



Liberty Pines Academy Middle School Transition Night

January 30, 2020

Your LPA Support Team



Principal

Assistant Principal

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6th Grade Counselor

7th/8th Grade Counselor

Dean

School Safety Officer

Mrs. Traci Hemingway

Mrs. Elizabeth Haas

Mrs. Jessica McCool

Mrs. Erin Glennon

Mrs. Katheryne Heller

Mrs. Kelley Cox

Mr. Keith Cromwell

Mr. Danny Barnhart

LPA Teachers

Core Classes

LA Dept. – Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Hale; Mrs. McGinnis; Mrs. Myers; Mrs. Stone; Mrs. Woolston

Science Dept.– Mrs. Cassidy; Mr. Dana; Mrs. Johnson; Mrs. Swan

Math Dept. – Mrs. Asper; Mrs. Brun; Mrs. Clark; Mr. Ferrara; Mrs. Small

SS Department – Mrs. Castle; Mrs. Latshaw; Mrs. Martin; Mrs. Willim; Mrs. Wurstner

Non-Core Classes

Mr. Spilling – Band

TBD – Art

Mrs. Gilbes – Spanish

Mr. Spilling – Chorus

Mrs. Martin – TV Production

Mrs. Langowski - Reading

Mrs. Herkel – Drama

Mrs. Grubbs – Technology

Mrs. Cox – Interns

Mrs. Hale – Yearbook

Coach Eisenhuth and Dill - PE

Middle School

The start of middle school is an exciting time, but can also be filled with jitters and nervous energy for students and parents.

Be confident in LPA's team! The administrators, dean, teachers, counselors, and staff are all committed to supporting your student so they experience a strong work ethic, positive attitude, independence, social, emotional and academic success!

Clubs Offered for Middle School Students

Math Counts – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – open club – only 11 students in the club offered the opportunity to participate in a Chapter Competition – This club meets before school 7:30-8:00

STEM Club – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – open club – participated in the Science Olympiad Competition in February at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University– Club begins in September – Meets Monday’s from 3:00-4:00.

Robotics Club – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – 10 students form a team – Teams participate in a practice event, a qualifying event, and a regional competition. Meets Tuesdays 3:00-5:00.

Odyssey of the Mind – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – 7 students form one team - Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. Students participate in a regional competition in March – after school club

Cross Country Club – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – Participates in district level Cross Country Meets throughout the county on Wednesday’s after school - Meets Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:00

Drama Productions – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – students audition for the production – meets afterschool for practice and dress rehearsal – students must attend all rehearsals to participate

Sports Offered at LPA

- LPA Volleyball – (Fall Sport) offered to students enrolled in grades 6-8 - this is a school and district ran sport - students tryout for the team – practices are after school with games on Tuesday's and Thursday's
- LPA Basketball – (Winter Sport) offered to students enrolled in grades 6-8 - this is a school and district ran sport - students tryout for the team – practices are after school with games on Tuesday's and Thursday's
- LPA Dance Team – (Winter) offered to students enrolled in grades 6-8 - this is a school and district ran sport - students tryout for the team – practices are after school with games on Tuesday's and Thursday's

Sports Through SJMSAA

Sports ran through the Parks and Recreation Department – not LPA

- Football
- Baseball
- Softball
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Cheer
- Golf



Communication With Teachers



- We welcome your communication. Email communication is the preferred method. Due to the busy nature of the school day our teachers will need time to respond. Please allow up to 48 hours.
- To request a meeting with an individual teacher please use email to schedule an appointment.
- The Sixth grade team generally meets as a team when there is a parent conference. This helps with getting a better understanding of what is going on with the student in all of his/her classes.

How do I stay informed?



- Online textbooks are available for all core classes and the links are located on the LPA website under Links for Students.
- Usernames and passwords are the same for all accounts
- Teachers use Schoology in lieu of a class website.
- Students will use Schoology to view upcoming activities, tests, and important class information.
- Home Access Center (HAC) allows parents and students to view grades online. Students use the same username and password for all of their textbooks and HAC.

