



# Parent Night

## Course Selection Information

### Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade





LAMAR JUNIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL

**ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**



Mr. Semmler  
Principal



Mrs. Fields  
Dean of Instruction



Mr. Venturini  
7th grade  
Assistant Principal



Dr. Watson  
8th grade  
Assistant Principal

# LJH Counselors



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Course  
Planning  
and Selection





# Course Selection Timeline Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Counselors will present to students at Wessendorff during PE
- **Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Course Selection Sheets are due to WMS front office with parent signature
- **Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>** – LJH Counselors will be at WMS to help students input course selections in Skyward
- **Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Skyward Window for Course Selection closes



# Course Selection Timeline Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- **1/27 – 1/29** : LJH Counselors will meet with students during PE & Major Sports to review course options & fill out the course selection sheet.

**On or Before January 31st.**

Course Selection Sheets with parent signatures due to alpha split counselor.

Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Course Selection  
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# What will my schedule look like in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade?

## 7<sup>TH</sup> grade STUDENTS WILL TAKE:



English, Math, Texas History,  
Science & AVID



PE, Kick Start or Major Sports



ONE Elective



\*Students must be in PAP/GT Math in the 6th grade to take 7th Grade PAP/GT Math.

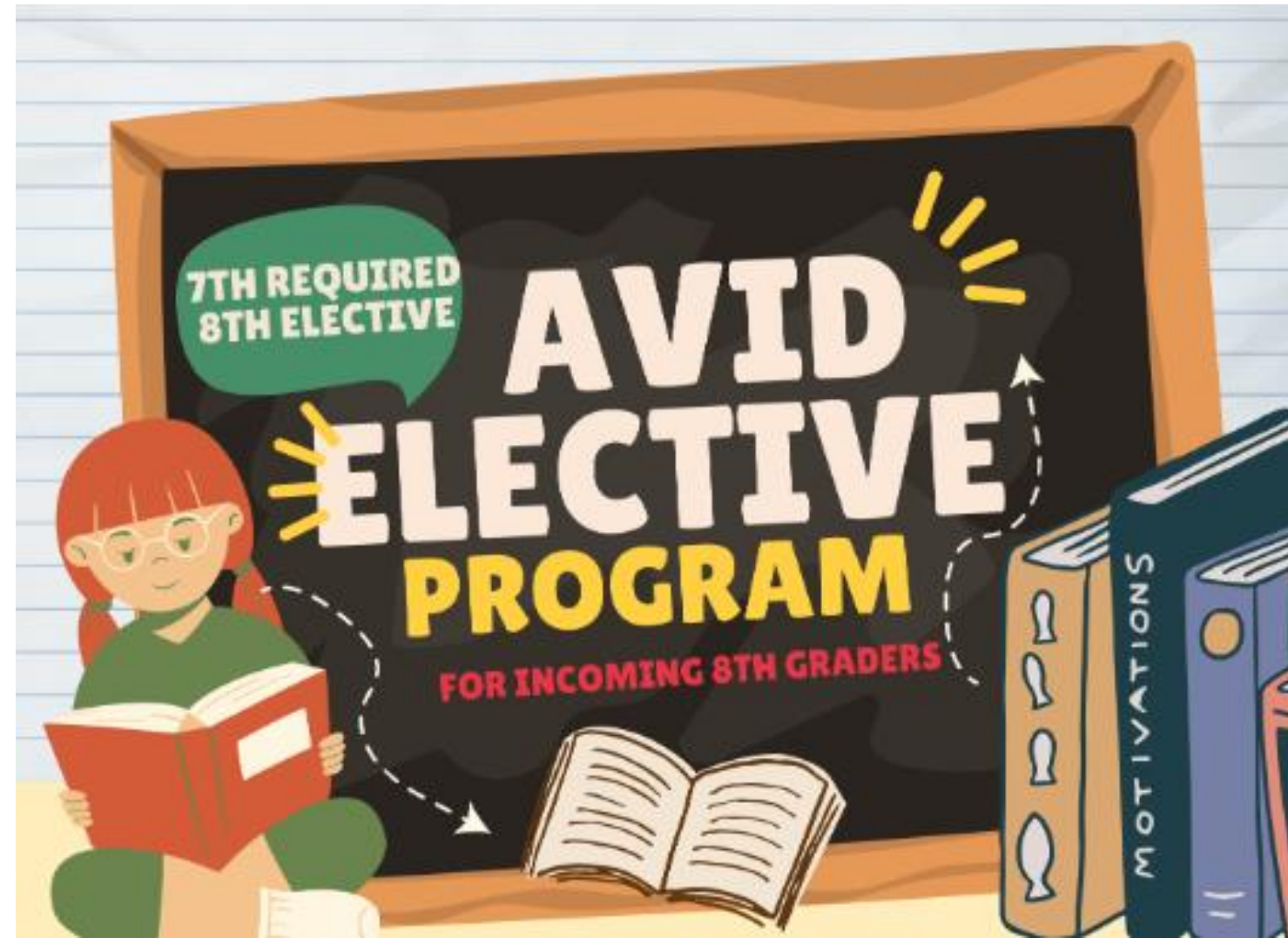
\* A decision will be made on a case-by-case basis using STAAR and grades as the determining factors if a student is not in 6th Grade PAP/GT Math.



