Frequently Asked Registration Questions
8th grade

- Can I choose which electives I take as part of the Elective Wheel – or which trimester I take them?
  - No – the computer will randomly assign the course and the trimester within the wheel.
- Can I take a Leadership class and the Elective Wheel?
  - No. A period is reserved for students with 2 specialty electives and special education
- Can I take Leadership and Spanish?
  - Yes. IF we offer Spanish in A period as we have in the past.
- Can I be an Office Aide instead of Elective Wheel?
  - Yes – if you qualify, you must fill out an Aide application in addition to the Course Preference form. The Office Aide form is https://forms.gle/WWsprkEDLsaG6N7s8

    available on the LC Counseling website and available on the LC Counseling website https://www.lcmscounseling.org/
  - To qualify, you must have no N's, U's, D's or F's on your Semester 1 and 2 report card.
- Can I be an Office Aide?
  - Only with approval from Assistant Principal.
- Where do I get the application forms for Leadership?
  - The Leadership Information and Application link is https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Sdj9cc9IRvme2TaHQwgOufkewhKNcHQc1hNA415p8T8/edit?usp=sharing
  - Leadership applications are due on March 17, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Can I be an Office Aide and take an Elective Wheel too?
  - No. If you are and Office Aide can be your **ONLY** elective.
- Can I be a Peer Tutor?
  - Peer Tutors are selected by the teacher usually in Chorus, Band, Strings and occasionally Math.

If I choose a full year Elective (Band, Strings, Chorus, PSST, or ASB) and I want to change in the middle of the year, can drop?

- These are all **full year courses** and the master schedule is based on your **commitment to the full year**. If you decide that you want to take any of these classes, you will be making a **full year commitment** and you may not be able to change.

- How do I know which level of Band or Strings is right for me?
  - If you have never played before, sign up for Beginning Band / Strings. If you have one or more years of experience, sign up for Advanced Band / Strings and contact Mr. Freed or Mrs. Blake to arrange an audition.
- Can I take Band or Strings and Chorus?
  - Yes – **if the master schedule permits.** If you decide on this option, you must also take A Period PE class.
- Can I take band or strings if I have never played an instrument?
  - YES!!
- Can I take band or strings if I don't know which instrument I want to play?
  - Yes – Mr. Freed and Mrs. Blake will help you choose your instrument in the first week of school.
- Do I have to own an instrument to take band?
  - No – Mr. Freed and Mrs. Blake have some instruments available to loan out. Alternately, they will provide you information on where you can rent an instrument if you do not wish to purchase one.
- What period will Chorus be offered next year?
  - Not set yet.

- How can I get into the specialty chorus groups?
    - Students must audition with Mr. Goldstein for specialty groups.
- Can I leave early if I enroll in an "A" Period class?
    - No.
- Who qualifies for automatic placement into honors classes?
    - English and Social Studies: Students who receive A's or B's semester 1 and 2 of English 7H/Social Science 7H OR students who receive A's semester 1 and 2 of English 7CP/ Social Science 7CP.
    - Physical Science H: Students who receive A's in semester 1 and 2 of Life Science 7CP AND are enrolled in either Algebra 1CP or Algebra 1H.
    - Algebra 1 Honors: Students who receive A's and/or B's in semester 1 and 2 of Math 7 Accelerated.
        - If you are in Math 7CP and want to go to Algebra 1 CP, you must earn A's Semester 1 and Quarter 3 to qualify for Boost Camp and/or Self Study.
- If I don't automatically qualify for honors, is there another way to get in?
    - English, Social Studies, and Science: Students must complete and academic petition https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeixqyRsBMvimJBzQkr2aMmW-HeUlvxyY8iThfnfSYFj__aQ/viewform?usp=sf_link also found on the LC Counseling website https://www.lcmscounseling.org/
    - Petitions are due by June 6, 2025 and are not available after that date.
    - Math: Students who are currently in Math 7 CP can get into Algebra 1CP by either taking the Boost Camp during the summer OR they can self-study to take the test. Students must pass with the requisite score for placement.
- What happens if I don't complete the online course preference form?
    - The computer will randomly assign you to classes from the elective wheel.
- Do I need to complete the digital course preference form if I know that I am moving or not returning to Los Cerritos?
    - Yes – Section 1 only. We need to know whether or not to keep you on our roster •

When do I have to complete the online course preference form by?

- February 12, 2025. After that date the form will be closed and you will need to contact counseling to request the link to complete the course preference form.