



# LOS ALAMOS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What information can I find in the student agenda?**

Agendas provide additional information about LAMS including guidelines on school rules, dress code, homework, electronic devices, etc. The agenda is available on our website, <https://lams.laschools.net/families>. You can also find the daily bell schedule, athletic schedules, and regulations. **Look for the 2024-25 edition soon!**

### **What is the schedule like at the Middle School?**

The first bell rings at 8:35am.

School starts at 8:40 am and ends at 3:30pm.

2024/2025 LAMS Regular Bell Schedule

LAMS follows a blocked schedule with A and B days.

Homeroom  
Period 1A/1B  
Period 2A/2B  
Lunch/Recess  
Period 3A/3B  
Period 4AB

**A Day Classes:** Homeroom, Periods 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4AB will meet.

**B Day Classes:** Homeroom, Periods 1B, 2B, 3B, and 4AB will meet.

**7 Period Day Classes:** Homeroom, Periods 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, and 4AB will meet.

### **What is the lunch/recess period like?**

Students may bring a sack lunch or buy items at the cafeteria -- you can also do both. 8th graders will go to recess first as 7th graders will be in the cafeteria, then the two groups will switch. Some clubs meet during the lunch periods (with a Hall Pass). Students may be able to eat their lunch during their club meeting (depending on the teacher).

### **Cell Phones and Electronic Devices**

Cell phones, smart watches, wireless earbuds and uother electronic devices must be left off and in lockers from 8:40am to 3:30pm- this includes during passing periods and lunch/recess. Please see the student agenda for further information.

### **When may we go to lockers?**

Students will be given time to go to their locker before school. Students may also go to their locker during the passing period between classes. Students' lockers are located in their team hallway (all students are teamed by core teachers). Your locker number and combination will be located on your student schedule and in PowerSchool. If you ever have trouble opening your locker, you can go to the office for help. Administrators and the Student Resource Officer (SRO) have keys to open locks.

### **Do I need to buy a lock?**

No, LAMS provides the locks and will assign you your locker and combination.

### **Can we carry backpacks?**

Backpacks may be carried to and from school, but not during the school day. Backpacks and purses must stay in lockers. Occasionally, you will see a student with medical needs who is carrying a small bag or backpack.

### **What are the required classes?**

All 7th grade students take Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, and one semester of PE. All 8th grade students take Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science, a semester of PE, and a semester of Health.

### **How many electives can I register for?**

The number of electives will depend on whether you register for semester-long or year-long electives. Each 7th grader will have 2.5 credits of electives. The year-long courses are worth 1.0 credit. The semester-long courses are worth 0.5 credit. The number of credits must add up to 2.5. For example, you may request 2 year-long classes and a semester-long course  
OR 5 semester-long classes  
OR a 1 year-long class and 3 semester-long classes.

All three of these examples add up to 2.5 credits. In addition to the 2.5 credits of courses, you will need to request 4 alternate classes of any length (year-long or semester-long).

You are encouraged to explore new electives while at LAMS!

8th graders will take 2.0 credits of electives.

### **What is a semester class?**

A Semester class is one that you have for ½ of the year (18 weeks). Fall semester classes end at winter break and spring semester classes start right after winter break.

### **What are the 7th/8th grade Hawk Teams?**

7th grade students will be randomly assigned to either the Atomic Hawk, Silver Hawk, or Sky Hawk teams. Students on a team will have the same Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math teachers. This is a way to group students so teachers get to know you better!

The 8th grade teams are Black Mesa Hawks, Lightning Hawks, and Thunder Hawks.

### **What immunizations are required in the 7th grade?**

All 7th graders need to get two vaccines:

- T-dap
- MCV (Meningococcal vaccine)

The New Mexico Department of Health requirement is listed here,

<https://www.nmhealth.org/publication/view/policy/5499/>

### **When will I see my schedule?**

Your schedule will be available in PowerSchool on or before August 1. Please make sure your parent completes the PowerSchool registration form before August 1.

### **Can I make changes to my schedule?**

Your schedule may only be changed if it has an error. If you have an error, please fill out the Schedule Change form [here](#). The counselors or registrar will review the form and contact you. Changes must be made no later than 7 calendar days from the start of the term.

### **Where can I find information about electives?**

The 2024/2025 Course Catalog, [LAMS Course Catalog 2024/2025](#), contains the course descriptions, important dates, and school details.