# What is AVID?

- AVID is a course that ALL 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in LCISD must take. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade can choose this as an elective.
- This AVID advisory course will include opportunities to learn organizational and study skills, post-secondary and career exploration and preparedness, note taking strategies, and much more.

Please see Ms. Hertzler for more information!  
She has a table in the F hallway.



Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Course Selection  
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# What will my schedule look like in 8<sup>th</sup> grade?

## **Core Classes (STAAR Tested)**

- \*ELA**
- \*Math**
- \*Science**
- \*Social Studies**

**Students may choose Pre-Ap or  
Academic Levels**

**PE , MAJOR SPORTS or  
KICKSTART**

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**TWO Electives**

\* This could include high school credit classes



# Benefits of PRE- AP Classes

- **Enhanced Thinking Skills**: Pre-AP classes are designed to challenge students' thinking, encouraging them to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are essential for success in higher education and beyond.
- **College Preparation**: Pre-AP courses lay the groundwork for future success in Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual-Credit courses, offering students the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school.
- **Engaging Learning Environment**: These courses provide a stimulating environment that pushes students to engage more deeply with the material, fostering a love for learning and intellectual curiosity.
- **Inclusivity in Learning**: For students not taking Pre-AP, the alternative is often an inclusion class. Pre-AP offers a pathway to a more tailored and academically-focused environment.

# Benefits of PRE-AP Classes

## Support for Student Athletes

- **Eligibility Protection**: Student-athletes have the opportunity to try Pre-AP with the assurance of one-time exemption eligibility, meaning they can retain their athletic eligibility even if they face challenges in the course.

# Benefits of PRE- AP Classes

## Encouragement for Families

- **Opportunities for All Students**: We encourage all students to attempt Pre-AP courses, as they are not necessarily more work but rather provide a more thought-provoking and enriching educational experience.
- **Supportive School Community**: Our school is committed to supporting students who choose to take Pre-AP courses with additional resources and guidance to ensure their success.
- **Building Confidence**: Trying a Pre-AP course can help build a student's confidence in their academic abilities, preparing them for future challenges.

# Benefits of PRE-AP Classes

## Long-term Advantages

- **Competitive Edge**: Completing Pre-AP courses can give students a competitive edge in college admissions, demonstrating to colleges their willingness to take on challenging coursework.
- **Life Skills Development**: These courses help students develop essential life skills such as time management, self-discipline, and perseverance.
- **Broader Perspectives**: Pre-AP courses expose students to a wider range of perspectives and ideas, broadening their understanding and appreciation of different subjects.
- **Stronger Academic Foundation**: Students gain a deeper understanding of core subjects, which can lead to better performance in future academic endeavors.

# Benefits of PRE-AP Classes

## Encouragement for Students

- **Challenge Yourself**: Pre-AP courses are an excellent opportunity to challenge yourself academically and discover your full potential.
- **Explore Interests**: They allow students to explore new subjects and interests in greater depth, paving the way for future academic and career pursuits.
- **Growth Mindset**: Taking on Pre-AP classes fosters a growth mindset, encouraging students to embrace challenges and learn from them.



