



Curriculum Guide

2020-2021

At Horizon West Middle School, it is our hope to collaborate with our families to grow our students into mindful, productive citizens. Through mutual accountability and shared decision-making, we can achieve successful academic, career and personal/social development. We are honored to partner with our families on the academic journey of each student. We hope that this curriculum guide will assist our families with the necessary information to make informed decisions regarding student schedules and progression.

Academic Core Classes/Credits

Successfully passing/earning ALL core academic classes/credits is required for promotion to high school, regardless of the level of the academic class/credit. The grading scale below details how grades are calculated.

| Grading Scale | | |
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| A | 90-100 | Outstanding Progress |
| B | 80-89 | Above Average Progress |
| C | 70-79 | Average Progress |
| D | 60-69 | Lowest Acceptable Progress |
| F | 0-59 | Failure |
| * For secondary courses, students cannot receive less than 50% for each quarter grade, semester grade, or final grade. | | |
| Final Examination: End of Course (EOC) and Common Final (CFE) Exams | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students who take statewide EOC dependent courses: the final exam will count for 30% of the overall course grade. The Semester 1 and Semester 2 grades will each be 35% of the overall course grade. The semester and exam grade will be averaged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses which include a statewide EOC at the middle school level: Algebra I, Geometry, and Civics. All Common Final Exams must count for 20% of the overall course grade for secondary courses. The Semester 1 and Semester 2 grades will each be 40% of the overall course grade for full year courses. For semester courses, the calculation will be conducted as 80% semester grade and 20% CFE grade. The semester and exam grade will be averaged. | | |

Students must earn all 12 academic classes/credits (1 credit of language arts, social studies, math and science, respectfully, for each of the 3 years of middle school) listed below. It is recommended that the level placement be based on the performance data available at the time of course selection (test scores, grades, family input etc.), and placement in each academic course is re-evaluated from year to year for appropriate placement in each academic core subject area.

6th Grade Academic Core Courses/Credits

Language Arts for 6th Grade

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| M/J Language Arts 1 (#1001010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4957 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Language Arts 1 Advanced (#1001020) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4954 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |

Social Studies for 6th Grade

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| M/J World History (#2109010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4463 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J World History, Advanced (#2109020) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4467 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |

Science for 6th Grade

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|---|---|
| M/J Comprehensive Science 1 (#2002040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4378 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Comprehensive Science 1, Advanced (#2002050) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4381 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |

Acceleration Option

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| M/J Life Science, Advanced (#2000020) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4241 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced course content that prepares students for the high school credit science progression • Recommended for students with exceptional performance data |
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Math for 6th Grade

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| M/J Grade 6 Mathematics (#1205010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10283 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Grade 6 Mathematics Advanced (#1205020) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10284 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |

Acceleration Option

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| M/J Grade 7 Mathematics Advanced (#1205050) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10286 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced course content that prepares students for the high school credit math progression • Recommended for students with above average performance data |
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7th Grade Academic Core Courses/Credits

Language Arts for 7th Grade

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|--|---|
| M/J Language Arts 2 (#1001040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4953 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Language Arts 2 Advanced (#1001050) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4952 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |

Social Studies for 7th Grade

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| M/J Civics (#2106010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4504 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Civics, Advanced (#2106020) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4548 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |

Science for 7th Grade

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|---|---|
| M/J Comprehensive Science 2 (#2002070) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4393 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Comprehensive Science 2, Advanced (#2002080) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4307 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |
| Acceleration Option | |
| Earth/Space Science Honors (#2001320) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4340 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school (HS) credit course • Carries an additional point weight on the HS GPA * See information on grade forgiveness |

Math for 7th Grade

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|--|---|
| M/J Grade 7 Mathematics (#1205040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10285 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Grade 7 Mathematics Advanced (#1205050) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10286 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |
| Acceleration Option | |
| Algebra 1 Honors (#1200320) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10290 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school (HS) credit course • Carries an additional point weight on the HS GPA * See information on grade forgiveness |

8th Grade Academic Core Courses/Credits

Language Arts for 8th Grade

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| M/J Language Arts 3 (#1001070) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4951 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Language Arts 3 Advanced (#1001080) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4961 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |

Social Studies for 8th Grade

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| M/J United States History (#2100015) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/15477 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J United States History Advanced (#2100025) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/15478 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |

