

Program Planning Update for 6th grade Parents – January, 2023

Program planning for 7th grade begins in late January. Students have limited choices for 7th grade; however, it is important for you to understand the process so that you are able to support your child.

Overview of the Process: Your child’s school will overview the process of planning for 7th grade with the students. The Parent Orientation is important for parents to understand the middle school schedules and other transition considerations. We view the program planning process with students in two separate parts: core academic and electives. A general outline of each part follows.

Core Academics: Every student will have 5 core academic courses periods 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Every student takes the same course in science and social studies. Your child’s current 6th gr. teacher recommends the leveling.

- English/Language Arts (ELA) which is taught at an academic or advanced level. ELA is also a double period ELA – A and ELA – B. Students may have the same teacher for both parts of ELA or two different teachers. Please discuss your child’s recommendation with his/her current teacher.
- Math placement is data-driven and critical for success in the next course. If the teacher recommends a course during program planning season and changes their mind as the year comes to an end, they’ll discuss that with you and let us know. Bear in mind that some students may need Math 7 before Pre-Algebra. We find this extra year of the basics in math is critical for success moving forward.

Electives: Our elective schedule flip-flops between A and B day regardless of the day of the week or days off. 7th grade electives are periods 1 and 2. Electives will include Resource, PE/Health, Innovation and Creativity(INC), and Integrated Technology for all students. The remaining electives are determined by student participation in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra (performance music classes). Performance music students will be enrolled in 1 of 3 electives and get the other 2 in 8th grade (Art, Engineering, or Family and Consumer Science). Non-performance music students will be scheduled for all 3 listed above.

Verifications: The last part of the program planning process is the verification window. Participation in Band, Chorus, or Orchestra should be determined with certainty on the verification sheet. If you have questions, Lenape Student Services Phone Number: 267-893-2810 or contact your students school counselor: A-L- Marykate Schrack mschrack@cbsd.org or M-Z Courtney Nolan cnolan@cbsd.org

DATE	PEOPLE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
6th to 7th Grade			
Mon., Jan. 30	Lenape Admin.	Email sent to parents re: DATE orientation	
Tu., Feb. 14	6 th Grade Teachers	Document course recommendations in IC	Individual Classrooms
Wed., Feb. 22	6 th Grade Teachers	Reg. ed. remedial reading recs made by A. Christie/S. Thomas	
Mon., Feb. 27	Lenape Admin.	Email sent to parents re: orientation & POS link	
Tu. Feb 28	LMS Staff	6 th Grade Orientation for Parents	Auditorium; 7:00pm
Wed., March 2	6 th Grade Teachers	Course selections/recommendations due	
Thurs., March 16	IT	Verifications posted on Parent Portal	
Thurs., March 23	6 th Grade Parents	Verification Sheets electronic confirmation due	Students’ Homes
Tu and Wed May 23 & May 24	LMS Staff	6 th Grade Orientation for Students	LMS Auditorium ; 9:30am - 11:00am