

# FUTURE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COURSE PREFERENCE FORM

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A step by step guide  
to completing your  
8<sup>th</sup> grade course  
preference form.



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Course Preference form is a digital form that can be found on the LC Counseling website.

STEP 1: Provide an email address that is regularly checked in case we have any questions regarding your choices.

STEP 2: Complete all Basic Information; STUDENT'S name and home address:

## 8th Grade Course Preference Form\* Due by February 14, 2024

2024-2025 School Year

Email \*

Valid email

This form is collecting emails. [Change settings](#)

Student LAST Name \*

Short answer text

Student FIRST Name \*

Short answer text

Home Address \*

Short answer text

School Currently Attending \*

Short answer text



FORM DUE  
FEBRUARY  
14TH

Please provide the name of your current school even if it is LC

Be sure to provide the best number for us to contact you!

We need to know if you **WILL OR WILL NOT** Be attending Los Cerritos for 8<sup>th</sup> grade

School Currently Attending \*

Short answer text

Home Phone Number \*

Short answer text

Parent's Cell Phone Number \*

Short answer text

My Student Will Attend Los Cerritos Middle School for the 2023-2024 School Year \*

1. YES

2. NO

If NOT attending LCMS, please indicate what school you will be attending

Short answer text

# Now it is time to select your classes!!

Students who are Math 7 Accelerated and receive A's or B's are **AUTOMATICALLY** placed in Algebra 1 Honors

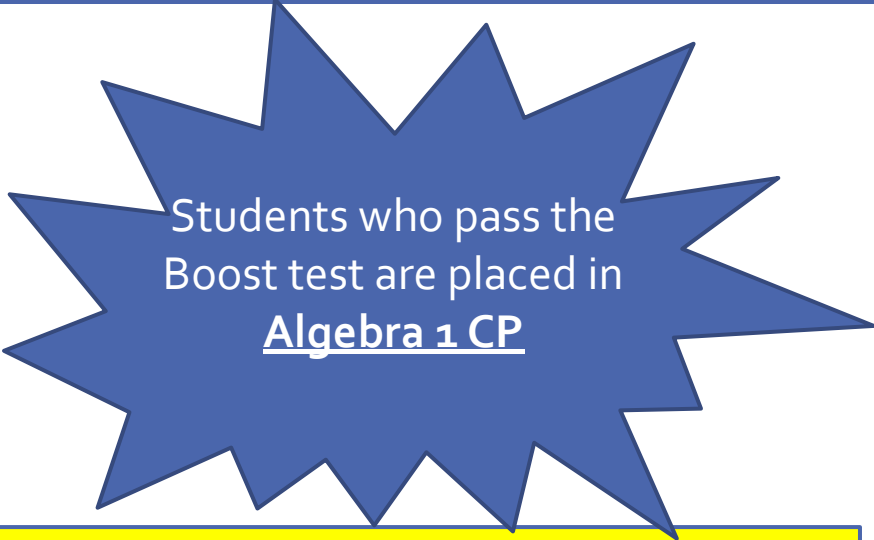
Students who are in Math 7 Accelerated and got C's are **AUTOMATICALLY** placed in Algebra 1 CP

Students who are in Math 7 CP will **AUTOMATICALLY** placed in Math 8 CP

Students who were in Algebra 1 Honors and got and A's or B's are **AUTOMATICALLY** placed in Geometry Honors.

Remember all students will be placed in

- English
- Math
- Social Science
- Science
- Physical Education



Students who pass the Boost test are placed in Algebra 1 CP

## Boost Camp Information

1. Students that have earned A's and B's in Math 7 CP are eligible to attend Boost Camp.
2. Boost Camp is a 4 week in-person summer course.
3. Students Must pass the Boost Camp Exam with a 70% or better to move up to Algebra 1 CP.

OR

Students can SELF STUDY and take the Boost Camp Exam and pass with a 70% or better.

# Now let us know if you are interested in Honors English or Social Science

To **AUTOMATICALLY** be placed in English or Social Science **HONORS**

- Current Honors Students **MUST** have A's or B's **BOTH** semesters.
- CP students **MUST** have A's **BOTH** semesters.

To **AUTOMATICALLY** be placed in Physical Science Honors

- Students must also be enrolled in Algebra 1 H or CP
- Must have A's **BOTH** semesters in Life Science

If you are interested in taking an Honors course but **DO NOT** **AUTOMATICALLY** qualify you can fill out an Academic Petition. Dept. Head and teachers review petitions and you find out if you are placed when you receive your schedule in August.