Science for 8th Grade

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|---|---|
| M/J Comprehensive Science 3 (#2002100) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4322 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| M/J Comprehensive Science 3, Advanced (#2002110) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4325 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content covered at an accelerated pace and extended content added • Recommended for students with above average performance data |
| Acceleration Option | |
| Physical Science Honors (#2003320) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4344 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school (HS) credit course • Carries an additional point weight on the HS GPA * See information on grade forgiveness |

Math for 8th Grade

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| M/J Grade 8 Pre-Algebra (#1205070) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10287 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard course content |
| Acceleration Option | |
| Algebra 1 Honors (#1200320) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10290 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school (HS) credit course • Carries an additional point weight on the HS GPA * See information on grade forgiveness |
| Geometry Honors (#1206320) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/10295 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-requisite course: Algebra 1/Honors • High school (HS) credit course • Carries an additional point weight on the HS GPA * See information on grade forgiveness |

Balance

Developing the whole student involves balance in all three areas of student development: the academic, career and personal/social. Middle school is a time of opportunity and exploration and intentionally choosing electives and involvement in extracurricular activities is recommended as a means of developing student interests and time management skills.

Electives can be used to strengthen natural skills, explore new interests and/or to address an area of improvement. Students are encouraged to evaluate these areas and consider electives as opportunities to grow. As part of our efforts to support a well-rounded student body, students will choose 1 performing or fine art elective, 1 academic elective and a physical education option (full year or semester).

PE Waiver

The equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for one semester of each year is required for students enrolled in grades 6 through 8. A student may waive out of this physical education requirement if he/she meets one of the following criteria:

1. The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course
2. The student's parent/guardian indicates in writing to the school that:
 - a. The parent/guardian requests that the student enroll in another course from among those courses offered as options by the district; or
 - b. The student is participating in physical activities outside the school, which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

Proper documentation must be provided each school year that the student's parent is requesting to waive physical education. A copy of the PE waiver is available on the Horizon West school's webpage or via the school counseling office.

Electives: 6th Grade

| Performing/Fine Arts | Academic |
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| M/J Band 1 (#1302000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3931 | M/J French, Beginning (#0701000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3990 |
| M/J Chorus 1 (#1303000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4167 | M/J Spanish, Beginning (#0708000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4822 |
| M/J Orchestra 1 (#1302040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3946 | M/J Spanish for Spanish Speakers, Beginning (#0709000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4814 |
| M/J Guitar 1 (#1301060) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3857 | M/J Journalism 1 (#1006000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4919 |
| M/J Theatre 1 (#0400000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3872 | M/J Creative Writing 1 (#1009000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3765 |
| M/J Two-Dimensional Studio Art 1 (#0101010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4661 | |
| M/J Three-Dimensional Studio Art 1 (#0101040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4670 | |
| M/J Creative Photography 1 (#0102040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4761 | |
| M/J Digital Art & Design 1 (#0103000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4791 | |
| Career & Technical Education | Physical Education |
| Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Essentials 1 (#9009110) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16521 | |
| Fundamentals of Visual and Performing Arts (#8260500u/v) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/15576 | M/J Fitness - Grade 6 (#1508000) 1 Semester of Full Year PE https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3948 |
| STEM - Introduction to Technology and Career Planning (#8600012) & Exploring Technology and Career Planning (#8600220) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16503 & https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16502 | M/J Comprehensive - Grades 6/7 (#1508060) 1 Semester of Full Year PE https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16883 |
| Introduction to Agriscience (8100120/8100210) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/15550 | M/J Dance 1 (#0300000) http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3812 |

