



8TH GRADE REGISTRATION

FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

8TH GRADE REGISTRATION: ACADEMY PREFERENCES

- **Students and their family must indicate preferences for the four PCMS Academies during this January registration process.**
- **Please make an informed decision! More info is available on the PCMS Counseling Website or you may contact Mrs. Ramirez or Mrs. Campbell.**



PCMS ACADEMIES REVIEW



PC-Legacy



PC-Flex



PC-Empower



PC-Design

In addition to selecting electives, you must indicate your academy preferences on the registration form.

You should discuss your preferences with an adult at home **PRIOR** to submitting your registration Google Form.





PC-Legacy



PC-Flex



PC-Empower



PC-Design

**Focus/
Theme**

Research Based
Middle School Model

Based on grade level
teaming structure

Blended Learning

Flexible Pace, Place,
Path

Mastery

Student Centered
Instruction

Ownership of
Learning

Learner Profile

Personalized
Learning Model

Creativity and
Inquiry Driven

Voice & Choice

Schedule

Structured

Flexible

Structured

Flexible

Curriculum

Parkway Curriculum
Standards Based

Parkway Curriculum
Priority Standards

Parkway Curriculum
Competencies &
Standards

Parkway Curriculum
Competency Based

Instruction

Higher Teacher
Direction

Blend of Strategies

Flexible Pathways

Personalized Direction

Blended Learning
Model strategies

Initially Teacher
Directed

Increasingly more
choice

Co Creation

Project/Problem/
Inquiry based

HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Academy Preference (Current Student)

What is your current Academy? *

- Design
- Empower
- Flex
- Legacy

Do you wish to remain in the same Academy for next school year? *

- Yes
- No



HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK: SELECTING A NEW ACADEMY

Rank the Academy options offered in order of preference for your child.
(Requests to change Academies from are dependent on available space)

Please choose the order of preferences of Academy for your child. *

	PC - Design	PC - Empower	PC - Flex	PC - Legacy
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2nd Choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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8TH GRADE COURSE OFFERINGS: 2 ELECTIVE CLASS PERIODS

- Students in all four Academies select classes to fill two elective periods in their schedule.
- Courses range in length from a full year to semester options.





THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE
YEAR LONG COURSE
OFFERINGS.

MANY OF THESE OPTIONS HAVE A PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENT!

1
year
course

PERFORMANCE MUSIC

Concert Band 8

Concert Choir 8

Concert Orchestra 8

In order to enroll in a performance music course you must have the following:

1. Consent from the instructor
2. Successful completion of Band 7, Orchestra 7, Choir 7 OR Audition

PERFORMANCE MUSIC

1
year
course

New Course:

Cadet Strings

This is a beginning level strings course.

Does not require instructor approval.

HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Are you planning to take a Music class?

Music Choice *

- I do not want to take a Music class
- 8th Grade Band (Full Year)
- 8th Grade Orchestra (Full Year)
- 8th Grade Choir (Full Year)
- Cadet Strings (Full Year)



YEAR LONG COURSE = 1 ELECTIVE PERIOD

- “B” Level World Languages
 - Spanish
 - French
- Performance Music
 - Band
 - Choir
 - Orchestra

You can take 2 Year Long courses or combine a Year Long course with 2 semester courses to complete your schedule!

1
year
course

MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

French B

Spanish B

In order to enroll in the “B” level language courses you must have successfully completed the prerequisite level “A” course in 7th grade.

HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Are you planning to take a World Languages class?

World Languages *

- I do not want to take a World Language class
- French B (Full Year)
- Spanish B (Full Year)

Are you finished choosing Electives? If you chose a Music class AND a World Language class, click YES. *

- Yes
- No





COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:
THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE
SEMESTER CLASSES

2 SEMESTERS = 1 YEAR / 1 ELECTIVE PERIOD

OPTIONS:

- Visual Arts Studio
- Visual Arts Design
- Business & Tech Innovators
- Multimedia: Video Production
- Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing
- Theatre Technical Design
- Family & Consumer Sciences Exploration (FACS)
- Engineering Challenge

You can combine semester courses to create the year long course you want! Take 2 or 4 to fill your schedule!

THEATRE PRODUCTION: THE PLAY'S THE THING!

WHAT?