Check if interested in any of the following Honors classes

Completion of an Academic Petition is **REQUIRED** if you do not meet the pre-requisites listed above.

Deadline to submit a petition: June 7th 2024

Petitions are found here: <https://forms.gle/32uNBQYP7XEzLUWH9>

- English 8 Honors
- Social Studies 8 Honors
- Physical Science 8 Honors (Must be concurrently enrolled in Algebra).
- Algebra 1 Honors (ONLY Students currently enrolled in Math 7 Accelerated)
- Geometry Honors (ONLY Students Currently enrolled in Algebra 1 Honors)
- Algebra 1 CP (For students in 7CP who are taking Boost Camp this summer to try and qualify)

Academic Petitions must be completed for each subject you are requesting and are due by **June 7th, 2024.** **CLICK HERE** for Academic Petitions or go to the LC Counseling web page <https://www.lcmscounseling.org>

The Elective rotation is a 2 subject rotation; one subject each semester

Leadership has an additional application and there is a formal interview.

Advanced Band, Strings and Advanced Chorus require an audition. Contact Mr. Freed, Mrs. Blake or Mr. Goldstein with questions. Must be enrolled in Adv. Band to take Jazz Band

Spanish 1 is a rigorous high school level course that counts toward HS GPA and goes on HS transcript. Mandatory parent meeting.

Office/Teachers Aide can be your only elective and is based on availability. You must complete a separate application.

Using the drop down menu below, please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for an elective class:  
Please note that all requests are granted based on space availability. If your child only wants the Elective rotation, you may select that for both choices.

Please choose a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice elective in case we cannot honor your 1<sup>st</sup> choice due to scheduling conflicts.

#### First Choice Elective \*

1. Elective rotation: a two class rotation (Journalism, Wood or Intro to Spanish with one class per semester.
2. Advanced Woodshop (Yearlong commitment) Based on availability only.
3. Student Aide (Office or Teacher) \*If Available\* This will be your ONLY elective. May not have a 2nd elective ...
4. Spanish 1 (Yearlong commitment) High School Credit Course. \*Mandatory parent meeting required\*
5. Chorus (Yearlong commitment). No experience necessary.
6. Advanced Chorus (Yearlong commitment). Audition ONLY. Approval by Mr. Goldstein.
7. Beginning Band (Yearlong commitment) No experience necessary.
8. Advanced Band (Yearlong commitment) Approval by Mr. Freed.
9. Jazz Band (Yearlong commitment) Audition ONLY. Approval by Mr. Freed. \*Concurrent enrollment in Inter...
10. Beginning Strings (Yearlong commitment). No experience necessary.
11. Strings (Yearlong commitment) Minimum of 1 year experience. \*Chamber Orchestra available for select ...
12. Leadership (Yearlong commitment). Application and interview required. Deadline to apply: 3/16/2023. Li...

# Leadership

Leadership Requires a separate application & a formal panel interview.

Due by **March 28, 2024** **NO LATE** applications will be accepted.

Not all students who apply for Leadership are chosen

If you choose Leadership as a first choice elective be sure to choose a second elective.

[More Information](#)  
[Click Here](#)

[Leadership](#)  
[Application](#)



LC **ASB** Leadership Application Information & Links

Due Date: March 28, 2024

| Step                       | Explanation  | Link  |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Interest Sheet          | What exactly is a leadership class?<br>This sheet explains the application process and student obligations if you are chosen for leadership.   | <a href="#"><u>Interest Sheet</u></a>         |
| 2. Application             | This is a Google form application that will be sent to our leadership team for review.   | <a href="#"><u>Application</u></a>            |
| 3. Teacher recommendations | You will send this form to your current teacher to fill out.   | <a href="#"><u>Teacher Recommendation</u></a> |
| 4. Application Agreement   | Once your application has been submitted, you and your parents will be sent this form to digitally sign. This email also serves as your confirmation that your application was received. | <a href="#"><u>Application Agreement</u></a>  |

# Spanish 1

- Spanish 1 is a full year, high school level course. It will go on your high school transcript and count towards your high school GPA.
- There is a mandatory parent meeting for all students who wish to take Spanish.
- We offer 2 sections of Spanish one during the school day and possibly one in A period. Space is limited.

Elective rotation: a two class rotation (Art and Wood) with one class per semester.