Planners/Schoology

- Organization is the key to success! A planner is given to each student at the start of school.
- Students should record all homework and assignments in the student planner.
- Parents will want to check their child's planner and Schoology on a daily basis to assist the child in the development of organizational skills



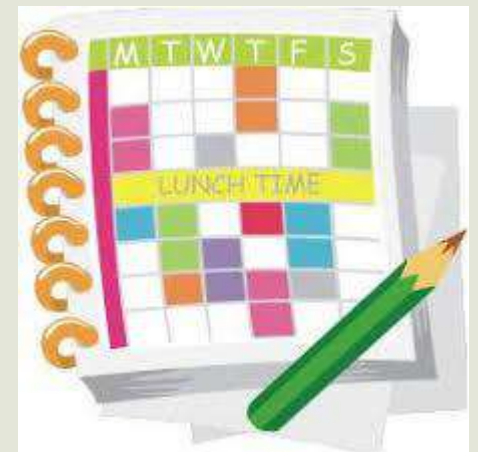
Organization = Success

- Write assignments in planner
- Check Schoology site daily
- Put homework in the correct class folder/notebook
- Study Buddy, have other student's phone numbers to call for help or questions about homework or assignments.
- Do homework when assigned
- Schedule on inside of locker
- A "study area" at home with limited distractions – TV, cell phone, video games, etc.
- Plenty of sleep and a good breakfast
- A great attitude



Student Schedule

- LPA students take 7 courses each day
- Students report to homeroom each day at 8:25am for important morning announcements.



6th Grade Elective Classes

Required Non-Core

- Reading 1 or Intensive Reading – full year
- Physical Education – full year

Optional Non-Core

- Beginning Band – full year
- 2D Studio Art 1 – full year
- Chorus – full year

7th Grade Electives Classes

- PE (required)

Options of 2 of the following:

- Theatre 1
- Beginning Band, Concert Band, or Jazz Band
- Studio Art 2
- Chorus
- ICT 2
- M/J Beginning Spanish (limited to 75 students)
- Intensive Reading (Required if Level 1 on FSA)

8th Grade Elective Classes

- PE (required)

Options of 2 of the following:

- ICT 3 or Computer Science Discoveries (Students are required to earn a digital certificate through this course before entering high school)
- Internship and Career Research (chosen by application only – limited to 50 students)
- Studio Art 3 (limited to 30 students)
- Concert Band and/or Jazz Band – (Jazz Band is by invitation only from Mr. Spilling)
- Theatre 3 (limited to 30 students)
- Intermediate Spanish
- Chorus
- TV Production (chosen by application only – limited to 22 students)
- Journalism (chosen by application only – limited to 22 students)
- Theatre Design and Production
- Intensive Reading (automatic placement if earning Level 1 on FSA)

Reading 1 Elective

- All 6th grade students who are not in intensive reading will be in the Advanced Reading elective.
- This year long course will help students increase reading fluency and endurance through advanced integrated experiences in the language arts. Students will also have the opportunity to earn essential digital tool skills through this class in word processing, multi-media and communications.
- Students conduct novel studies and enhance their learning through comprehension strategies and study skills.



Beginning Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band

- Band is a year-long commitment that meets every day
- Parent permission is required to participate in Band
- Students perform for sports events, Night of the Arts, and other opportunities throughout the school year
- Instruments may be rented or purchased at a cost to parents
- Practice = Homework, students are expected to practice at least 20 minutes a day on their instrument
- Band Boosters support Band students through a “Fair Share” \$90 Fee
- Solo & Ensemble, Parades, and other performance/learning opportunities will be available.



ICT 1, ICT 2, ICT 3 or CSD (Computer Science Discoveries)

All middle grades students are required to earn a certificate in technology before leaving middle school. You must take this course in 7th and/or 8th grade.

Information and Computer Technology - This course combines technology and career research. Students will be eligible to earn technology certifications in web design, gaming and multi-media through this course.