### **Who can help me with my PowerSchool login?**

The LAMS registrar at [g.oaxaca@laschools.net](mailto:g.oaxaca@laschools.net) or 663-2407, can help you with your PowerSchool login credentials and creating a parent account. If you have course selection issues, fill out form here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6ilD0iP4BcGMsHEK9yQoxU6uVPDQfPV9iQ7L4MjC\\_dgacqA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6ilD0iP4BcGMsHEK9yQoxU6uVPDQfPV9iQ7L4MjC_dgacqA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Where do I pay fees?**

Fees can be paid online in August by clicking the "Balance" button on the **parents** PowerSchool account.

<https://laps.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

**You cannot pay fees from a student account.**

Fees can be paid online starting August 1st.

### **Do you have a list of LAMS fees?**

Yes, the fees are listed here, [LAMS Fees 2024-25](#)

### **Will I be able to pay the LAMS fees during the registration event in August?**

Yes, you will be able to pay with cash, check or credit card at LAMS. If paying by check, make it out to Los Alamos Public Schools (LAPS).

If you would like to pay with a credit card, you need to pay online before attending, through your PowerSchool account (use the PowerSchool link, not the app). Some computers will be available at LAMS the day of the event. Paying prior to Materials Pick-up Day will help you avoid long lines.

### **What are the requirements for playing sports?**

*Required Documents For Athletic Participation:*

1. **Athletics Registration**  
<https://losalamospublic.rankonesport.com/New/NewInstructionsPage.aspx>
2. **Required Concussion Course**

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/61059/concussion-for-students>

– register in your student's name  
Concussion for Students Course

- "Buy Course"
- course is free

Complete the course and upload the certificate to RankOne.

\*\*Course must be completed prior to any participation

3. Required PowerSchool registration

<https://laps.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

4. Required Physical Exam Form dated April 1 or later

[https://www.nmact.org/file/Physical\\_Form.pdf](https://www.nmact.org/file/Physical_Form.pdf)

**Do sports count as an elective?**

No, sports meet after school and are not an elective course. We do have an elective class called Recreational Sports that does meet during the school day.

**What sports are available at the Middle School?**

Athletic information can be found at [Rank One](#)

**When are practices?**

Practices are every day after school for a couple of hours during that sport's season. Each coach will have more details for the particular sport.

**Can I participate in more than one sport?**

You can participate in one sport per season. You must complete the season from the first sport before being allowed to join the second sport. Semester 1 grades will be used to determine eligibility for sports in the 2nd semester.

**Book Distribution, Supply Pick-up, and Start of School Dates. (see below)**

We will hold an in-person materials pick-up before the start of school. Students will receive their chromebook, textbooks and PE uniform. New students to the district, please schedule an individual pick-up time. Complete the online registration before attending.

**-August 5th Materials Pick-Up**

• **8th Grade**

- Last Names A-G 8:30-9:30am
- Last Names H-N 9:30-10:30am
- Last Names O-Z 10:30-11:30am

• **7th Grade**

- Last Names A-G 12:00-1:00pm
- Last Names H-N 1:00-2:00pm
- Last Names O-Z 2:00-3:00pm

**-August 6 - 9:30-11:30am - 7th Grade & New Student Orientation.** Meet at the gym at 9:30 for fun, tours, games and meeting new friends!

**-August 6 - 12:00-3:00pm - Make-Up On-Site Materials Pick-up**

- Last Names A-G 12:00-1:00pm
- Last Names H-N 1:00-2:00pm
- Last Names O-Z 2:00-3:00pm

**-August 7 - First Day of School - 7 Period Day**

**-August 15 - 5:30pm-7:30pm - Open House**  
5:30-5:55 General Session in Gym  
6:00-7:30 Follow your Students' schedule

**Student schedules and school fees will be visible on August 1st in PowerSchool.**

<https://laps.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

**Before attending the Materials Pick-Up on August 5th or 6th, make sure you have done the following:**

- Re-register your student in PowerSchool, <https://laps.powerschool.com/public/home.html>
- Paid fees through PowerSchool/RevTrak

For PowerSchool or registration questions, please contact the registrar, Gavin Oaxaca at 663-2407 or [g.oaxaca@laschools.net](mailto:g.oaxaca@laschools.net).

**LAMS Supply List link:**

[LAMS Supply List 2025-26](#)