Woodshop (Yearlong) Based on availability only.

Student Aide (Office or Teacher) \*If Available\* This will be your ONLY elective. May not have a 2nd elective Application Due March 16th: <https://www.lcmscounseling.org/student-aide-form.html>

Spanish 1 (Yearlong) High School Credit Course. \*Mandatory parent meeting required\*

Chorus (Yearlong). No experience necessary.

Advanced Chorus (Yearlong). Audition ONLY. Approval by Mr. Goldstein.

Beginning Band (Yearlong) No experience necessary.

Advanced Band (Yearlong) Approval by Mr. Freed.

Jazz Band (Yearlong) Audition ONLY. Approval by Mr. Freed. \*Concurrent enrollment in Intermediate, Advanced Band or Strings

Beginning Strings (Yearlong) No experience necessary.

Strings (Yearlong) Minimum of 1 year experience. \*Chamber Orchestra available for select advanced musicians enrolled in Strings, by audition only.

Leadership (Yearlong). Application and interview required. Deadline to apply: 3/16/2023. Link to application is below.

Pre-requisite for Spanish:

- A's & B's in English
- Cannot have any grades lower than a C in ANY CP/H level course



# Music Electives

If you have any questions regarding our music electives please reach out to the teacher directly. REMEMBER ALL MUSIC CLASSES ARE A ONE YEAR COMMITMENT.

Band/Intermediate/Advanced Band  
Mr. Freed – [Mfreed@conejousd.org](mailto:Mfreed@conejousd.org)

Beginning Strings/Strings  
Mrs. Blake – [Lblake@conejousd.org](mailto:Lblake@conejousd.org)

Chorus/Advanced Chorus  
Mr. Goldstein – [Ggoldstein@conejousd.org](mailto:Ggoldstein@conejousd.org)

If you selected Strings please indicate Instrument played (Violin, Viola or Cello)  
AND number of years

For questions about Strings/Orchestra, contact Mrs. Blake at [lblake@conejousd.org](mailto:lblake@conejousd.org)

Your answer

For questions about Band, contact Mr. Freed at [Mfreed@conejousd.org](mailto:Mfreed@conejousd.org)

For questions about Chorus, contact Mr. Goldstein at [ggoldstein@conejousd.org](mailto:ggoldstein@conejousd.org)

**Adv. Band, Strings and  
Advance Chorus require an  
audition.**

# Office Aide or Teacher Assistant

- Office Aide/TA is only available IF students schedule allows and a position is available.
- Office Aide/TA only available to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Office Aide/TA can be your only elective. No A period.
- Must complete a separate application to be an Office/Teachers Aide found on the LC counseling website.

Elective rotation: a two class rotation (Art and Wood) with one class per semester.

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Teachers/Office Aide application  
can be found on the LC counseling  
website.

<https://www.lcmscounseling.org/>

# "A" Period Classes

Please indicate on the form if you are interested in an "A" period class.

An "A" period schedule is a 7 period day with 2 electives. The day starts at 8:04 a.m. and ends at 3:10 p.m.


There is no early release with an "A" period schedule.

Classes offered during "A" period are based on interest and our master schedule.

We do our best to honor requests but requesting "A" period does not guarantee placement.

I am interested in an "A" period, 7 period day. If schedule allows and I meet the qualifications listed below. I understand that there is no early dismissal.\*If your student would like two electives (7 period day, 8:04-3:10) please indicate that below.

7 Period Day Qualifications: Students who qualify for a 7 period day must have selected two of the following classes: Band, Strings, Leadership, Choir, ELD and/or Special Education elective.



Students must have 2 SPECIALTY ELECTIVES Spanish, Band, Strings, Leadership, Chorus, ELD, Special Ed. To qualify for A period

# Things to remember

- Please choose a first and second choice elective.
- Please indicate on the form if you are interested in an "A" period class.
- Please indicate if you are interested in Algebra/Boost Camp
- Remember you can only take Physical Science Honors if you are enrolled in Algebra 1 CP or Honors
- Teachers/Office Aide can be your ONLY elective. You cannot have A period.
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Students must have 2 SPECIALTY ELECTIVES Spanish, Band, Strings, Leadership, Chorus, ELD, Special Ed. To qualify for A period

If you don't automatically qualify for an honors course you can complete an Academic Petition

Check Counseling website <https://www.lcmscounseling.org/> OR reach out to Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Poe or Mrs. Well in Counseling with any questions!