

ELECTIVES

Please see your elective choices listed below for the 2022-2023 school year. You will need to fill out the online form with the choices possible for your next year's grade. It's not always possible to honor all student's requests, but we will make every effort to select one of the 3 choices. If you do not make 3 choices, the Counselor might have to make the selection for you. You will have one submission only, so please read over the Elective definitions prior to being certain of your 3 choices before you submit them. Thank you.

Mr. Kline, Mrs. Michelson and Mrs. Hatton.

Art Exploration

6-8th Grade

Artists such as Rembrandt, Monet, Renoir, Picasso, Van Gogh and Escher are a sampling of artists that all had their own styles of art. Do you know what influenced them to create their art? What did they struggle with in their lives in the world they lived in? Take a glimpse into the lives of some of these artists and try out your own artistic skills after studying the techniques and lives of some of these artists!

ASB/Leadership 7-8th

The ASB/Leadership class is a year long elective course that will explore different leadership and character development traits. We will also develop and implement different school wide activities that will provide opportunities for the students of Las Colinas to feel better connected to the school environment. We need dependable, self driven students who are able to work in a team environment and understand the importance of making a commitment. This elective will be offered to all grade levels.

6th Grade Leadership

The 6th grade Leadership class is a year long elective class that will focus on serving the needs of the Las Colinas student body in order to promote connectedness to our school through various activities. We will focus on developing leadership and character traits that will help students be role models for their peers. We need dependable, self driven students who are able to work in a team environment and understand the importance of making a commitment to Las Colinas.

Beginning Spanish

Grades 6-8th

This fun, interactive class for middle school students is designed for students to learn the fundamentals of the Spanish language while also studying the culture of several Spanish speaking countries. This class introduces the students to everyday language and includes activities to practice all four language skills: understanding, reading, writing, and speaking. The activities we do in and outside of the class will be used to bring the language and the Hispanic/ Latino cultures to life to the students. This is a class with lots of speaking. It will be fun mixed in with some work.

Advanced Spanish

Grades 6-8th

An advanced class that focuses on grammar, vocabulary building, speaking and writing. This will be an engaging and highly participatory class for students that have taken a Spanish class before or students that are new to the language and want a challenge. Native speakers are also encouraged to take this class to perfect their writing and understanding of the grammar aspect of the language. This class will also have some cultural aspects to it as well as some history of the Spanish language. Taking this class will prepare you for high school Spanish. Many of the students that take this class can test into Spanish 2 in high school



Aviation and Space Science (AeroSpace) 6-8th

Aviation and Space Science is designed to introduce students to the basics of aerodynamic flight and space flight. What makes an airplane fly? How is lift created on a wing? How do airplanes use control surfaces to steer an airplane in the 3 axis of rotation? What is the “sound barrier”, how did we break it, and what is the physics behind it? And finally the most popular question of all... Is it actually possible to throw a paper airplane across Mr. Robbins’ elective classroom and not get in trouble? Answers to these questions and more are just a few of the exciting topics addressed in the aviation portion of the elective. Through a mix of hands-on experimentation, model building, and standards based physics lessons, students will discover and apply aerodynamics in a fun way that they will always remember.

In the space science portion of this elective course, hands-on (STEM) discovery lessons along with classroom demonstrations will give students a broad understanding on a variety of space related topics.

Speech

Grades 7-8th

Get ready to master a life skill, public speaking and being a part of a well-recognized winning team! Students will learn how to present themselves through a variety of categories such as: Storytelling, Dramatic, Oratorical, Sight Reading, Dual Interpretation, Creative Dual, Expository, Thematic, Improvisation, Dual, Poetry, TV Dual, and Humorous.

Band

6-8th Grades

Do you play an instrument? Would you like to?

Do you enjoy challenging yourself and making new friends?

Do you want to be part of a dynamic organization on campus?

Come join the Las Colinas Band! Information is available on my teacher webpage <https://www.pleasantvalleysd.org/Page/6531> and you can email me with questions at rcopsey@pleasantvalleysd.org or fill out a short survey

[Band Survey](#)

Las Colinas offers 3 levels of instrumental music as a year-long class.:

Beginning Band - No previous musical experience? No problem! Join the Beginning Band and have fun learning how to play a musical instrument in a group setting. Instruction is available for the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone and Baritone. **Now** is the chance for students in any grade level to build a skill that can be fun for a lifetime! And it's even possible to borrow some instruments from the School District.

Intermediate Band - Students with at least 1 year of experience on a band or other instrument may join the LCS Intermediate Band. Students will develop their technique and teamwork skills while playing a variety of music and performing at several different events throughout the school year. Percussion, starting with bells (xylophone) is also available. At the beginning of the year, students may also decide to change instruments from what they have played before.

Advanced Band - 7th and 8th grade students with more than 2 years of experience on a band instrument may audition to join the Las Colinas Advanced Band. Students will continue to develop their technique and teamwork skills and play a wide variety of music from rock/pop to classical to jazz. LCS Advanced Band students perform at a variety of events throughout the school year.