Studio Art



- Students explore media and techniques used to create a variety of 2-D artworks through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage. Students practice, sketch, and manipulate the structural elements of art. Investigation of artworks from Western and non-Western cultures provide a means for students to expand their understanding and appreciation of the role of art in global culture.
- Student artists use an art criticism process to evaluate, explain, and measure artistic growth in personal or group works. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

Physical Education

- All middle school students take a full year of P.E.
- Students cannot wear their school clothes to participate in physical education.
- Every student must have a PE uniform
- Uniforms can be purchased through the PE Department at Wolf Greeting
- Students must wear sneakers



M/J Theatre 2

- Audience Etiquette
- Theatre Vocabulary
- Theatre History
- Script Writing
- Performance (monologues/scenes)
- Improvisation
- Vocal and Physical acting techniques
- Musical Theatre
- Technical Theatre (production and design: lighting, sound, scenic, costume)

M/J Theatre 3

- Creative Drama
- Narrative Pantomime
- Developing the voice
- Improvisation
- Play Production
- Theatre appreciation
- Comparing Theatre and other media
- Story Telling
- Readers Theatre
- Puppetry
- Theatre History



This is an optional non-core course for 8th graders who want to delve deeper into theatre and dramatic arts

Theatre Design and Production

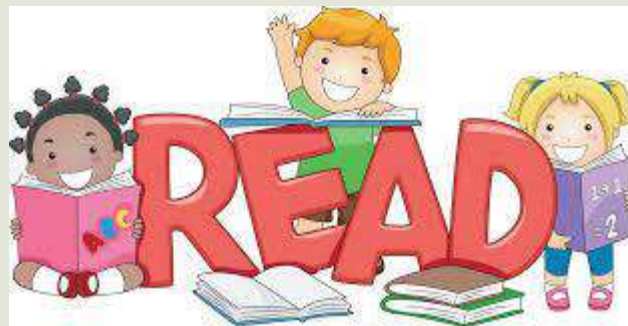
- Technical Knowledge
- Safety Procedures
- Operation of theatre equipment
- Elements of technical theatre
 - Lighting, costumes, makeup. Props, scenery, sound, etc.



Intensive Reading

- This course provides remediation and intensive instruction in reading that can be used in the core content areas. Placement in this courses is based on FSA scores.

Students who earn a 1 in FSA Reading will be placed in this course for additional support.



