

Deerlake Middle School

Course Request Form 25-26 SY



Student Name _____ Elementary School: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

6th Grade

Important Information- Please read and review the front and back of this document carefully. Each student enrolled in a Leon County middle school **must pass three courses of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies to promote to high school.** Parents and students must sign each part of this request and return it by **Friday, March 28, 2025.**

Instructional Levels/Placement Criteria

All 6th graders will be enrolled in four (4) core academic and two (2) elective selections. Course levels for language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies will be determined by FAST scores, prognosis testing, and current academic standings.

Students scoring in the lowest 25% of the FAST Reading may be required to receive additional intensive reading intervention per *Florida Statute, 1008.25*. This will replace an elective.

Parental Placement Overrides

Parents who feel their student can handle more rigorous courses may request their student be assigned to a course other than the recommended course. In such cases, a parent may request an override **prior** to the start of the school year to place the student in a level of course desired by the parent. **This override will be honored and maintained throughout the year regardless of a student's grade or academic achievement. Please contact the school to obtain an override form.** Completing an override form does not guarantee placement in a different course but allows for a different placement if there is availability in the course.

Signature and Confirmation

The master schedule of Deerlake Middle School is based upon the courses you were assigned or selected on this document. Changes to schedules will not be made once the scheduling process is complete unless there is a JUSTIFIABLE REASON for making the change. **A change of mind regarding an elective choice, classroom peers or locations are not JUSTIFIABLE REASONS.** Parents and students must sign each part of this request as documentation that you viewed both sides of this document carefully in regards to your options and choices and return it by **March 28, 2025.**

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____ Date _____

"The Leon County School District does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, sex (including transgender, gender nonconforming, and gender identity), marital status, disability, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or genetic information."

Elective Selection

Physical Education is required of each 6th grader per Florida Statute 1003.455. The requirement will be waived for a student who is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial class; or if a parent indicates in writing that the student wishes to enroll in another course. **Students opting out of P.E. must attach a parent letter requesting such an option and choose an additional elective.**

Students should select their choices by ranking them **1 to 5**. **Elective choices are not guaranteed.** Students not returning a course request will receive an elective chosen by the administration. Semester selection require TWO choices for a full year.

- **Band 1** – Beginning band. Learn to play a brass, wind, or percussion instrument. You can own, rent, or borrow an instrument from school. See the Band Director about **Band 2 or 3** if you already play. May have additional fees. **FULL YEAR COURSE.**
- **Career Research & Planning** – This course will explore careers in agriculture and conservation specific to Florida outdoor industries. **FULL YEAR COURSE**
- **Chorus 1** - Chorus members participate in small and large group performances throughout the year. **FULL YEAR COURSE.**
- **Fantasy Literature** - Fantasy Literature will lead students through classic novels study including *Mary Poppins*, *The Children of Green Knowles* and *Peter Pan*. **Linked to Theatre 1 and may not be changed at the semester.**
- **Guitar 1** - Designed to provide students with the fundamentals of playing the acoustic guitar and perform in a concert setting. **FULL YEAR COURSE.**
- **Math Research** ** - **Students must apply for this course.** Students practice advanced math and competition applications. Math competition schedule includes some out-of-town locations. **FULL YEAR COURSE. Contact kingt@leonschools.net.**
- **Music Keyboard** – Students will learn the basics of music theory and playing the digital keyboard. This course advances to Keyboard 2. **FULL YEAR COURSE.**
- **Orchestra 1** – Beginning orchestra. Learn to play a brass, wind, or percussion instrument. You can own, rent, or borrow an instrument from school. See the Ms. Dollar about **Orchestra 2 or 3** if you already play. **FULL YEAR COURSE.**
- **Physical Education** - The physical education program (P.E.) is designed to develop competencies in physical fitness, body-management skills, skills related to throwing, catching, striking with the body, striking with objects and strategies. Students will be required to dress in a functional physical education clothes to participate. **FULL YEAR COURSE.**
- **STEM 1** - Through science, technology, engineering and math students solve real world problems. Students will develop their teamwork, collaboration, logical reasoning and communication skills through project-based learning. **Linked to Art 1.**
- **Theatre 1** - This course provides for the study of drama in performance, dialogue and improvisation. May require lab fee. **Linked to Fantasy Literature and may not be changed at the semester.**
- **Visual Art 1** – This course is designed to allow students with a basic understanding of the artistic expression of ideas through 2D and 3D media to improve and advance in their creative skills. **Linked to STEM and may not be changed.**

COURSE SELECTIONS – RANK YOUR PREFERENCES IN ORDER USING 1-5

____ Band 1	____ Guitar 1	_1_ P.E. If you are NOT choosing PE, parent must submit a written explanation to Ms. Oliveri at oliverir@leonschools.net
____ Chorus	____ Math Research** ____ Teacher Initial – Ms. King REQUIRES AN APPLICATION	____ Career Research & Planning – Agriculture and Conservation
____ Fantasy Literature (Semester) ____ Theatre 1 (Semester) This class is linked pair. Students may NOT change selection at the semester	____ Music Keyboard 1 ____ Orchestra 1	____ STEM 1 (Semester) ____ Visual Art 1 (Semester) This class is linked pair. Students may NOT change selection at the semester.

****Students must apply for this course. Contact the course instructor for information and deadlines.**