



# Alice B. Landrum Middle School

## 2025-2026 Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course Offerings

The LMS Elective program encourages our students to pursue interests and passions beyond the core curriculum. Please keep an open mind when choosing electives. Constraints in the master schedule, adjusting class size and enrollment in specialized courses (i.e. Intensive Reading, and/or classes with singleton offerings) MAY cause your student to be enrolled in a course other than the ones he/she selects below. Be aware that difficulties may arise, and your preference will be used, however the rank order is not guaranteed.

**Schedule:** All students will have 4 core classes PLUS 3 elective course offerings

6<sup>th</sup> grade students ***must*** take:

### **Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Essentials 1**

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the computer, digital and informational technology skills necessary for success in their future academic and occupational goals. In addition to fundamental computer information, the content includes - but is not limited to - digital technologies associated with presentation, and graphics editing software, word processing, internet communications and cybersecurity. Instruction and learning procedures use equipment, materials, and technology appropriate to the course content and in accordance with current practices and standards.

**LMS Course Intent:** This course supports the content of assignments and projects in core academic courses.

### **Physical Education (PE) Semester Courses (1) Fitness, (2) Dance/Gymnastics**

Our school mission in Physical Education is to have each student participate and give his or her personal best in each activity/skill taught. We will accomplish this by emphasizing the importance of play and lifetime skills such as sportsmanship and etiquette, knowledge of rules, skill enhancement, teamwork, and cooperation with others during their Physical Education class time. We consider it essential to teach healthy lifestyles by emphasizing the value of physical activity and healthy nutrition choices that will last a lifetime. **\* PE uniforms will be available for purchase through our PTO.**

### **Elective Courses**

6<sup>th</sup> grade students may choose between:

#### **Art 1**

Course Description: Students explore media and techniques used to create a variety of 2-D artwork through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking and collage. Students practice, sketch, and manipulate the structural elements of art. **\*\*A studio donation of \$15 provides a sketchbook and expendable materials such as clay, paint and paper.\*\***

**Band 1 No experience required.** \*Financial commitment required for instruments or instrument rental. Students with little or no instrumental experience develop foundational instrumental technique, foundational music literacy, and aesthetic musical awareness through rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality band literature. Instrumentalists work on the fundamentals of music notation, sound production, instrument care and maintenance, and personal and group rehearsal strategies. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals.



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### **Drama 1**

Students learn the basics of the Theatre Arts pantomime, improvisation, and group scenes. Students also learn the importance of technical theatre and explore the use of such elements as costumes, props, and scenery. In class performance will showcase learned skills.

### **Exploring Music 1**

Students with little or no vocal or instrumental experience develop basic foundational skills and knowledge, including music theory, technique, musicianship and ensemble skills. Students also explore different genres of music and learn about the benefits of music study. Students may be required to attend one or more performances outside of the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

### **Guitar 1**

The purpose of this course is to enable students with little or no experience to develop basic guitar skills and knowledge, including simple and full-strum chords, strumming patterns, playing/singing simple melodies, foundational music theory, parts of the guitar, and ensemble skills. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom

### **Journalism 1**

The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop fundamental skills in the production of journalism across print, multimedia, web, and broadcast/radio platforms and to become aware of journalism history, careers, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media. Some activities may be required outside of the school day. Students will develop and produce *The Predator*, the Landrum Middle School newspaper, which is distributed to the entire school through our website [LandrumToday.com](http://LandrumToday.com). In addition, this course will introduce students to the world of news magazine video production, desktop publishing, including photography, design and layout and writing and reading across different media platforms, including yearbook design, photography, sales, and production.