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**Electives Available to  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Students**



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Art**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art**

# Art

**Art 1 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only)**

**Counts as a Fine Art  
Credit for High School**



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Beginner Mariachi**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Beginner & Intermediate Mariachi**



# BAND & ORCHESTRA

Concert Band



Symphonic Band

Honor Band

Beginning Orchestra

Intermediate Orchestra



# Boys & Girls CHOIR



# JOURNALISM

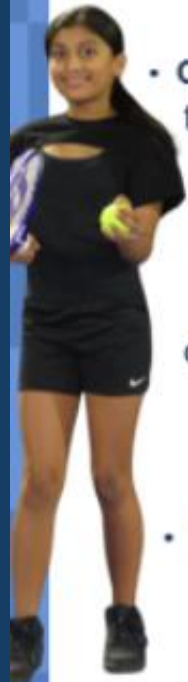
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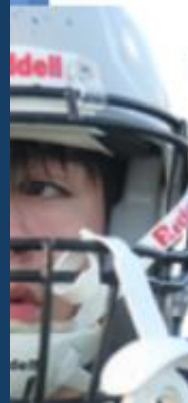
- Do you like to write?
- Students will write articles for school publications and learn to do editing & layout work.
- A newspaper or literary journal may be published.
- This class will prepare you for Yearbook in 8th Grade.



# YEARBOOK AT LJH



- **Creative Expression:** Choosing yearbook as an elective allows 8th graders to unleash their creativity through photography, design, and writing, making it a perfect outlet for artistic expression. Learn all about real time photography by hands on experiences.
- **Teamwork and Collaboration:** Working on the yearbook involves collaborating with peers, which helps students develop important teamwork and communication skills as they work together to create a memorable product.
- **Technical Skills:** Students will gain valuable technical skills by learning to use design software, cameras, and digital editing tools, which can be beneficial for future academic and career endeavors.
- **School Spirit and Community:** Being part of the yearbook team provides a unique opportunity to capture and celebrate the school community, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among students. You will get into all events for free and have a front row and behind the scenes privilege's.
- **Leadership Opportunities:** Yearbook offers leadership roles, such as editors or section leaders, allowing students to take on responsibilities, manage projects, and develop organizational skills.



# THEATRE ARTS

## Introduction to Theatre

Covers the fundamentals of acting and theatrical production.



## Intermediate Theatre

Higher level theater activities including oral interpretation, technical theater, and the elements of theater production

For 2<sup>nd</sup> year Theatre students



# THEATRE PRODUCTION

'23-'24 Play : Madagascar

**BY AUDITION ONLY!**

This advanced course is for students who have a desire to be involved with play productions.

This course is a continuation and progression of the theatre arts curriculum.

The nature of this course will require participation in after- school rehearsals.

Please stop by the Theatre table this evening for more information.



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# Career Investigation



- Wondering what CTE is all about?
- Wondering what career clusters and training is available at your school?
- Discover different career choices available in high skill, high demand job areas.
- Explore key concepts in each CTE Career Cluster along with learning leadership and computer skills career/workplace etiquette, and career development.
- Career Clusters focus includes Family Consumer Sciences Agriculture, Construction & Transportation STEM/Engineering and Business.
- This class is geared for 7th grade students as an introductory course to CTE and Endorsement Career Clusters available in LCISD.
- 8th graders may elect to take this course. Hands-on projects and cooperative learning will be utilized when available.



# Electives for High School Credit

# LOTE – Language Other Than English

Every student in Texas must take **TWO** years of LOTE to graduate. Courses must be in the **SAME** language.

**Junior High options:** you can start your language credits in JH with Spanish. These courses do count towards your HS GPA.



# Do you speak Spanish already?

## Spanish for Spanish Speakers I & II

**ADMITTED WITH A GRADE OF 80+ ON THE ORAL AND WRITTEN PROFICIENCY SCREENING**

- \* Earns two credits toward satisfying the units of foreign language required for graduation in one school year!
- \* Designed for students who are heritage or native speakers of Spanish.
- \* Their basic skills will be strengthened with an emphasis on vocabulary, reading, writing, and grammar skills at more advanced levels.
- \* Students will walk next door to the high school for this class period.