Consumer Math

6th

Consumer math utilizes math skills to apply to real life situations such as buying a car, budgeting your money, investing, paying taxes, etc... Topics presented are realistic & help build math vocabulary.

Music Appreciation

6-8th

Music Appreciation / From Ragtime to Rock

A whirlwind journey through lots of music from Ragtime & Blues, to early jazz & Big Band, to Folk & Country, to Pop & Rock of the 1950's, '60's, & '70's. We will include some beginning playing of instruments on easy songs, with recorders, xylophones, and percussion. The emphasis is listening to and comparing a variety of music.

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Music Appreciation / with Digital Applications

A journey through listening to lots of music from the 20th Century (1900 - 1970's), but with emphasis on music structure. We will include a number of digital applications which allow beginning music composition, with chord progressions and developing melodies and harmonies.

DRAMA

6-8th

Looking for a creative outlet? Then this is the class for you! The class will develop acting, voice, gesturing, and most importantly, confidence.

Opportunities in this elective include participation in an acting role, set design, and costuming. If you have an interest in honing any of these skills, sign up for drama. This class will be taught by Ms. Schatz who also runs the award winning competitive speech team and ELA.

Yearbook

Grades 7-8th

This is a yearlong elective course. In this class you will be responsible for completing the school yearbook that will capture the best moments of the school year. We will be focusing on a variety of different skills. As the year progresses, students will also be engaging in writing/journalism based activities, photography exercises, and computer layout/design exercises. As yearbook staff members you will be working in teams on different job related groups. You need to be dependable, responsible and a team player.

Basketball Conditioning

7-8th

This elective will allow Mustang **basketball team players** the opportunity to grow as an individual player as well as becoming a better teammate. Participants will learn to improve their footwork, dribbling, passing, and shooting through exciting drills, games and activities. We will use basketball to help kids build character, promote good sportsmanship, and develop leadership skills. We will not only provide a fundamental base for each young player, but will also aim to have fun and provide an enjoyable experience for everyone. Our goal is that every player is being taught the game the right way!

Advanced Art

7-8th

Advanced Art will be designed for the students who have already taken Art Exploratory. Students will encounter a new curriculum, while studying artists and their different contributions to the world of Art! The projects will be a new course of study and explore different mediums.

County Class Aide

Grades 7th - 8th

The Cross Age Tutoring or Peer Tutor program is a buddy system which involves daily participation in a VCOE operated special day classroom for students with moderate to severe disabilities. Under the supervision of the classroom teacher, classmates from the general education assist in the special education environment serving as models for communication, behavior, and socialization.

Open to seventh and eighth graders. You need to be able to follow directions closely from the Class Instructors. Some of the students in these classes have difficulty in communication and walking. At times you will work inside and outside of the classroom. You must maintain a 2.0 GPA all year and maintain "S"'s (satisfactory citizenship) on your report card. The Class Instructors and the Counselor will select the aides from a list of candidates.

Office Aide

8th Grade

The office is looking for friendly, hardworking eighth grade students only to join our office team and help work with parents, students and teachers. Responsibilities include but are not limited to... greeting parents and students, preparing and delivering call slips and assisting office staff with various general office duties such as: sorting mail, alphabetizing, counting documents for class sets, collating documents, etc. You must maintain a 3.0 GPA all year and you must have (satisfactory citizenship) on your report card from the last quarter of the 7th grade. The Office Staff will select the aides from the list of candidates.

Classroom Aide

8th Grade

Open to eighth graders only. You must maintain a 2.0 GPA all year and you must maintain at least “S”s (satisfactory citizenship) on your report card from the last quarter of the 7th grade or next year in the 8th grade. You can write in 2 names of current teachers as a possible choice. The teachers will select their aides from a list of candidates.

WEB

(8th grade Leaders)

(Where Everybody Belongs)

WHAT'S WEB? You must have been through the summer training to qualify for this class. WEB Leaders are 8th graders, who have been trained to work with incoming 6th graders or any new student that enrolls into Las Colinas School. You and a partner will have a small group of about ten 6th graders and/or new enrollees that you will guide, mentor and lead through the year.

P.E. Aide

8th Grade

Open to eighth graders only. You must be a good role model to other students and be able to follow directions from the teacher.

The activities/jobs you will be expected to do in your capacity as a PE aide may include but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Reminding students to sit quietly on their number as they are waiting for their teacher to begin class.
- ◆ Setting up and taking down equipment as directed by your teacher.
- ◆ Recording times/scores of fitness tests as directed by your teacher.
- ◆ Escorting students to different areas of the PE facilities.
- ◆ Referee games
- ◆ Take attendance to the office
- ◆ Getting medical packets for students on medical notes
- ◆ Take used loaner clothes to and from Mrs. Kasper's room to be washed.

You must maintain a 2.0 GPA all year and you must maintain at least "satisfactory" citizenship in all classes on your report card from the last quarter of the 7th grade year or next year in the 8th grade. You can write in 2 names of current teachers as a possible choice. The teachers will select their aides from a list of candidates. Both you and your parent(s) will be required to sign a detailed agreement that you understand the importance of this role.

