LMS 2020-2021 Elective Choices

Important! We will do our best to honor your student’s choices when selecting classes. Due to varying factors however we may not be able to honor all student choices. In this case we try to honor the next choice(s) made but sometimes students are asked to try out a new elective.

7th and 8th Grade Band – open to grades 7 – 8
The 7th and 8th Grade Eagle Band is a participation and performance-based ensemble in which all students are required to perform at 1 daytime festival, 4 concerts, and a marching band event. A variety of music genres will be covered; from classical to jazz and pop music. Through this music, we will focus on the joy and development of rehearsal/performance skills, ensemble techniques, sight-reading, and other music based concepts. You will be required to purchase a uniform shirt and dress in concert attire for each performance (a shirt will be provided in cases of financial difficulties). (One Year)

6th Grade Band – open to all students grades 6
The 6th Grade Eagle Band is a participation and performance-based ensemble in which all students are required to perform at 2 to 3 concerts over the course of the year. A variety of music genres will be covered; from classical to jazz and pop music. Through this music, we will focus on the joy and development of rehearsal/performance skills, ensemble techniques, sight-reading, and other music based concepts. You will be required to purchase a uniform shirt and dress in concert attire for each performance (a shirt will be provided in cases of financial difficulties). (One Year)

Computer Exploration..Application and Code – open to grades 7 – 8
This course will teach students how to use basic code, effectively navigate through the web based Google Classroom and Google Suite Apps to complete assignments and projects. Using these apps will help students improve their searching, organizational, communication, and collaboration skills by integrating all the Google components. In addition, elements of Microsoft Office will also be used and integrated with Google Apps. (One Semester, students may take a 2nd time with teacher permission)

Debate and Speech – open to grades 7-8
In Speech and Debate, students will learn how to write, organize, prepare, and deliver quality public speeches. Students will study how to actively persuade, inspire, inform, and engage an audience through the art of public speaking. Begin by studying the fundamentals of public communication. Next learn how to speak articulately using techniques taught through this class. Students will also learn to think quickly and speak with little preparation. Finally, students will learn how to argue their points effectively through debate. (One Semester)

Design and Modeling – open to grades 6-8
Students discover the design process and develop an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives. They are then challenged and empowered to use and apply what they've learned throughout the unit to design a therapeutic toy for a child who has cerebral palsy.

Health – open to grades 7 – 8 (7th and 8th graders are required to take this course sometime during their 7th OR 8th grade year)
Focuses:
- Skeletal, muscular, and reproductive body systems/Basic First Aid/OR
- Balancing out our bodies on a physical, mental, emotional and social level
- Nutrition including analyzing your current diet
- Infectious and noninfectious diseases and how they are treated.
- Life Skills - general topics such as drug use and abuse, social issues and how to handle them
- HIV/AIDS education/STDs that are required at the State level
- Social media and how to effectively communicate, qualities of a healthy and unhealthy relationship
- Reproductive systems and the fertilization, cycle of pregnancy, and fetal development
(One Semester)

Health and Living – 6th grade only
This course is designed to increase students’ knowledge and ability in using the skills necessary for everyday living. Students will learn about setting goals, communication, budgeting & money management, sewing, nutrition and basic cooking. This project based, hands on learning class will give the students the type of learning they will need for everyday living. (One Semester)

Art – open to grades 6 – 8
This class focuses on the skills and ideas of creativity in the visual arts. You will explore how art can be used to express ideas and reflect the world we observe. Through a semester of art, you will learn to draw what you see, use color and pattern; create a ceramic sculpture and develop the ‘language’ of the artist. (One Semester)

Choir – open to grades 6 – 8
Sing and perform choral music (unison, rounds, parts) and popular music of your choice! This course is designed for students who enjoy singing their favorite songs on the radio and learning skills that will allow students to create their own pop songs. Yes, 98% of the pop stars you hear on the radio have had vocal training! Explore the realms of:
- beginning pop songwriting/vocal development and beginning piano skills
- solo/duet singing, group singing. Students will not be required to sing a solo and are only encouraged to try.
- the fundamentals of music/musical expression and cultural aspects of music (One Semester)

Medical Detectives – open to grades 7-8
Students play the role of real-life medical detectives as they collect and analyze medical data to diagnose disease. They solve medical mysteries through hands-on projects and labs, measure and interpret vital signs, examine nervous system structure and function, and investigate disease outbreaks. (One Semester)
**NHD/Advanced Social Studies - open to grade 8 only**
In this class students have the opportunity to improve their historical thinking and research skills by evaluating primary and secondary sources, creating a thesis statement, and developing arguments. The class would culminate in creating a National History Day project (website, paper, documentary, exhibit or performance) and competing in the Regional National History Day contest at Eastern Washington University. There is a small student paid fee to enter the contest. *(First Semester Only)*

**PE (General) grades 6–8 (Required elective for at least 1 semester each year)**
This class is designed to help your basic skill level of team and individual lifelong sports. Grading is based on participation, effort, sportsmanship, dressing down in proper PE attire and assignments. Students will be given more complex assignments centered on the FITT Principle which will enhance their CBA test score which is required in the 8th grade. Students will be encouraged to live an active lifestyle centered on the FITT Principle. You will be challenged mentally and physically. Students will be introduced to a variety of advanced conditioning to become more physically fit. Priority is given to 7th and 8th grade students if year long PE is chosen. *(One Semester/One Year)*

**The Science Project - open to grades 6–8**
Have you heard of STEM? It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. STEM is in the news right now and for good reason. They are some of the fastest growing jobs in our country and around the world. We are offering a STEM class for students which will give you the opportunity to take research and use it to help solve problems. Explore STEM in a hands-on, project based class. This class will take you into the world of STEM and have you building electrical circuits, doing mystery labs to solve challenges and more! *(One Semester)*

**Student Leadership Program – open to grades 6–8**
You are not just a student taking a leadership class in school, but you're also a leader in the school. Do you want to build skills that impact your life beyond your LMS school experience? Do you want more opportunity to positively contribute to the school's culture and community? This class targets meaningful student leadership ~ developing student leaders to be of service to others, while teaching them to effectively influence and motivate others. Focusing on relationships and communication skills, you will:
- Collaborate with others on a team, to accomplish the goals that you design, to impact our school
- Have opportunities to genuinely lead in activities and initiatives in our school
- Learn specific knowledge and skills related to leadership
- Develop individual strengths and leadership styles
- Promote awareness, understanding, and tolerance of others
- Be involved in service-learning (school, community, national or global) *(One Semester)*

**Tech - open to grades 6–8**
This is a course that focuses on drawing and project designs. Each class starts out with a big emphasis on SAFETY. Simple woodworking using a scroll saw, palm sanders and common hand tools, (e.g.: quick whistle). We will investigate Magnetic Levitation, management challenges, paper projects, following detailed plans, and building a birdhouse. *(One Semester)*

**Yearbook/Publications - open to grade 6–8 (preference given to 8th graders first)**
This class will be responsible for creating, developing and distributing the yearbook. Students will create a theme, develop the theme in a book to be published and distributed to the school. Students will learn: design techniques using an online program, elements of good photography using a digital camera and marketing the yearbook. The ability to work creatively and independently is crucial to a successful team effort. *(One Semester/One Year)*