# High School Credit Courses for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only

Principles of Agriculture

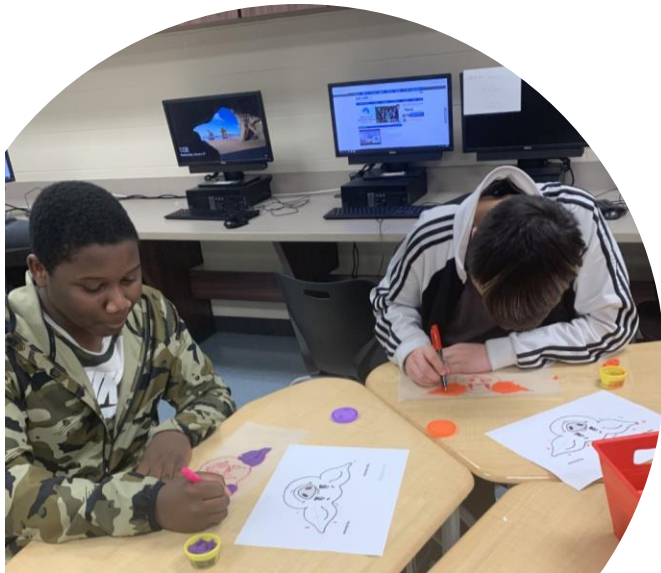
Introduction to Culinary Arts

Principles of Business, Marketing & Finance

Principles of Applied Engineering

Art 1

Spanish 1, 2 & Spanish for Spanish Speakers



# Principles of Agriculture

- Hands on learning activities
- Promoting premier leadership, personal growth, and career success
- Some of the things we learn about in Ag is leadership, research, woodworking, welding, how to run a meeting, animal and plant science, and much more!
- If you are interested in becoming an FFA member you **MUST** be enrolled in Principles of Agriculture
- Please visit the Principles of Ag table this evening.

# Introduction to Culinary Arts

- Students learn principles of planning, organizing, staffing, directing, and controlling the management of a variety of food service operations.
- Learn how a well-run restaurant operates, introduction to safety and sanitation, food production skills and various hospitality skills.



## CULINARY ARTS



# PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS, MARKETING, AND FINANCE

- Students learn about personal finance, budgeting, and how credit works.
- Students get to learn the basics of Microsoft Office, email etiquette, and public speaking.
- Students get to explore the world of marketing, branding, and how to develop marketing strategies.
- Students get to learn the basics of business including supply and demand, global market, and how to determine the difference between wants and needs.
- Students participate in a mock Stock market competition.

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BUDGETING



STOCK  
MARKET



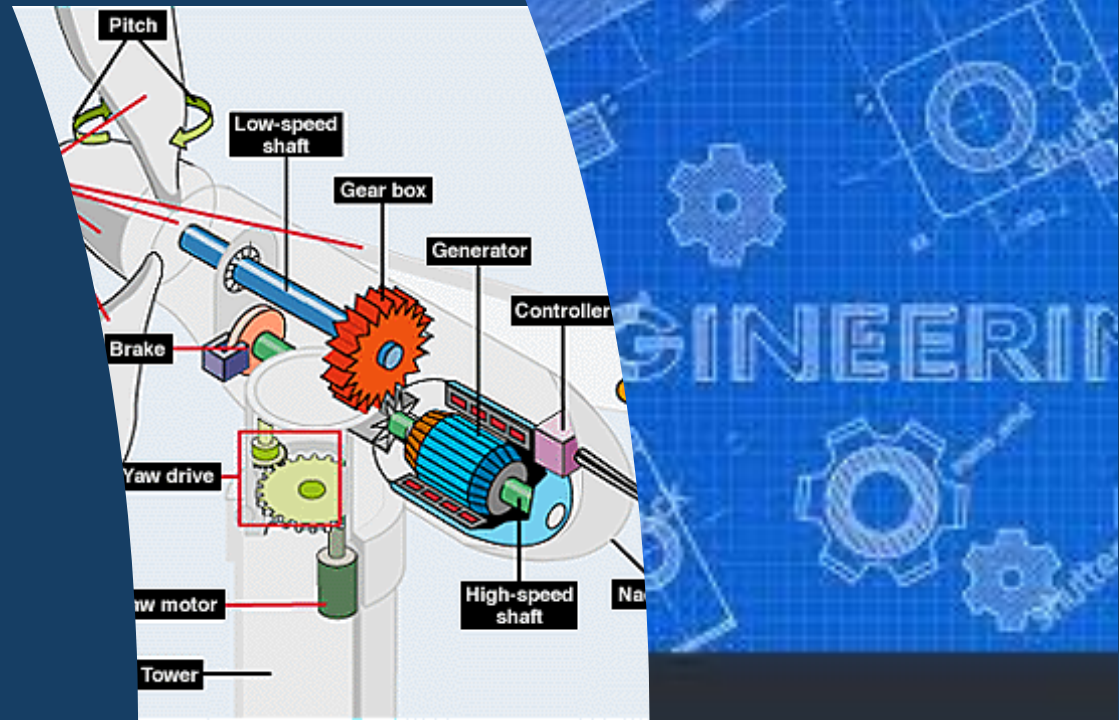


# Principles of Applied Engineering

Designed for a hands-on approach into various engineering careers.

