



8TH GRADE REGISTRATION

FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

8TH GRADE REGISTRATION: ACADEMY PREFERENCES

- **Students and their family must indicate order of preference 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 Dr. Eikel or Ms. Besand.**



FIRST UP: PCMS ACADEMIES REVIEW



PC-Legacy



PC-Flex



PC-Empower



PC-Design

In addition to selecting electives during registration, you will rank your academy preferences in order 1-4 on your 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

Rank the Academy options offered in order of preference for your child.

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

	PC - Legacy	PC - Flex	PC - Empower	PC - Design
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2nd Choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3rd 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 have the opportunity to select classes to fill two elective periods in their schedule.
- These courses may be Full Year or Semester Long options.



YEAR LONG COURSE = 1 ELECTIVE PERIOD

- “B” Level World Languages
 - Spanish
 - French
 - German
- 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!

2 SEMESTERS = 1 YEAR / 1 ELECTIVE PERIOD

OPTIONS:

- Visual Arts Focus
- Entrepreneurs, Innovators & App Creators
- Multimedia: Video Production
- Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing
- 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!



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

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)

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1
year
course

MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

French B

German 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)
- ☐ German 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

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:
THE FOLLOWING COURSES ARE
SEMESTER CLASSES

THEATRE PRODUCTION: THE PLAY'S THE THING!

WHAT?

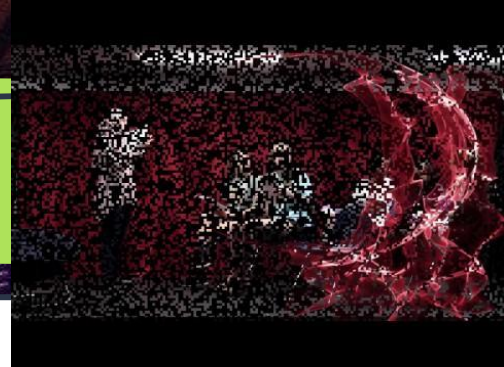
In this course, students will demonstrate their skills in acting, design, construction, and production!

Wow!

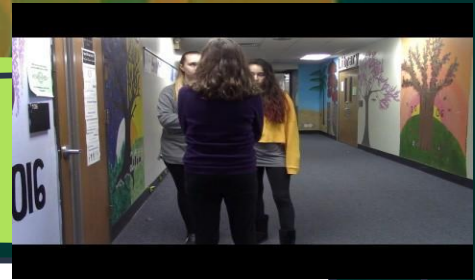
Students in this class will collaborate on an end of semester project for an invited audience. Students will have the choice to work onstage or behind the scenes in multiple varied job opportunities.

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!



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 FOCUS

WHAT?

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

Wow!

Use and learn more about...

- Clay
- Pastels
- Xacto Knives
- Acrylics
- Watercolors
- Tempera Paint

WHO?

If you like to draw, paint, sculpt and **CREATE** then this class is for you!



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!



ENTREPRENEURS, INNOVATORS & APP CREATORS

WHAT?

3 part class for real world skills:

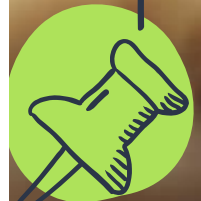
1. Personal Finance- a focus on investment
2. Entrepreneurship- starting & operating a business.
3. Block Coding w/ App Inventor or Microbits

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 electives.

Fine Arts & Practical Arts (Choice 1). *

- ☐ Visual Arts Focus (Semester)
- ☐ Entrepreneurs, Innovators & App Creators (Semester)
- ☐ Multimedia: Video Production (Semester)
- ☐ Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing (Semester)
- ☐ Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration (Semester)
- ☐ Engineering Challenge (Semester)



HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Fine Arts & Practical Arts (Choice 2) *

- ☐ Visual Arts Focus (Semester)
- ☐ Entrepreneurs, Innovators & App Creators (Semester)
- ☐ Multimedia: Video Production (Semester)
- ☐ Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing (Semester)
- ☐ Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration (Semester)
- ☐ Engineering Challenge (Semester)

Are you finished choosing Electives? If you chose only one Full Year elective and two of these class, click YES. *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Choose two more semester long classes? You should only be choosing these choices if you are not taking a Music class or a World Language class.

Fine Arts & Practical Arts (Choice 3). *

- ☐ Visual Arts Focus (Semester)
- ☐ Entrepreneurs, Innovators & App Creators (Semester)
- ☐ Multimedia: Video Production (Semester)
- ☐ Theatre Production: The Play's the Thing (Semester)
- ☐ Family and Consumer Sciences Exploration (Semester)
- ☐ Engineering Challenge (Semester)



HOW THE GOOGLE FORM WILL LOOK:

Alternate Elective Selection

Select one additional elective in case there is a scheduling conflict with one of your first two selections. We will use this information only if needed. Make sure this is a course you have NOT previously selected.

Alternate Elective Selection *

Choose ▼

⚠ This is a required question

A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided.

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It is important
to list both
your email
AND a
Guardian
email when
you complete
the Google
Form



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 20th

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<https://forms.gle/8XfymPUnFRU9nmnG9>

Priority selections given to those submitted by the deadline

VIRTUAL LEARNING & MISSOURI COURSE ACCESS PROGRAM

Virtual instruction can be an effective education option for some students, there may be other courses available either through a district-provided virtual option or through the Missouri Course Access Program (MOCAP). More information about Parkway Virtual courses and MOCAP can be found on our website at www.parkwayvirtual.com.

Contact Dr. Eikel or Ms. Besand with questions.



Looking for more info?

Visit the PCMS website at:

- <https://www.parkwayschools.net/domain/2161>

Or Ms. Besand's Schoology Page:



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