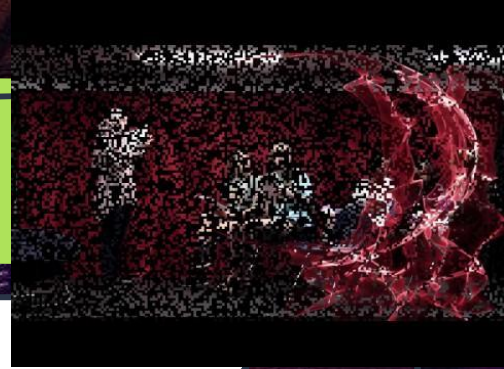
In this course, students will demonstrate their skills in acting, design, construction, and production!

WOW!

Students in this class will collaborate on an end of semester project for an invited audience. Students will have the choice to work onstage or behind the scenes in multiple varied job opportunities.

WHO?

Students that like to be active, work in teams, enjoy acting, costume or set design or want to gain confidence through theatre will love this class!



TECHNICAL THEATRE DESIGN - NEW COURSE!!!

WHAT?

This course explores the aspects of theatre beyond acting!

WOW!

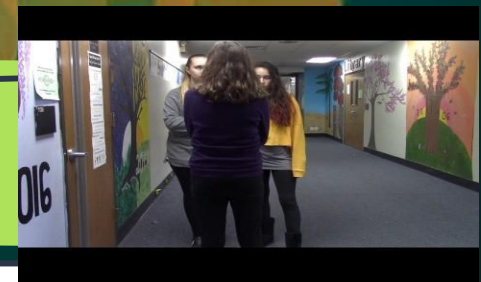
Develop your skills off the stage while you learn more about sound, lighting, make-up, set design, publicity and costumes!

WHO?

Students that love theatre but prefer to be off stage. Those that love theatre and want to deepen their understanding of all roles that contribute to a production.



MULTIMEDIA: VIDEO PRODUCTION



WHAT?

This course is an introduction to video production.

Students will learn to:

- ~Write & edit scripts for teleprompters
- ~Create & plan storyboards
- ~Act as “on air” talent
- ~Direct, edit and film scenes using various cameras.

Wow!

In this class you become the...

ACTOR

**DIRECTOR
& EDITOR**

of your own video projects!

WHO?

Students that love photography, videography and want to learn about creating and editing their own video projects will LOVE this class!



VISUAL ARTS STUDIO

WHAT?

This class uses a variety of mediums to develop and enhance students artistic skills and creativity.

Wow!

Explore art through...

- Drawing
- Painting
- Sculpture

WHO?

Students that love self-expression, creativity, and the artistic process.



VISUAL ARTS DESIGN - NEW COURSE!!!

WHAT?

Artists explore techniques in art, design and technology.

Wow!

Experiment with various art forms that show up in daily life including:

- Graphic design
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Mixed media

WHO?

Students that enjoy independent thinking, connecting design choices and influences throughout history, in the community and cultures.



FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE EXPLORATION (FACS)

WHAT?

In this course, students will learn more about Human Services, Hospitality & Tourism, Child Development, and Apparel & Textile Design.

WOW!

Have you ever wondered how pizza dough rises? Or how clothes are designed and made? You'll have the opportunity to learn these things with hands on activities and project based experiences!

WHO?

Students that love to cook, sew, or design their own apparel will LOVE this class!

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

WHAT?

In this course, students will challenge their problem solving skills and STEM knowledge as they learn about the world of engineering, design and robotics!

Wow!

Students will have the opportunity to use 3D design software and 3D printing, as well as, construct and test robots.

WHO?

Students that love to use their hands and solve problems will love this class. This class will help you think like an engineer!



BUSINESS & TECH INNOVATORS

WHAT?

3 part class for real world skills:

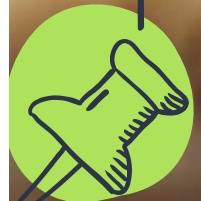
1. Personal Finance- a focus on investment
2. Entrepreneurship- starting & operating a business.
3. Block Coding w/ App Inventor or Microbits

WOW!

Learn how to create mobile apps, prepare and run a small business, and make your own advertisement!

WHO?

Students who are self starters, would like to own a business someday or have an interest in how companies sell products will enjoy this class!



HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Choose **two** semester long Fine Arts and/or Practical Arts classes.

