

LA MESA ARTS ACADEMY

7th and 8th Grade Electives

At LMAAC, we offer a variety of elective classes. Our general policy is that students make a commitment to year-long classes. Support classes or Study Hall may replace an elective if a student requires more academic support. Students receive 2 electives.

Choir: Non-audition choral class for any student who would like to join. This group performs on campus.

Advanced Vocal Groups: We have several performing vocal groups for grades 7 and 8—Sound System is our Boys/Girls performing group. There are some off-campus performances.

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. Our Jazz Band includes advanced band and orchestra students.

Rock U: Students will learn basic guitar, percussion, vocal and bass skills and work with students to perform as a band.

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.

Community Action Team: "C.A.T." coordinates many service projects on campus and in our community. There are several service-based field trips.

Yearbook: Students must submit an application to be considered for acceptance into this class. Our school Yearbook is a major project of this class.

Media: This class produces our Wildcat News Broadcast. It involves filming, writing, editing, and anchoring our own television show that airs twice a week.

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.

Masters' Art: 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 3D: This class works to create sculpture through various mediums, usually tied to a piece of literature.

Ceramics: Students will work with clay to create works of art. We will utilize our kiln to finish projects.

Dance: This class is for both boys and girls and involves hip-hop, jazz, and basic ballet foundations.

Advanced Dance: Auditions required. Students may be placed in Company (Advanced) or Conservatory (Intermediate) Dance.

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

Theatre I and II: Both on-stage and backstage components as well as some history of theater are included in this class. Auditions required.

Film Studies: This class studies and compares literature and film versions of classic stories.

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

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: This more advanced class requires an audition.

Forensics: Students will use research and investigation to analyze famous crimes.

Young Entrepreneurs: This class will look at financial literacy, college and career readiness.

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

Culinary Arts: A beginning class to study food preparation, nutrition and kitchen safety.

Culinary Arts II: An advanced course which focuses on baking and higher level cooking skills.

Choice Electives for Grades 4/5/6

These classes are **in addition** to the Foundations Classes (Art/Music/Theater/Dance) , which rotate every 9 weeks.

Students will take these choice electives every other day (A/B days) alternating with P.E.

- 4/5/6 Orchestra (Stringed Instruments)
- 4/5/6 Band (Wind instruments)
- 4/5/6 Choir
- 4/5/6 Technology
- 4/5/6 Dance
- 4/5/6 Theatre
- 4/5/6 Art