

Grade 6 Registration Form 2019-20

MANDATORY CLASSES for all Grade 6 students

- Language Arts/Reading – full year
- Math – full year
- Social Studies – full year
- Science/Health – full year
- Fitness, Movement, Sport and Health – three quarters
- Art – one quarter
- Music Elective – see below

} These two classes are taught
in a 3-period block

} FMSH & Art are rotated through 4 quarters in
the same class period throughout the year.

MUSIC ELECTIVE

The only elective choice given in grade 6 is a choice between our three music courses. Please look through the information below and then indicate your preferences on the other side of this sheet. **Once a selection has been made it becomes a commitment for the entire year (no switching of music classes is allowed once the school year is underway).** For more information on all three of our music choices, check out our website at lmsmusic.org

Choir is open to all grade 6 students regardless of experience or ability. Time in class is primarily spent exploring vocal technique through song while practicing beginning part-singing and advancing in rhythm and note reading. Students sing music of varying styles from a variety of cultures. Goal setting and home practice are required as students prepare for performances, including a choral festival. Students are expected to participate in evening performances periodically throughout the year, which are counted as a percentage of their grade. ****STUDENTS WHO OPT TO JOIN JAZZ CHOIR, WHICH MEETS BEFORE SCHOOL, ARE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN THIS CLASS.**

Band is open to all grade 6 students regardless of experience or ability. Band students will need to rent or purchase an instrument (see instrument information on the other side of this page). The majority of the time spent in sixth-grade band is dedicated to learning how to play a musical instrument with emphasis on technique, music theory and music history. Previous knowledge of music is not required. Students are expected to practice at home and participate in evening concerts periodically throughout the year, which are counted as a percentage of their grade.

Orchestra is open to grade 6 students with at least one year of stings experience. Orchestra students will need to rent or purchase an instrument (see instrument information on the other side of this page). Sixth-grade orchestra builds on the skills learned in elementary school. More advanced music and vibrato skills are introduced. **This class is not designed for beginning strings students.** Students are expected to practice at home and participate in evening concerts periodically throughout the year, which are counted as a percentage of their grade.

Student Name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Parents, please mark one of the following electives and then sign below:

_____ **BAND**

The following instruments are available in Beginning Band.

Please mark a first and second choice with a "1" and "2":

- _____ Flute
- _____ Oboe
- _____ Bassoon
- _____ Clarinet
- _____ Alto Saxophone
- _____ Tenor Saxophone
- _____ Baritone Saxophone
- _____ Trumpet (or Cornet)
- _____ French Horn
- _____ Trombone
- _____ Baritone
- _____ Euphonium
- _____ Tuba
- _____ Bells with stand and practice pad*

*Please note: Drums are not an option in sixth-grade band.

_____ **ORCHESTRA**

Open only to grade 6 students with at least one year of experience on a stringed instrument.

Instrument choice:

- _____ Violin
- _____ Viola
- _____ Cello
- _____ Bass (must have instructor approval)

_____ **CHOIR**

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

INSTRUMENT INFORMATION

- **Band and Orchestra students will need to provide their own instrument.** However, parents are encouraged not to rent or purchase a band instrument before the confirmation of instrument selection which will occur during the first few days of school.
- If you have a band instrument in your family, please make a note next to the instrument choice above, and efforts will be made to assist your child in playing that instrument. Please have the instrument checked by a qualified repair person so it will be in proper working order before school starts in the fall.
- A limited number of instruments are available for rent through the school. Band instruments are \$75 per semester and Orchestra instruments are \$50 per semester.
- Music stores also provide instrument rentals at a slightly higher rate than the school.

GRADE 6 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS 2019-2020

ENGLISH/LITERATURE: Sixth-grade reading incorporates the district-adopted literature textbook with a variety of novels and poetry. Activities are used to strengthen reading skills. The basics of formal research will be introduced. The class also works with grammar, sentence structure, spelling and essay formats.

MATHEMATICS OPTIONS:

- **MATH 6:** In line with the Common Core State Standards, instructional time focuses on four critical areas: (1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division and using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; (2) completing understanding of division of fractions and extending the notion of number to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers; (3) writing, interpreting, and using expressions and equations; and (4) developing understanding of statistical thinking.
- **MATH 7:** This class is offered to **qualifying** grade 6 math students using assessment data collected in grade 5, along with teacher input. In line with the Common Core State Standards, this course addresses the following topics: (1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; (2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations; (3) solving problems involving scale drawings and informal geometric constructions, and working with two- and three-dimensional shapes to solve problems involving area, surface area, and volume; and (4) drawing inferences about populations based on samples.

SOCIAL STUDIES This course is designed to lay the foundations for understanding the development of societies and civilizations from early human social groupings to more advanced societies and the rise of first empires. As such, students will be exposed to, and become familiar with, different people, places, and cultures from around the world. Early civilizations, cultures and geography are studied from Meso-America to pre-Mesopotamia, ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome.

SCIENCE 6th Grade Science covers Physical Science topics including energy, matter and chemistry. We learn about Earth Science topics on weather systems, plate tectonics and the rock cycle and a Life Science topic on living things in the biosphere. We take a phenomenon-based approach to discovering more about each topic and practice “being scientist” by utilizing scientific practices throughout the year.

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GRADE 6 BEGINNING BAND (This class is open to all grade 6 students) Beginning band is designed for students who want to learn how to play an instrument that is a part of the modern wind band ensemble (see list below). The majority of the time spent in sixth-grade band is dedicated to learning how to play a musical instrument with emphasis on technique, music theory and music history. This ensemble will perform on at least two concerts throughout the school year. A previous knowledge of music is not required. **Band instruments from which to choose:** Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet (*or Cornet*), French Horn, Trombone, Baritone (*or Euphonium*), Tuba, Bells, (bell kit required) (*limit 8*). School rentals are offered on a first-come first-served basis for \$75 per semester.

ORCHESTRA Sixth-grade orchestra builds on the skills learned in elementary school. More advanced music and vibrato skills are introduced. This class is not designed for beginning strings students. Home practice will be required as a portion of their grade. Students who are currently enrolled in the elementary strings program are encouraged to continue in orchestra. A limited number of instruments are available through the school. School rental fees per semester are \$50 for violins, violas, and cellos. Music stores also have rentals for a slightly higher rate.

FITNESS, MOVEMENT, SPORT & HEALTH (FMSH) - three quarters taught in conjunction with Art: The purpose of Fitness, Movement, Sport and Health at Lincoln Middle School is to create a safe environment for students to take positive risks, experience a variety of activities that promote healthy and fit lifestyles, understand the benefit of purposeful movement, learn accurate health information that encourages positive life choices and influences, and demonstrate growth in their knowledge, understanding, and application of the Washington State Physical Education and Health Education Standards and important concepts.

ART FUNDAMENTALS - one quarter taught in conjunction with Fitness, Movement, Sport & Health: In this course, students will be introduced to a variety of mediums and techniques to learn about the elements and principles of art. Students will also be exposed to art development across cultures and history and explore how these contexts relate to their own work. Students will work in both 2D and 3D media, with an emphasis on explorations, creativity and understanding of basic concepts. Drawing, painting, ceramics and paper mache will be among the media explored throughout the quarter.