Fine Arts & Practical Arts (Choice 1) *

- Visual Arts Studio (Semester)
- Visual Arts Design (Semester)
- Business & Tech Innovators (Semester)
- Multimedia: Video Production (Semester)
- Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing (Semester)
- Technical Theatre Design (Semester)
- Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration (Semester)
- Engineering Challenge (Semester)



HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Fine Arts & Practical Arts (Choice 2) *

- Visual Arts Studio (Semester)
- Visual Arts Design (Semester)
- Business & Tech Innovators (Semester)
- Multimedia: Video Production (Semester)
- Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing (Semester)
- Technical Theatre Design (Semester)
- Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration (Semester)
- Engineering Challenge (Semester)

Are you finished choosing Electives? If you chose only one Full Year elective (a Music class or a World Language class) AND two of these classes, click YES. *

- Yes
- No



HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Fine Arts & Practical Arts (Choice 3) *

- Visual Arts Studio (Semester)
- Visual Arts Design (Semester)
- Business & Tech Innovators (Semester)
- Multimedia: Video Production (Semester)
- Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing (Semester)
- Technical Theatre Design (Semester)
- Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration (Semester)
- Engineering Challenge (Semester)

Fine Arts & Practical Arts (Choice 4) *

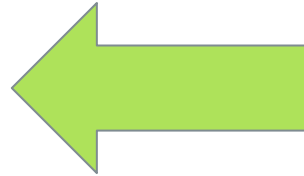
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- Business & Tech Innovators (Semester)
- Multimedia: Video Production (Semester)
- Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing (Semester)
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- Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration (Semester)
- Engineering Challenge (Semester)



HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Alternate Option (Choice 1) *

- Visual Arts Studio (Semester)
- Visual Arts Design (Semester)
- Business & Tech Innovators (Semester)
- Multimedia: Video Production (Semester)
- Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing (Semester)
- Technical Theatre Design (Semester)
- Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration (Semester)
- Engineering Challenge (Semester)
- 8th Grade Band (Full Year)
- 8th Grade Orchestra (Full Year)
- 8th Grade Choir (Full Year)
- Cadet Strings (Full Year)
- French B (Full Year)
- Spanish B (Full Year)

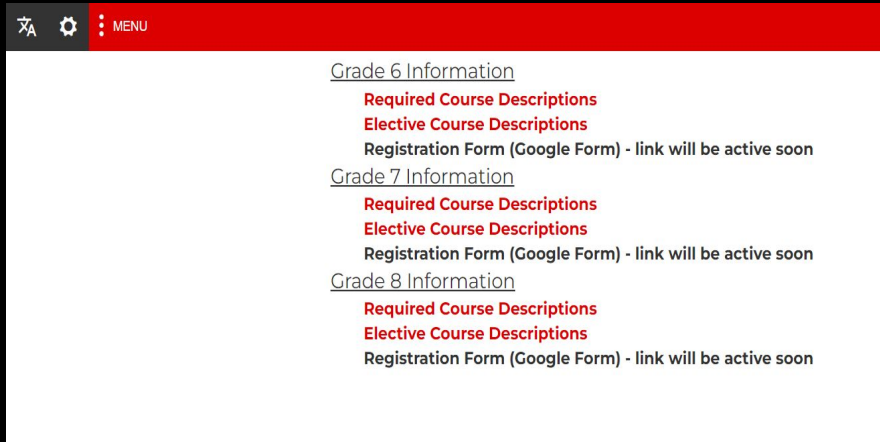


It is important
to list
alternate
electives that
are
DIFFERENT
from your
first choice
electives.



LOCATE YOUR REGISTRATION MATERIALS

Registration form available on the [PCMS Website!](#)



SELECT THE
GRADE YOU'RE
GOING INTO
(8th)

NOT YOUR
CURRENT GRADE

TIPS FOR SELECTING CLASSES



1. Select the academy and electives that best **match your interests**. You will be in these electives and academy all year. It needs to be the **right fit for YOU!**
2. Elective changes during the school year are **reserved for academic needs**. Choose wisely!
3. Consider how your selection **will impact your time** both in school and outside of school. (homework, practice, performance)
4. **Consult with an adult at home** before submitting your registration.



Please submit your course registration through Google Forms
no later than:

Friday, January 19th

Priority selections given to those submitted by the deadline

Looking for more info?

Visit the PCMS website at:

- [https://www.parkwayschools.net/
domain/2161](https://www.parkwayschools.net/domain/2161)