## Highlights:

- \*Programming Robots
- \*Designing and creating engineering structures and blueprints
- \*Introduction to Soldering using cutting-edge equipment and technology.
- \*Students will gain skills to be successful in the Engineering and Technology career path



# Why take high school credits now?

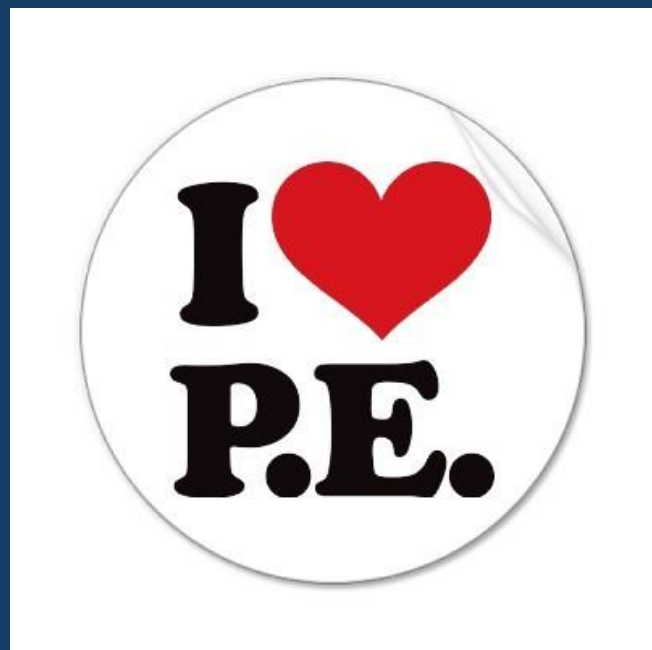
- Allows your child to complete graduation requirements early
- They can then take more elective courses in high school
- Grade points are earned toward High School GPA grade point average for all high school credit courses in junior high.

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**P.E. and Major Sports**



Introduces and develops skills in lifetime activities such as volleyball, badminton, basketball, flag football, pickleball, soccer, dance, and kickball. Students learn the importance of physical fitness, good sportsmanship, and individual development.

**PE Uniform Information**  
**\$20 (shirt & shorts)**

# Major Sports

**Football**  
**Volleyball**  
**Basketball**

**Tennis**  
**Track & Field**  
**Cross Country**  
**Soccer**

- All students enrolled in Major Sports or competing in a UIL Sport **MUST** have a completed Physical on file, including the online Rank One forms, before a student participates in any tryout, practice, athletic class, open gym, athletic competition or travels with a LCISD athletic team for any purpose.
- Physicals will be offered on LJH campus in May for \$15.
- Memorial Hermann by Traylor Stadium also conducts physicals for students. Call to make an appointment.



# LAMAR JH

## CHEER INTEREST MEETING

ALL  
APPLICATIONS  
AND  
PHYSICALS  
ARE DUE  
3/06/2025



2025-2026

MEETING  
28 FEBRUARY 5:30  
**2025** PM

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING  
**MANDATORY**

MANATORY CHEER  
CLINIC DATES WILL  
BE GIVEN AT  
PARENT MEETING

CHEER TRYOUTS  
SATURDAY 4/12/25  
@4:30 @ FOSTER HS

REQUIREMENTS TO  
TRYOUT



CHEER TRYOUT  
OVERVIEW



Contact

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for more information

# Clubs & Activities

**\*MSA- Muslim Students Association**

**\*National Junior Honor Society (8<sup>th</sup> grade)- invite only at end of 7<sup>th</sup> grade year**

**\*Student Council**

**\*TSA- Technology Student Association (TSA Table available tonight in F Hall)**

**\*FCS- Fellowship of Christian Students**

**\*Junior FFA**

**\*Chess Club**

# Current 6<sup>th</sup> grade Course Selection REMINDERS:

- **LJH Counselors will be at WMS on 1/24 to meet with each student & input classes into Skyward.**
- **Parents are not responsible for inputting courses in Skyward.**
  - **Course Selection forms due by 1/22 to the designated box in the front office at Wessendorff**



# Current 7<sup>th</sup> grade Course Selection

## REMINDERS:

- You will select courses with the counselors the week of January 27<sup>th</sup> during PE.
- Please have an idea of what you would like to take.

LJH INCOMING 7th Grade Course  
Selection Sheet



LJH Incoming 8th Grade Course  
Selection Form



# **BLUE STAMPEDE**

**We are so excited to  
have you at LJH!**