



LMAAC GRADES 7 & 8 ELECTIVE INFORMATION

2023-24

At LMAAC, we offer a variety of elective courses. Our policy is that students make a commitment to year-long classes.

Support or Study Skills courses may replace an elective course if a student requires more academic support.

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

After looking over these elective choices, please fill out [this elective request](#) form to share your top five choices. Then make sure to do all of your applications and auditions, if required.

ELECTIVE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*** Indicates audition and/or application is required**

***3-D Art:** This advanced course is for students who are interested in creating 3 Dimensional projects with various materials. [*audition/application](#)

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 in ASB develop leadership skills through class lessons and the orchestrating of school-wide activities. Our main focus is to promote school spirit, serve our campus, and build a lasting legacy.

[*audition/application](#)

Ceramics: Students learn basic ceramic handbuilding techniques, safety, and how to use ceramic tools and equipment. We will hand build all of our projects from the ground up. If getting your hands dirty everyday sounds like fun, ceramics may be for you. Daily participation is important for this class.

***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. [*audition/application](#)

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Concert Band: Concert Band is a performing group featuring various 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/equipment, nutritional information, crop cultivation, 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. [*information sheet](#)

***Culinary Arts II:** Requires completion of basic Culinary Arts year-one class. Focuses on higher level culinary skills. [*audition/application](#)

***Dance Audition Group:** Students are placed in an appropriate class as determined by teacher after reviewing the audition. [*audition/application](#)

Dance: This is a 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 novels to compare the elements of literature.

Financial Literacy: This class teaches students the basics of money management: budgeting, saving, debt, investing, paychecks, taxes, philanthropy, and more.

Students learn about high school pathways, job/career options, resume writing, interviewing skills and business building/entrepreneurship. This class includes a field trip to Junior Achievement for a budgeting simulation exercise.

Forensics: This class solves puzzles and crimes using scientific methods and tools. In addition, we study famous crimes from throughout history, some solved and some mysterious.

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Guitar: Guitar is a non-audition, non-performing class. Learn to play acoustic guitar at school everyday. No instrument is needed for this class, all students will be assigned a school guitar. Come ready and willing to learn the guitar.

***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. [*audition/application](#)

***Masters Art**: 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. [*audition/application](#)

***Media**: This class produces the Wildcat News Broadcast that involves filming, writing, editing, and anchoring our thrice a week broadcast. Special feature stories are also part of this class. [*audition/application](#)

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

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***Performance Keyboards**: This class is for students with experienced piano skills. Performances may occur both on and off campus. [*audition/application](#)

Rock U: Rock U is a non-audition class. You will explore vocal and instrumental music through a modern 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.

Technology: This class will introduce computer skills such as PowerPoint, iMovie, keyboarding, and more.

Theatre: This class teaches the history of theatre, the elements of theatre, and performance techniques. This is the non-audition/non-performance class. We do perform, but for peers only on campus.

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***Theatre I and II**: LMAAC theatre classes are developed utilizing the National Theatre Arts Standards. Theatre I and II are performance based classes. Theatre I is for 7th grade students. Theatre II is for 8th grade students.

*[audition/application for Theatre I](#)

*[audition/application for Theatre II](#)

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

*[audition/application](#)

Vocal: This class is a non-auditioned vocal group covering the fundamental skills of singing and performing in a choir.

***Yearbook**: Yearbook requires after-hours commitments, perseverance, and students who are highly motivated and responsible.

*[audition/application](#)