Titan Time
Block 6 12:36-1:23	Period 6	Period 7	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4
Block 7 1:23-2:10	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 1 to have students register for classes.

- If parents/guardians prefer to register their child themselves beforehand, they can do so.

Registration Portal is closed but will be opened by April 28, for parents that prefer to register their child themselves

- Contact PCMS if you need help
- 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

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google play


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											
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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

 PowerSchool SIS

Student and Parent Sign In

Sign In Create Account

Select Language English

Username

Password

[Forgot Username or Password?](#)

Sign In

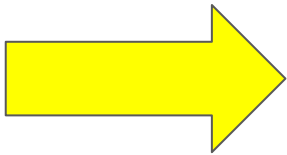
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Type here to search

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Registering in PowerSchool

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



PowerSchool SIS

Welcome, NPES6 TEST | Help | Site Map | Sign Out

Grades and Attendance: TEST, NPES6

[Click Here to see a list of all your past assignments for this term.](#)

Grades and Attendance

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	T1	T2	Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F					
	2(A)														
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

District Code

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64°F Sunny 3:35 PM 4/8/2024

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
- Attendance History
- Teacher Comments
- Class Registration
- Balance
- My Schedule
- School Information

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.

MATH 7
705 - 4 credits

Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 7 English

Select the recommended English course:

ACCELERATED ENGLISH ;
700 - 4 credits

Number of requests to generate : 1

Grade 7 Required Courses

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

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

District Code

Type here to search

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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 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.

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', 'District Code' (BDLP), 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 band 7 electives. The 'Grade 7 Required Courses' section lists SCIENCE 7 (731 - 4 credits), SOCIAL STUDIES 7 (740 - 4 credits), 21ST CENTURY SKILLS GP (757 - 1 credits), and P.E. GRADE 7 (765 - 0 credits). The 'STEM Lab 7' (770 - 0 credits) is also listed. The 'Grade 7 World Language Choices' section prompts the user to choose a language (Spanish or French) and provides instructions. The 'Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective' section allows the user to check a box to be placed in the full year Band 7 elective. The 'Additional Requests' section is currently empty. A 'Submit' button is visible at the bottom right of the interface. The system tray at the bottom right shows the time as 4:00 PM on 4/8/2024.

Grade 7 Required Courses

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

Number of requests to generate : 1

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

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.

Submit

4:00 PM
4/8/2024

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 a registration form for a "Grade 7 Full Year Band 7 Elective". The form includes a checkbox for "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." and a field for "Number of requests to generate : 1". There is an "Additional Requests" section with the text "Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group." and a "Submit" button. The interface also features a "Google play" button, a search bar, and a taskbar with various icons and the system clock showing 4:00 PM on 4/8/2024.

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, Cooking Club.

- Students can also recommend new clubs
- 1st club free. Second: \$25.

Late buses (with paid bus pass): Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

Our drama club performs a musical each year.

Leadership (Ambassador Club): Meets during TT



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

May 4-7: Parents can review their child's courses and contact the school if they would like changes made.

May 15: Sixth grade visits PCMS. Tour & lunch.

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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