



## **LMAAC 2020-2021 Specialty Courses Grades 7 and 8**

**At LMAAC, we offer a variety of specialty courses. Our general policy is that students make a commitment to year-long classes. Support or Study Skills courses may replace a specialty course if a student requires more academic support. Students receive two specialty courses.**

Students will be given the opportunity to choose one specialty course. The second placement may be scheduled by school personnel ensuring all students experience a variety of art forms.

**See Specialty Course Request Form for more details.**

**3-D Art:** This advanced course is for students who are interested in creating 3 Dimensional projects with various materials. Application is required.

**Art:** 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.

**ASB:** Students must complete an application to be considered for acceptance into this class. Two teacher recommendations are required. Students in ASB develop leadership skills through in-class activities and in the planning and presenting of school-wide activities and events.

**Community Action Team:** "C.A.T." coordinates service projects on campus and in our community. Students may also participate in cross-age tutoring with younger students. Application is required.

**Concert Band:** Concert Band is a performing group featuring musical styles including classical, jazz, rock, pop, and movie soundtracks. Instrumentation includes brass, woodwind, and percussion. No experience necessary.

**Culinary Arts:** Students learn basic cooking techniques, sanitation and safety measures, how to use kitchen tools and equipment, nutritional information, crop cultivation, the principles of teamwork, and other food-related topics. Students participate in observations, hands-on activities, and traditional academic assignments including research, projects, presentations, and assessments.

\* Materials fee and uniform requested.

**Dance Audition Group:** Students must attend **both** audition days. Students are placed in an appropriate class as determined by teacher.

**Dance:** Grade 7 and 8 non-audition course teaching hip-hop, jazz, and basic ballet foundations.

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**Digital Keys/Recording:** This class is a hybrid of traditional piano technique and digital recording. Students of all skill levels will learn the fundamentals of music theory and how to combine these methods with recording software.

**Film Studies:** This class is designed to show students how film is a form of literature and, by viewing classic and modern American films, students will learn that good film, like good literature, has certain elements in common. Additionally, students will be reading classic literature.

**Future Teachers:** In this class, students will assist other students in reaching their full potential by utilizing 1:1 tutoring, small group support, supervision of projects, and peer mentoring.

**Guitar:** Includes beginners to advanced grade 7 and 8 students. Students use school guitars in classroom.

**Jazz Band:** “Big Band” style audition class covering sounds of 50’s–70’s, modern pop, rock, Latin, and soundtracks. Instrumentation includes brass, woodwind, and percussion.

**Masters Art:** Students must apply to be part of the Masters Art class. The art teacher will select students for this more specialized art class. Students will be involved in coordinating and operating the Fireside Art Gallery three times per year.

**Media:** This class produces the Wildcat News Broadcast that involves filming, writing, editing, and anchoring our twice a week broadcast. Special feature stories are also part of this class. Applications are required.

**Orchestra:** Stringed instruments including violin, viola, cello, and upright bass (no guitar).

**Performance Keyboards:** Audition is required for students with experienced piano skills. Performances may occur both on and off campus.

**Rock U:** Explore vocal and instrumental music through a modern rock band setting. We will introduce guitar, electric guitar, bass, keys, percussion, vocals, and songwriting. Performances may occur both on and off campus. This class is designed to Teach U, Empower U, and Rock U!!

**Symphonic Band:** This is an advanced performance class featuring musical styles such as classical, jazz, pop, rock, soundtracks. Instrumentation includes brass, woodwind, and percussion. Experience is necessary.

**Tap:** Grades 7 and 8 non-audition course teaching beginning elements of tap, rhythm, and sound.

**Technology:** This class will introduce computer skills such as PowerPoint, I-Movie, keyboarding, and more.

**Theatre:** LMAAC theatre classes are developed utilizing the National Theatre Arts Standards. Theatre I and Theatre II are performance based classes requiring an audition.

**Vocal Audition Group:** Coursework covers the fundamental skills of singing and performing in a choir including technique, theory, music reading, and history. Audition required. Performances on and off campus.

**Vocal:** This class is a non-auditioned vocal group covering the fundamental skills of singing and performing in a choir including technique, theory, and history. Performances on campus with opportunities for off campus performances.

**Yearbook:** Yearbook requires after hours commitments, perseverance, and students who are highly motivated and responsible. Students must submit an application and teacher evaluation to be considered for acceptance into this class.

**LMAAC 2020-2021  
Specialty Course Request Form  
Grades 7 and 8**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

Grade in Fall 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

All LA MESA ARTS ACADEMY  
Grades 7 and 8 students will take:

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| • Language Arts  | • Science               |
| • Social Science | • Physical Education    |
| • Math           | • Two Specialty Classes |

You will have the option of ONE of the specialty courses listed below. The second specialty course may be assigned to ensure a well-rounded experience. Students not meeting grade level standards in reading, writing, or math may be assigned a tutorial class (Math Support, Language Arts Support, ELD Support, or Study Skills) in place of a specialty class.

**You must choose FIVE classes (rank 1 – 5) in order from your 1<sup>st</sup> choice to your 5<sup>th</sup> choice.  
You may choose from either column.**

**Please note that specialty class choices are subject to change.**

**See sample on reverse side!**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Additional Application and/or Audition Required! CHECK DUE DATES!</b>	<b>No Auditions Required</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Audition Group <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Keyboards <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band <input type="checkbox"/> 3-D Art <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Audition Group <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre I (grade 7) <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre II (grade 8) <input type="checkbox"/> ASB <input type="checkbox"/> Community Action Team <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook <input type="checkbox"/> Media <input type="checkbox"/> Masters Art (plus portfolio)	<input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Tap <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre 7/8 <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar <input type="checkbox"/> Film Studies <input type="checkbox"/> Future Teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Band* <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra* <input type="checkbox"/> Rock U <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Keys/Recording <input type="checkbox"/> Technology  *Indicate which instrument _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature

# SAMPLE 1

This student plans to audition and turn in applications for several classes. A few of their choices are from column B, which will not require an application/audition.

A	B
Additional Application and/or Audition Required! CHECK DUE DATES!	No Auditions Required
___3_ Vocal Audition Group ___ Performance Keyboards ___ Jazz Band ___ 3-D Art ___ Dance Audition Group ___ Theatre I (grade 7) ___ Theatre II (grade 8) ___2_ ASB ___ Community Action Team ___ Yearbook ___ Media ___ Masters Art (plus portfolio)	___ Art ___4_ Vocal ___ Dance ___ Tap ___ Theatre 7/8 ___ Guitar ___ Film Studies ___ Future Teachers ___1_ Culinary Arts ___ Band* ___ Orchestra* ___5_ Rock U ___ Keys/Piano ___ Technology  *Indicate which instrument _____

# SAMPLE 2

This student does not want any classes in column A (Audition/Application Required). They will rank their top 5 choices from Column B.

A	B
Additional Application and/or Audition Required! CHECK DUE DATES!	No Auditions Required
___ Vocal Audition Group ___ Performance Keyboards ___ Jazz Band ___ 3-D Art ___ Dance Audition Group ___ Theatre I (grade 7) ___ Theatre II (grade 8) ___ ASB ___ Community Action Team ___ Yearbook ___ Media ___ Masters Art (plus portfolio)	___5_ Art ___ Vocal ___4_ Dance ___ Tap ___ Theatre 7/8 ___ Guitar ___3_ Film Studies ___ Future Teachers ___ Culinary Arts ___ Band* ___2_ Orchestra* ___1_ Rock U ___ Keys/Piano ___ Technology  *Indicate which instrument ___ Violin_____