Spanish



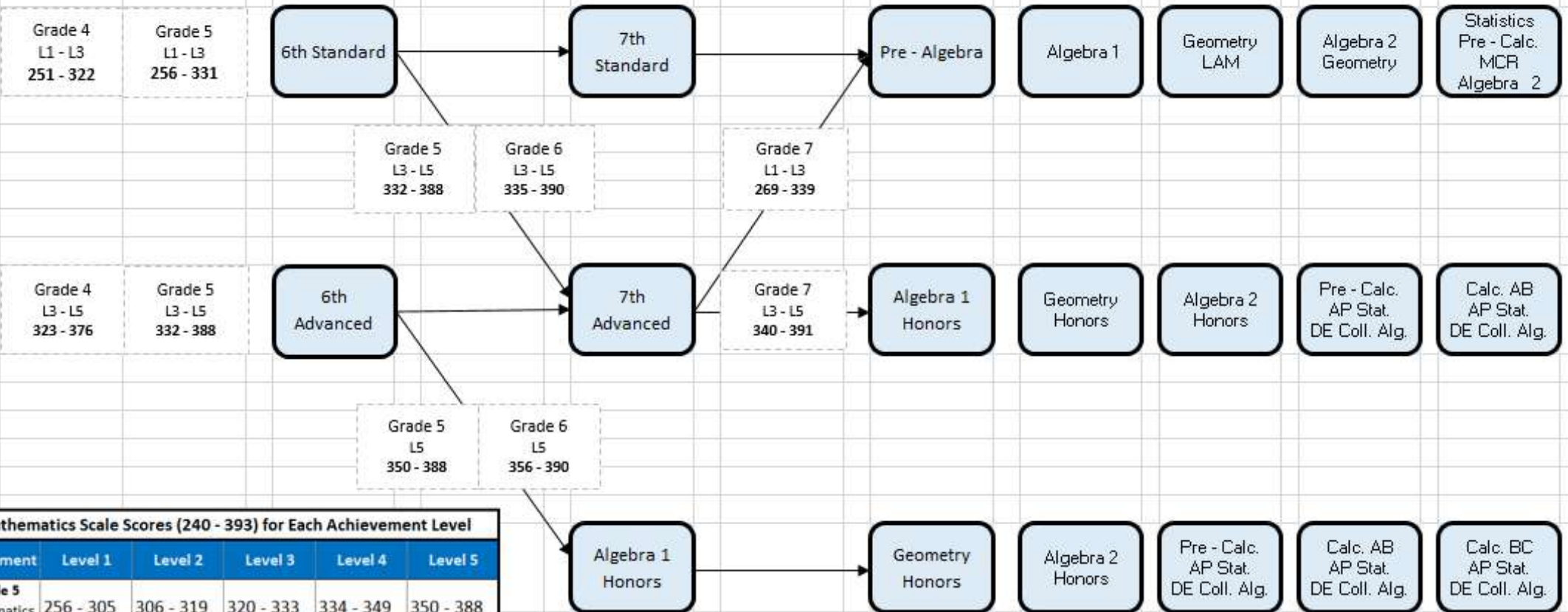
- Course content for Beginning Spanish and Intermediate Spanish could be equivalent to high school Spanish 1.
- Students who earn an A in these two courses and have shown mastery of the skills from Beginning Spanish and Intermediate Spanish have the opportunity to earn high school credit for Spanish 1. These students will be eligible to enroll in Spanish 2 in the 9th grade.
- The Spanish 1 grade will be determined by the numerical average of the final grades for Beginning and Intermediate Spanish and will remain on the student's permanent high school transcript.

Is My Child Ready for Advanced Courses?

- **An advanced student**
- ALWAYS completes homework and studies
- Does not need a tutor or lots of extra help
- Has excellent attendance
- Seeks solutions to answers which are not readily apparent
- Understands new material quickly and is not easily confused or overwhelmed
- Recalls previously taught skills or will review independently if needed
- Takes academic responsibility to see a project or task through
- Willing to redo work until completed correctly
- Understands the demands of the course and expects and accepts rigorous assignments without complaint
- Is aware of the classes that are for high school credit

SJCSD Middle School Math Progression

Grade 4 FSA level and scale score Grade 5 FSA level and scale score 6th grade course Grade 6 FSA scale score 7th grade course Grade 7 FSA scale score 8th grade course 9th grade course 10th grade course 11th grade course 12th grade course



Mathematics Scale Scores (240 - 393) for Each Achievement Level					
Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 5 Mathematics	256 - 305	306 - 319	320 - 333	334 - 349	350 - 388
Grade 6 Mathematics	260 - 309	310 - 324	325 - 338	339 - 355	356 - 390
Grade 7 Mathematics	269 - 315	316 - 329	330 - 345	346 - 359	360 - 391
Grade 8 Mathematics	273 - 321	322 - 336	337 - 352	353 - 364	365 - 393

Physical Science Honors – 8th Grade Only

- A grade of an “A” in 7th grade advanced science
- Concurrent enrollment in Algebra 1 Honors
- A Level 5 on both the Math and Reading FSA

Biology 1 Honors

- A grade of an “A” in 7th grade advanced science
- Concurrent enrollment in Geometry 1 Honors
- A Level 5 on both the Math and Reading FSA

Things to consider when enrolling in a high school course:

- Honors high school courses are very rigorous.
- High school courses taken in middle school become part of the student's cumulative high school GPA.
- Courses taken in 7th and 8th grade set the course for a student's options throughout high school.
- Grades earned in high school courses are included in the cumulative high school GPA. The high school GPA has an impact which is not limited to: college acceptance, Bright Futures eligibility and fulfillment of graduation requirements.

