

# LYNDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Elective Registration for Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders 2026-2027

Student Name (First, & Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Language Arts Teacher (Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# (7-digit number): \_\_\_\_\_

**Elective Registration\***: (Place a check mark for Option A or Option B below)

### Option A: Band



Trimester 1

Trimester 2

Trimester 3

Band	Band	Band
PE	Health	Elective

Please rank your first 4 choices using the numbers 1-4 for your elective option.

\_\_\_\_ Art \_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_ Woodshop \_\_\_\_ Drama \_\_\_\_ General Music

### Option B:

Trimester 1

Trimester 2

Trimester 3

PE	Health	PE
Elective	Elective	Elective

Please rank your first 6 choices using the numbers 1-5 for your 3 elective options. \_\_\_\_ Art

\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_ Woodshop \_\_\_\_ Drama \_\_\_\_ General Music

If you have scheduling questions, please reach out to your child's counselor or registrar.

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\*Elective placement is based on availability and class size. We will do the best we can to place you in your selected options. See reverse side for elective descriptions.

## 2026-2027 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR INCOMING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

**ART:** During this class, students will learn about the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design through a variety of different media and processes. Students will practice using the 8 Studio Habits of Mind through the creation of Wonderful, Original, Works of Art (WOW Projects).

**BAND:** Band is a yearlong class and continues the skills learned in 7th grade, so at least a year of band is required (extenuating circumstances will be considered). Students will perform in 3 required evening concerts, the LMS Solo & Ensemble (where students play solos or in small groups for a judge), school assemblies, a LHS pep band game, a local band festival/competition and parades in the Spring.

**CHOIR:** 8th grade choirs are currently offered as trimester opportunities only. We are an ensemble with a mission to share our learning with our school and community. As we learn to make music together, we will build a classroom culture where we feel safe to share our skills, where we learn to support each other as we acquire new skills, and where we build our selfconfidence for when it's time to share our music with an audience. Choir also offers opportunities to develop life lessons such as perseverance and leadership skills. We will do this while we sing a variety of styles, play games, do team activities, and occasionally use computer tools. By the end of the term, we will not only have become more confident and skilled singers, but we will also have learned about music history, music notation, and how to sight sing. Our mission as singers is to share our songs, therefore participation in 1 concert performances outside of regular class hours is required. Participation in school-wide assemblies and/or a community outing is expected. Prior experience in the 6th grade choir is helpful, but not required.

**DRAMA:** Fine & Performing Arts (otherwise known as drama class) is a 1-trimester class where we use games, improv, activities and skits to explore and develop voice, character and movement skills. By the end of the trimester, students will be able to use their voices efficiently to be heard throughout a performance space, use body language and stage business to plan and play a believable character, and to understand and follow stage directions as well as follow the rules for a view-from-the-front type of theater. Performance is a basic expectation for the class. All "shows" take place during class, with classmates as the audience. There are no outside-the-day performances.

**GENERAL MUSIC:** General Music is a 1-trimester class where we explore the elements of music through a series of projects that include guided listening, songwriting, and playing instruments such as bucket drums, ukuleles and recorders. Sharing what we learn is a basic expectation for a music class. Performances will take place during class with fellow students as an audience and/or via video recording. Opportunities can be arranged for students who wish to share their learning beyond the classroom.

**HEALTH:** Health class covers topics exploring social and emotional health. This includes coping with anxiety, anger and depression, healthy relationships, living with confidence, media influences and the dangers of cyberbullying. We also explore the subjects of safety and consent, peer pressure, and substance awareness including vaping, chewing tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, and illegal drug use and abuse.

**WOODSHOP:** In the 8th grade Woodshop class, you get to build projects out of wood using tools and machines. You will learn about shop safety, drafting plans, building and construction. The 8th grade projects and techniques will be more advanced than 7th grade Woodshop. However, you do not have to take 7th grade Woodshop to take Woodshop in 8th grade. You will also learn about drafting your project plans using computers. These are skills you will use for the rest of your lives. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION:** Our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to improve their overall fitness while participating in a wide variety of activities, both team and individual. You will learn how to set personal fitness goals and to improve yours overall health. Our goal is for students to experience how to work as a team and individually, with respect and good sportsmanship. Students will earn a letter grade based on their participation, not on athletic talent or ability.

**LEADERSHIP:** Leadership is a class where the students make a difference! In this class, we help create a positive atmosphere for everyone here at Lynden Middle School. This positive energy is also used to help others in our community. So, if you want to make a difference and be involved in impacting our school and others in a way that will make people smile, this class is for you!