Electives: 7th Grade

| Performing/Fine Arts | Academic |
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| M/J Band 1 (#1302000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3931 | M/J French, Beginning (#0701000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3990 |
| M/J Band 2 (#1302010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3937 | |
| M/J Chorus 1 or 2 (#1303000 or #1303010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4171 | French 1 – High School Credit (#0701320) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3956 |
| M/J Orchestra 1 (#1302040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3946 | M/J Spanish, Beginning (#0708000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4822 |
| M/J Orchestra 2 (#1302050) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3950 | |
| M/J Instrumental Ensemble 1 (#1302120) JAZZ BAND https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3971 | Spanish 1 – High School Credit (#0708340) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4764 |
| M/J Guitar 1 or 2 (#1301060 or #1301070) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3863 | M/J Spanish for Spanish Speakers, Beginning (#0709000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4814 |
| M/J Theatre 1 (#0400000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3872 | |
| M/J Theatre 2 (#0400010) Pre-req Theatre 1 https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3879 | Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 – High School Credit (#0709300) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4787 |
| M/J Musical Theatre 1 (0400200) Pre-req Theatre 1 or 2 https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/14589 | |
| M/J Two-Dimensional Studio Art 1 (#0101010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4661 | M/J Journalism 1 (#1006000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4919 |
| M/J Three-Dimensional Studio Art 1 (#0101040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4670 | M/J Creative Writing 1 (#1009000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3765 |
| | M/J Creative Writing 2 (#1009010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3766 |
| M/J Creative Photography 1 (#0102040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4761 | Research 2 -Student Government (#1700010) http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3845 |
| M/J Digital Art & Design 1 (#0103000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4791 | M/J Personal, Career, School Development Skills – Tech Support Internship (#0500000) Application required https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3871 |
| Career & Technical Education | Physical Education |
| Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Essentials 2 (#9009120) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16522 | |
| Introduction to Arts A/V Technology and Communication (#8209350u/v) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/15568 | M/J Team Sports – Grade 7 (#1508020) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16879 |
| STEM – Exploration of Aerospace Technology and Career Planning (#8600052) | M/J Outdoor Pursuits (#1508030) |

<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16507>
and Exploration of Engineering Technology and Career Planning
(#8600062)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16510>

<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16880>

Introduction to Agriscience (8100120/8100210)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/15550>

M/J Dance 2 (0300010)
<http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3815>

Electives: 8th Grade

Performing/Fine Arts

Academic

M/J Band 1 (#1302000)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3931>
M/J Band 2 (#1303010)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3973>
M/J Band 3 (#1302020)
<http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4843>

M/J French, Beginning (#0701000)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3990>

French 1 – High School Credit (#0701320)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3956>

French 2 – High School Credit (#0701330) Pre-req French 1
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3964>

M/J Spanish, Beginning (#0708000)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4822>

M/J Chorus 1, 2 or 3 (#1303020)
<http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4173>

Spanish 1 – High School Credit (#0708340)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4764>

M/J Orchestra 1 (#1302040)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3946>
M/J Orchestra 2 (#1302050)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3950>
M/J Orchestra 3 (#1302060)
<http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3955>

Spanish 2 – High School Credit (#0708350)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4773>

M/J Instrumental Ensemble 1 (#1302110) JAZZ BAND
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3971>

Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 – High School Credit (#0709300)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4787>

M/J Instrumental Ensemble 2 (#1302120) JAZZ BAND
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3973>

M/J Guitar 1 or 2 ((#1301060 or #1301070)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3863>

Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2 – High School Credit (#0709310)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4793>

M/J Theatre 1 (#0400000)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3872>

M/J Theatre 2 (#0400010) Pre-req Theatre 1
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3879>

M/J Theatre 3 (#0400020) Pre-req Theatre 1 or 2
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3879>

M/J Journalism 1 (#1006000)
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4919>

Journalism 2 (1006010) Pre-req Journalism 1
<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4920>

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| M/J Two-Dimensional Studio Art 1 (#0101010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4661 | M/J Creative Writing 1 (#1009000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3765 |
| | M/J Creative Writing 2 (#1009010) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3766 |
| M/J Three-Dimensional Studio Art 1 (#0101040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4670 | M/J Engaged Citizenship through Service Learning -Student Government (#2104010/2104020) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4505 |
| M/J Creative Photography 1 (#0102040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4761 | M/J Personal, Career, School Development Skills – Tech Support Internship (#0500002) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3871 |
| M/J Digital Art & Design 1 (#0103000) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/4791 | M/J Personal, Career, School Development Skills – Tech Support Internship (#0500000) Application Required https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3871 |
| M/J Musical Theatre 1 (0400200) Pre-req Theatre 1 or 2 https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/14589 | |
| Career & Technical Education | Physical Education |
| Digital Information Technology (#8207310) | M/J Grade 8 Extreme/Alternative Sports (#1508040) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16881 |
| Digital Video Production (#82014109) | M/J Individual/Dual Sports Grade 8 (#1508050) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16882 |
| STEM – Exploration of Robotics Technology (#8600072) http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16511 and Exploration of Electronics Technology (#8600095) http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/16513 | M/J Dance 3 (0300020) http://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/3818 |
| Agriscience Foundations 1 (8106810) https://www.cpalms.org/Public/PreviewCourse/Preview/15828 | |