

Lake Gibson Middle School

6th grade Course Descriptions

Agriculture (*one semester paired with keyboarding*) Instruction in plant science, animal science, soil science, agricultural mechanics, natural resources and conservation. Student have the opportunity to participate in the Future Farmers of America club.

Art (*one semester paired with keyboarding*) Students will expand their drawing talents with this introductory art course. Students will experiment with different media and techniques to create unique works of art. They will begin by developing basic drawing skills. Students will be incorporating different media into their works of art. Students will explore mediums like colored pencil, oil pastel, chalk, and watercolor paint. Their talents will displayed throughout year in displays, and in art shows.

Business Keyboarding (*one semester paired with other one semester courses*) This course includes an introduction to keyboarding, word processing, electronic presentation, computer hardware, internet and skills for business applications. Instruction and learning takes place in a computer lab setting using hands-on experiences with technology.

Medical (*one semester paired with keyboarding*) The medical field is among the fastest growing industries today. Whether your career goal is to work in a hospital, emergency medicine, or in allied health, this track will begin to teach you the skills needed to get started. Through class work and hands-on experience, students gain background knowledge in anatomy, medical terminology, and disease processes, as well as learn skills like taking vital signs, providing patient care and strapping a patient to a backboard.

Power (*one semester paired with keyboarding*) Students will practice communication, leadership and employability skills and explore how to apply their personality, preferences, and skills to choosing a career field. In preparation for the 7th grade course, students will explore concepts related to force, motion, and different forms of energy. Activities include online research, interactive labs and hands-on engineering / construction projects. (\$5.00 Lab Fee)

Video (*one semester paired with keyboarding – application can be found on LGMS website*) Lake Gibson Middle School's award-winning Video Production Team is responsible for producing a daily news program, "The Shark Zone." Students are responsible for developing show ideas, writing scripts, creating graphics, operating cameras and editing shows, stories and segments. Students work on Apple computers and use the programs Final Cut Pro, Motion and Garageband. This course may require students to participate in activities beyond the school day. (\$10 Lab Fee) Submit application to LGMS Video teacher.

AVID (*yearlong course – application can be found on LGMS website*) Students develop organizational and study skills, learn strategies to enhance their academic work in all classes, practice critical thinking, and increase confidence in their academic abilities. Students participate in motivational activities that introduce them to various colleges and careers. Submit application to Mrs. Wiggs, Assistant Principal.

Beginning Band (*yearlong course*) Students with little or no instrumental experience learn instrumental technique, foundational music literacy, and musical awareness through rehearsal, performance, and study of band literature. Students work on the fundamentals of music notation, sound production, instrument care and maintenance, and personal and group rehearsal strategies. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day.

Beginning Chorus (*yearlong course*) Students with little or no choral experience develop beginning vocal technique and skills, critical and creative thinking skills, and an appreciation of music from around the world and through time. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day.

Beginning Orchestra (*yearlong course*) Students who have little, or no experience on violin, viola, cello, or bass, study the development of foundational instrumental ensemble techniques, performance skills, music literacy, and aesthetic awareness. Students may be required to participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day. This course may also require students to obtain a musical instrument from an outside source.

Computer Applications in Business 1 / 2 (*yearlong course*) The content includes instruction in intermediate keyboarding, word processing, electronic presentation, computer hardware, Internet, introductory spreadsheet, and soft skills for business applications.

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Yearbook (*yearlong course – application can be found on LGMS website*) The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop basic skills in the production of print media. Hands-on activities are integral to this course. This course may require students to participate in activities beyond the school day. Submit application to LGMS Yearbook teacher.