Standard Math Progression

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Math 1	Math 2	Math 3	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2 Liberal Arts Math 2	Advanced Topics in Math DE College Probability/Statistics Math for College Readiness Math for College Success

Advanced Math Progression

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Math 1 Advanced	Math 2 Advanced	Algebra 1 Honors	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/Statistics	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/Statistics AP Calculus AB
	Algebra 1 Honors	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/Statistics	AP Calculus AB AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/Statistics	AP Calculus BC AP Statistics DE College Algebra DE Upper Level Math

Mathematics

- Algebra 1 and Geometry students must take and pass the state End of Course exam, (EOC). The EOC is 30% of the student's final grade.
- Algebra 1 students must pass the EOC to receive credit for Algebra 1.
- Both Algebra1 and Geometry are high school graduation requirements.
- A total of 4 high school math credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students must take a math course each year.

Standard Science Progression

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Science 1	Science 2	Science 3	Physical Science	Biology	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science Anatomy

Advanced Science Progression

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Science 1 Advanced	Science 2 Advanced	Science 3 Advanced Physical Science Honors Biology Honors	Physical Science Honors Biology Honors Chemistry Honors	Biology Honors Chemistry Honors Physics Honors Marine Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental	Chemistry Honors Physics Honors Marine Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Physics Honors Marine Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental	Physics Honors Marine Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Anatomy Honors AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C

Science

- Biology students must take the state EOC. The EOC will count as 30% of the student's final grade.
- Biology is a high school graduation requirement.
- A total of 3 high school science credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students will take a science course each year.

Calculating a High School GPA

Letter Grades	Numeric Grades	Descriptor	High School GPA Unweighted
A	90-100	outstanding	4
B	80-89	above average	3
C	70-79	average	2
D	60-69	lowest acceptable	1
F	0-59	failure	0

Honors courses add $\frac{1}{2}$ point to the grade. For example an A increases from a 4.0 to a 4.5. AP and DE courses add an additional 1 point to the grade. For example an A increases from a 4.0 to a 5.0.

Course Option Verifications

Your child will bring home their course verification form on Monday, February 10, 2020. On this form you will see:

- Core class recommendations – ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies – write any class questions you may have on the form, sign the bottom, and return it to your child’s homeroom teacher
- Elective registration form – please number your choices 1 to 3 with 1 being the class you want the most

Dress Code

- Shorts & Skirts can't be shorter than fingertip length
- Leggings may be worn with a shirt that is fingertip length
- No tank tops or sleeveless shirts smaller than 3" wide
- No shirts that reveal midriffs or open backs
- No lace or sheer shirts with tanks underneath
- No shirts off the shoulder that show straps
- No holes, rips, or tears in jeans showing skin
- No backless shoes



Backpacks

- Backpacks may be carried between classes – please stress the importance of load capacity with your child
- Rolling backpacks are not allowed without a doctor's note – these cause a trip hazard during hall change



Cell Phones

- Must be OFF and kept in locker.
- Students may not use the cell phone during the day.
- A phone will be taken if it is out during the day.
- First Violation: Phone confiscated, corrective consultation & phone returned at end of day by the Dean
- 2nd Violation: Parent must meet with Dean for conference
- Subsequent Violations: Progressive Discipline Followed



Choose Wisely and Plan for Success!

- We strongly encourage students to take advanced courses. Course selections remain in effect for a full year and course change requests will not be made after July 10.
- Our team of instructional professionals are ready to challenge your child to become a critical thinker and an independent learner in whatever course he or she is enrolled.



6th Grade Summer Venture

- We will hold a summer camp for rising 6th grade students again this year. More information will come at the end of the school year.



Questions

- Thank you for coming tonight.
- We are confident your children will have a successful middle school year!
- Our experienced team is ready to help your child become a successful and independent learner!

