



LMAAC Specialty Courses Grades 7 and 8

All students in grades 7 and 8 will be enrolled in:

- Math
- English Language Arts
- History
- Science
- Physical Education
- Two Specialty Classes: Please note that all attempts will be made to enroll students in their first and second choices. However, this is not always possible due to a variety of circumstances.

****Students' academic needs will ALWAYS supersede their specialty class placements.***

Specialty Class Courses and Descriptions

- **ASB:**
Students in the ASB leadership class develop leadership skills through in-class activities and the planning and presentation of school-wide activities and events. Application required.
- **Community Action Team (CAT):**
The "Community Action Team" coordinates many service projects on campus and in our community. Some of these students also participate in cross-age tutoring with younger students. Application required.
- **Vocal:**
 - Boys and Girls Ensembles: Application and audition required; performances on and off campus
 - Encore Mixed Choral: Application and audition required; performances on and off campus
 - 7/8 Choir: non-audition class; on campus performances
- **Guitar:**
This non audition group provides instruction in basic guitar. School guitars are provided for classroom use.
- **Art:**
 - Advanced Art: Application and portfolio required. This class creates advanced pieces and runs gallery showings to exhibit their work. A capstone project is the 8th grade "Senior" exhibition. An application is required as well as a small portfolio (5-8 works of art).
 - Art: This class introduces basic art concepts and skills in a fun and non-threatening environment. Each grade level explores different concepts and projects. This class promotes self-confidence, creativity, and an appreciation of fine arts.



- **Future Teachers:**

Students will provide peer tutoring, take possible field trips to learn about higher education and participate in academic service.

- **Dance:**

- Company Dance (advanced boys and girls): Application and audition required; performances on and off campus
- Conservatory Dance (intermediate boys and girls): Application and audition required; performances on and off campus
- Dance 7/8 (beginning/intermediate boys and girls): non-audition elements of jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop

- **Symphonic Band:** By recommendation. Intermediate/Advanced band students (New students must contact teacher for appointment for placement)

- **Concert Band:** Beginning/Intermediate band students (1 year or less of band experience.)

- **Orchestra:** Stringed instruments (not guitar).

- **Jazz Band:** Auditions required. Auditions take place February 7 and 9

- **Keyboards/Digital Piano/Recording:**

This class is a hybrid of traditional piano technique and digital recording. Students will learn the fundamentals of music theory and how to combine these methods with recording software.

- **Advanced Keyboards:** Application and audition required.

- **Media:**

This class produces our Wildcat News Broadcast. It involves filming, writing, editing, and anchoring our own television show that airs three days a week. Application required.

- **Speech and Debate:**

This class will introduce techniques of oral presentation, persuasive arguments, spoken word and impromptu speaking. Possible field trips and competitions may be included in this course.

- **Technology:** This class will introduce skills such as Keyboarding, Word Processing, PowerPoint, Comic Life and iMovie

- **Beginning Theatre:**

This class covers fundamentals of theatre including character development, theatre vocabulary and concepts. This is a great class for students who are new to theatre. No audition required.

- **Theatre I (gr. 7) and II (gr. 8):**

Both on-stage and backstage components as well as some history of theater are included in this class. Application and audition required.

- **Yearbook:** Application and recommendation from ELA teacher required.



LMAAC Course Request Form Grades 7 and 8

Name (Last, First): _____ Grade next year: _____

Please rank your choices 1, 2, 3 indicating first, second, and third choices. All attempts will be made to give you your first and second choices. However, that may not always be possible. ***Academic needs always supersede specialty class selections.***

- _____ Art
- _____ Advanced Art (application)
- _____ Concert Band
- _____ Symphonic Band (New students should contact mario.jativa@lmsvschools.org)
- _____ Jazz Band (audition)
- _____ Orchestra (stringed instruments)
- _____ Beginning Theatre
- _____ Theatre I (audition – 7th grade)
- _____ Theatre II (audition – 8th grade)
- _____ Speech and Debate
- _____ Media (application)
- _____ Yearbook (application)
- _____ Technology
- _____ Dance (Advanced dance requires audition)
- _____ Vocal (non-audition--- Advanced vocal groups require audition)
- _____ Keyboards (Digital Piano and Recording---audition required for Advanced Keys)
- _____ Guitar
- _____ ASB (application required)
- _____ CAT (application required)
- _____ Future Teachers
- _____ Office or Library Monitor
- _____ Teacher's Assistant