



# Leawood Middle School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Enrollment 2023-2024

MS Programming Guide



**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Required Courses

English, Science, Social Studies, and Math are required full year courses. PE is a required semester course. In addition to those courses, students may choose elective courses totaling 5 semesters. Information regarding all course options may be found on the QR code above or on the website, [www.bluevalleyk12.org](http://www.bluevalleyk12.org), under Academics, Middle School.

### Math Courses

Students will enroll in one of the following courses. Additional information may be found on the back of this form and the website. Please **mark** one of the options below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Integrated Mathematics 8

\_\_\_\_\_ Algebra 1

### Elective Courses

Elective courses are either semester or full year courses (2 semesters). Students will have 5 semesters of elective courses. Please indicate your selections below.

#### Music and World Language

Please indicate your desire to take a course by **marking** the corresponding line.

\_\_\_\_\_ Band 8 (2 semesters) Previous Band experience required.

\_\_\_\_\_ Strings 8 (2 semesters) Previous Strings experience required.

\_\_\_\_\_ Vocal Music 8 Full Year (2 semesters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Vocal Music 8 Semester (1 semester)

\_\_\_\_\_ Spanish 2 (2 semesters) Completion of Spanish 1B is required.

Spanish 2 may count for HS credit. Grades would be factored into HS GPA.

\_\_\_\_\_ French 2 (2 semesters) Completion of French 1B is required.

French 2 may count for HS credit. Grades would be factored into HS GPA.

#### Additional Elective Courses

**Please rank the following courses from 1 (first choice) to 11 (last choice).** All courses are 1 semester. Also, Online PE\* is an option during first semester, and is taken in addition to classes taken during the school day. It is completed at home, after school hours. Contact the counselors to discuss this option.

\_\_\_\_\_ Theatrical Production 8

\_\_\_\_\_ Design & Robotics 8

\_\_\_\_\_ Code Studio 8

\_\_\_\_\_ Modern Communications 8

\_\_\_\_\_ Digital Media & Design 8

\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Engineering 8\*

\_\_\_\_\_ My Style 8\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Study Hall 8 (Space is limited)

\_\_\_\_\_ Visual Arts 8\* (Taking Art 6, 7, and 8 waives the art prerequisite in HS)

\_\_\_\_\_ Exploring Foods 8\* (Taking this class will waive the prerequisite for a few HS foods classes)

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional semester of PE (Space is limited)

**\*Note:** Class has a fee. **\*\*Note:** Additional cost for student projects.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

## Important Points to Consider

This document is used to create your class schedule. We work hard to enroll each student in the classes that have been selected and give students their top elective choices. However, class size, staff availability, and time slots may impact the student's schedule.

Please review the following checklist prior to turning in your completed form.

- Select one math course
- Review the elective course list
- If your student has an IEP, please consult your child's case manager before completing the enrollment form.
- Thoughtfully rank the additional elective courses

If you have any questions, please contact:

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### MOVING?

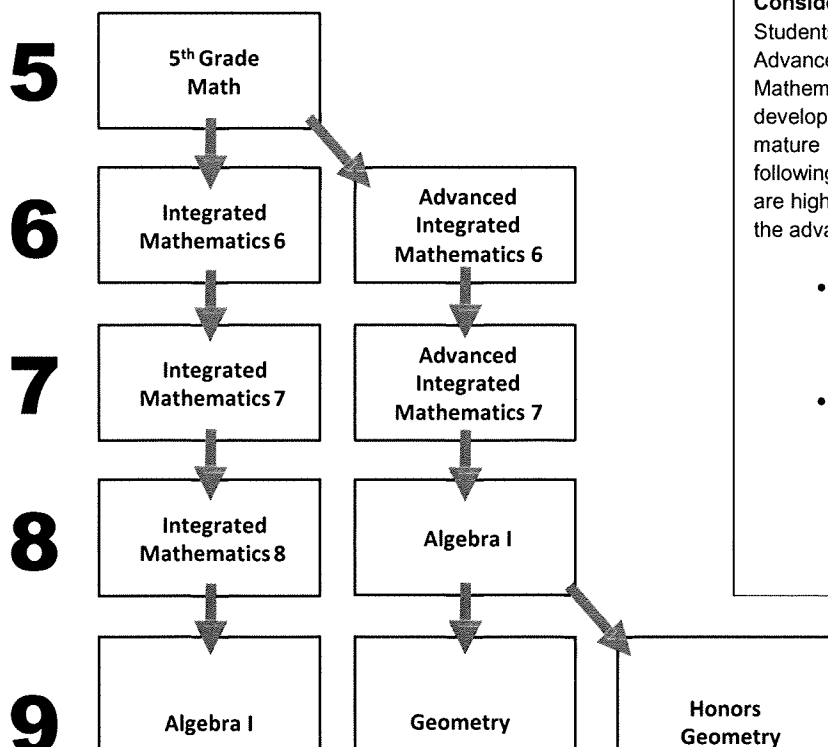
If you are planning to move, please contact  
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### Dear Families:

As we begin the enrollment process, we want you to be aware of the math progression as a student transitions from elementary to middle to high school. The chart below details the math progression from 5<sup>th</sup> grade math into high school.

The requirement for graduation from a high school in the Blue Valley School District is 3 credits (6 semesters of passing grades) in math courses at the high school. Pre-Algebra does not count towards Board of Regents requirements.

For Board of Regents qualified admissions into a Regents' University, students graduating from an accredited Kansas High School must have an ACT score of 21 or higher or an SAT score of 1060 or higher, or complete 4 credits of Math including Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, with one unit taken in the graduating year.



#### **Considering Moving to Advanced Math?**

Students may move from Integrated Mathematics 6 to Advanced Integrated Mathematics 7 or from Integrated Mathematics 7 to Algebra 1, as students may become more developmentally ready for **advanced** math classes as they mature and grow; so, a move to an advanced class the following year is possible, but the following considerations are highly-recommended in order to best ensure success in the advanced course:

- There are two distinct curricula for regular and advanced classes, so moving to an advanced class **will create some learning and knowledge gaps**.
- This gap will have to be addressed on the student's time before the beginning of the following school year. **Students may fill this gap by attending a summer course that Blue Valley offers.** Costs will be determined by summer school.