

# 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection – 2020-2021



Christensen Middle School  
March 2020

# Course Selections

Required courses include –

--English and Social Studies

- Grade-Level English **AND** Grade-Level Social Studies (2 periods)
- Honors English **AND** Honors Social Studies (2 periods)

-- Physical Education

-- Science

- Science (7th grade)
- Science (8th grade)

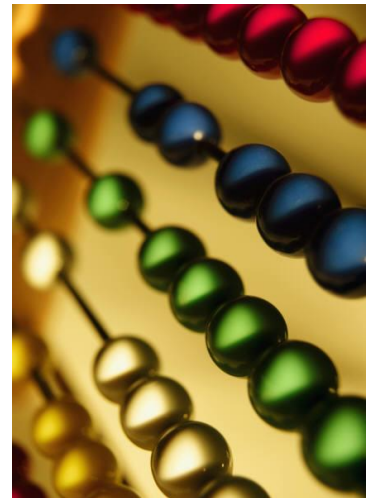


# Required Courses . . .

## --Mathematics

- Math 7
- Math 7B/8, Accelerated
- Math 8
- Algebra 1

Math placement will be determined using the LVJUSD Math Placement Matrix which includes CAASPP test scores, placement assessments, grades, and teacher recommendation.



# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- Yearlong (Choose one)
  - Art, Advanced
  - Band, Advanced and Intermediate
  - Environmental Science
  - Leadership
  - Orchestra, Advanced and Intermediate
  - Resource (Spec. Ed. Students only)
  - Spanish 1A
  - Spectrum (Academic Skills/Art/Life Skills)
  - STEM 1 (Science Technology Engineering Math)
  - Student Assistant
  - Vocal Music
  - Yearbook



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

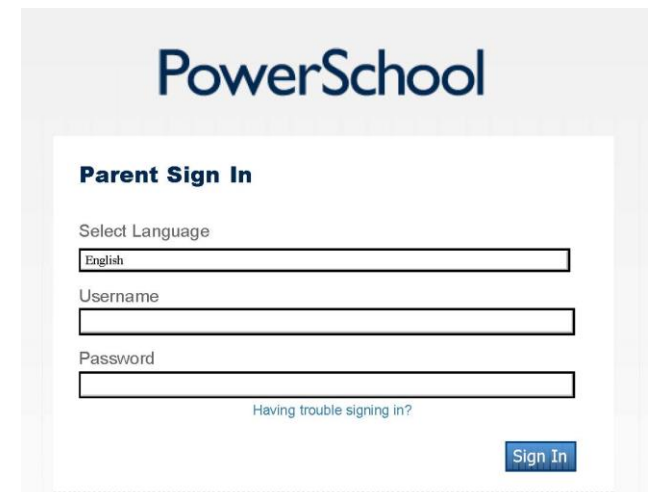
- Yearlong (Choose one)
  - Art, Advanced
  - Band, Advanced
  - Environmental Science
  - Leadership
  - Orchestra, Advanced
  - Resource (Spec. Ed. Students only)
  - Spanish 1B (prerequisite - C or higher in Spanish 1A)
  - Spectrum (Academic Skills/Art/Life Skills)
  - STEM 1 (Science Technology Engineering Math)
  - STEM 2 (prerequisite – C or higher in STEM 1)
  - Student Assistant
  - Vocal Music Performance
  - Yearbook



# Course Selection Process

- Go online to choose electives:  
[www.livermoreschools.org/Domain/101](http://www.livermoreschools.org/Domain/101)
- In the **2020-2021 Online Course Selection** item in the Headline and Features Section, we have the course descriptions for all grades and the link to the **PowerSchool Login**. Click on the PowerSchool Login link to complete the course selection process.

- Username: Student ID
- Password: Student Birth Date (mmddyyyy)  
example: January 1, 2008 (01012008)



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool login interface. At the top, the 'PowerSchool' logo is displayed in blue. Below it, the heading 'Parent Sign In' is shown. The form includes a 'Select Language' dropdown menu with 'English' selected. There are three input fields: 'Username', 'Password', and a field for the birth date. A 'Sign In' button is located at the bottom right of the form. A link for 'Having trouble signing in?' is positioned below the password field.



# Course Selection Process

- Complete the online course selection with your parent

Due date: Window open from March 13, 2020  
until April 17, 2020



# Keep in Mind that . . .

- Elective courses offered may change even AFTER you have signed up
- There are no guarantees you will get what you sign up for!
- 7th Graders can have first OR second lunch -- prepare yourselves.





# Consider carefully!

- If you do not select your elective preferences, electives will be chosen for you. You will not be given an opportunity to change them in that case.
- If your 2nd choice is the same as your 1st choice and the office is not able to accommodate your elective choice, the administration will choose an alternate elective for you.
- If you know you will not be attending Christensen next year, please let the office know.



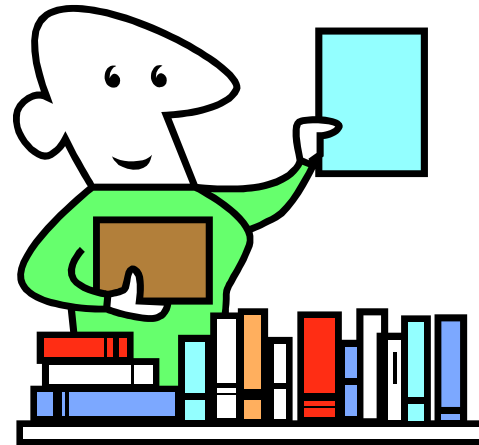
# Honors Core at Christensen

- How it can help you succeed in middle school, high school and beyond...



# Honors Criteria

- Grades
- District Write Score
- Teacher Reference



# Why Take Honors?

- Independent Learning
- Challenging Assignments
- More Class Discussion
- More Group Work
- Higher Level Thinking the Norm



# Webb's Depth of Knowledge: 4 Levels

## **Level 1: Recall and Reproduction**

Requires eliciting information such as a fact, definition, term, or a simple procedure, as well as performing a simple algorithm or applying a formula.

## **Level 2: Basic Skills and Concepts**

Requires the engagement of some mental processing beyond a recall of information.

## **Level 3: Strategic Thinking and Reasoning**

Requires reasoning, planning, using evidence, and explanations of thinking.

## **Level 4: Extended Thinking**

Requires complex reasoning, planning, developing, and thinking most likely over an extended period of time.



# I Should Consider Honors If I...

- Am completely comfortable with a grade-level textbook
- Read independently and enjoy it
- Find myself with extra time in core
- Like challenges
- Enjoy reading
- Love to Write



# How Is Honors Different?

- Less time with Social Studies textbook
- More time with primary sources
- More in-depth research
- Higher expectations on projects
- More time spent on the finer points of writing



# Can I Do This And Still Have A Life?

YES! Many students...

- Play basketball
- Play volleyball
- Play baseball/softball
- Play in band/orchestra
- Sing in choirs or solo
- Act
- Lead clubs





# How Will This Prepare Me for High School and Beyond?

- Note-taking, research
- Essay writing
- Oral presentation skills
- Connections & high-level thinking
- Owning your future



BUILDING A  
BRIGHT FUTURE

