

Registration Information for Rising Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Graders 2008-2009

Registration will begin for rising seventh and eighth graders who currently attend LRMS in March. Students will receive a packet of materials including a registration sheet, an explanation of electives available, and WCPSS information. Students are asked to share this information with parents in order to obtain a signature. Please return the registration sheet promptly so we can anticipate classes for next year.

Rising 7th and 8th grade students that will be transferring to Lufkin will receive registration information from the guidance counselors at their current school. We will make this available as soon as we have confirmation of the transfer. Rising sixth grade students will receive information from their elementary school counselor.

Teachers will have schedules available the first day of school. All students are to report to their pods to receive detailed instructions. Faculty will be available to direct students to the correct locations.

Below is an explanation of classes that **could be offered depending on student interest and the availability of appropriate staffing.**

<h3>Arts Department Descriptions</h3>
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5006CC/5006CA - Concert Chorus – 7th Grade /8th Grade

The LRMS Concert Chorus is made up of 7th and 8th Grade students who wish to make music with their voices. Students in the chorus learn a diverse repertoire of music ranging from classical to folk to pop to show music. During the course of the year, students gain vocal production skills as well as music reading skills. The LRMS Concert Chorus performs numerous times during the year, both on campus and off.

5026CA - Visual Arts Exploratory - 6th Grade

This course introduces students to the elements of art through drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, and weaving. Applications of these elements to the student's own original artwork are the major emphasis. This will be a nine week introductory class offered as part of the wheel combination to some tracks.

5033CA - Visual Composition - 7th Grade

This course is designed to give students an appreciation for different styles of art through the process of art making. Drawing from life, painting and color theory, printmaking, tapestry weaving, and clay sculpture will be included as well as projects involving mixed media.

5032CA - Visual Composition - 8th Grade

This course is an in-depth study of the elements and principles of art. Students will play a large role in project planning and in class critiques. A variety of media will be used, and students will often have the opportunity to choose a preferred medium to address the assignments. This class is designed with the serious art student in mind.

1250CG- Introduction to Spanish- 6th grade

This class is a brief nine week introduction of simple vocabulary words. It is paired with one other nine-week introductory classes to give sixth graders a “taste” of classes that are offered as semester classes for seventh and eighth graders. We are uncertain at this time which tracks will have this class.

1250CE - Beginning Spanish – 7th/8th Grade

This semester long course is mainly vocabulary. The student will master elementary basic Spanish and apply knowledge to basic conversational Spanish. Students begin with the alphabet, numbers, and information on dates, differences in the U.S. and in the Spanish speaking countries. Students also learn present tense verbs. Students will discover that learning a foreign language is an exciting experience and develop a positive attitude toward continued learning in the future. Current language arts teacher’s recommendation is required.

1051CC - Spanish II – 8th Grade

This year-long course is for students who have completed one year of Spanish I and will further develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Students in Spanish II will focus on conversational themes such as family, weather, class schedules and personal interests. It will also focus on grammar and sentence structure, the conjugation of verbs, present and past tense, and adjectives. Students will work in pairs and/or groups to create, present and interpret authentic works. Current language arts teacher’s recommendation is required.

<p style="text-align: center;">Career & Technical Education Course Descriptions</p>
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6158CA6- Career Exploration- 6th grade

This class is designed to give sixth graders the opportunity to learn more about careers they find of interest. Students will learn what classes they should take in high school and about college programs in order to begin thinking of their future in the job market. It is a nine week class that is paired with one other (art, music, or Spanish) to complete a semester.

81078CN7 – Exploring Technology Modular – 7th grade

Students explore our society's dependence upon technology. Students examine the history behind various technologies and focus on seven major areas of technology: transportation, structures, manufacturing, communications, power and energy, medical technology, and biotech/agricultural technology. The term "modular" refers to the ten computer modules that lead the students through the curriculum. Students also experience hands-on activities while working through the computer program.

8108CN8 – Exploring Technology – 8th grade

Students explore society's dependence upon technology and examine the history behind various technologies and focus on seven major areas of technology, which are: transportation, structures, manufacturing, communications, power and energy, medical technology, and biotech/agricultural technology. Students experience hands-on activities in web page design, video production, digital photography, computer animation, bridge design, model rocketry, and CO2 dragsters design and constructions.

6511CC – Keyboarding/Computer Literacy – 6th grade

This course offers keyboarding instruction that is essential in our technological society. Students develop touch-keying skills and learn the appropriate use and care of hardware and software. Computer literacy includes terminology, concepts, and skills required to move on to more advanced computer use. This course provides students with knowledge of appropriate document formatting that will serve them well throughout their academic career.

6400CA – Business Computer Technology, Level I – 7th grade

Prerequisite: Keyboarding/Computer Literacy

This course prepares students for the North Carolina Computer Skills test that they take in 8th grade. The topics covered in this class include advanced word processing, spreadsheets, databases, the information processing cycle, and the ethics of technology. Students leave this course with computer skills they need for high school courses

6400CE -- Business Computer Technology, Level II – 8th grade

Prerequisite: Business Computer Technology, Level I

Skills learned in Business Computer Technology, Level I are reinforced and expanded. This is a project-oriented course with emphasis on desktop publishing, telecommunications, and web page design. This course allows students to be creative as they explore various computer hardware and software uses while creating authentic products.

6208CA -- Business and Marketing – 8th grade

This computer-based course explores economic systems, the nature of business, entrepreneurship, marketing, advertising, sales, finance, and accounting. While studying these areas, students are also advancing their word processing and presentation software skills. Projects can include digital photography and video production.

7018CL – Exploring Life Skills I -- 7th grade

Students learn life management skills to prepare them for their roles in the family and the workplace. Emphasis is on social, human relations, and communications skills, along with factors that influence personality, self-concept, and personal image. Students learn how to manage personal resources, babysitting and child care strategies, concepts of personal nutrition and wellness, simple food preparation, and employability skills.

7018CH – Exploring Life Skills II -- 8th grade

This class focuses on life management skills essential to family living and the workplace. Students further explore resource management, personal and social responsibility, nutrition and wellness, meal planning and preparation, child development, and clothing construction. Students will be responsible for caring for the electronic baby for one night, will plan and serve family style meals, and will make a personal garment to wear.

<p>Core Enrichment Opportunities Course Descriptions</p>
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9520CG- Guided Study-6th, 7th, 8th grades

Students that need additional support to be successful academically can be provided tutoring and remediation with their core teachers. Class sizes are kept low so that students can receive as much individual attention as possible.

9520CG- Enrichment-6th, 7th, 8th grades

This class is offered for students that are not in band and would enjoy extending the core content. Some of the mini-classes offered are CSI Science in 7th grade or Invertebrates in 6th grade.

