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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Directions

NAME:

SCHOOL:

5th TEACHER:

Dear Parents,

It is time to sign up your child for his or her 6<sup>th</sup> grade courses at Diamond Middle School using your **child's new Aspen Portal account**. Please complete the following process by **Friday, April 5, 2019**.

Most of your child's courses have already been selected. All 6th graders take English, Social Studies, Math, and Science in heterogeneous groups. They are also required to take Physical Education. In addition, all 6th grade students will take the following exploratory courses: Reading, Art, Engineering, and Technology Applications.

Today, we are asking you to help your child make two choices:

- Choice 1 -- Foreign Language:** French 6, Mandarin 6, Spanish 6, or ELL 6.
- Choice 2 -- Performing Arts:** Performing Arts courses are full year and meet 2 times a week. Note: if you choose a combination of Chorus & Band OR Chorus & Orchestra your child will attend Chorus once a week and Band/Orchestra once a week all year. Students who do not choose Chorus, Band or Orchestra will take one semester of Music and one semester of Drama (each twice a week).

1. Open the Diamond Middle School home page and click on the "**Aspen**" icon in the upper right hand corner. <http://lps.lexingtonma.org/diamondms>
2. Enter your child's username & password  
**USERNAME:**  
**PASSWORD:**
3. Click on "**My Info**" top-tab
4. Click on "**Requests**" side-tab
5. Follow directions listed on the screen to select classes from **columns B and C** below.
6. Click on "**Post**" at the bottom to save your selections. Requests will not be saved until the "Post" button has been clicked.

<b>A: Required Courses</b>	<b>B: World Language</b>	<b>C: Performing Arts</b>
<b>NO ACTION REQUIRED</b> English 6 Social Studies 6 Science 6 Mathematics 6 Physical Education 6 Reading 6 Engineering 6 Art 6 Technology Applications 6	<b>Select ONE language</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● French 6</li><li>● Spanish 6</li><li>● Mandarin 6</li><li>● ELL 6</li></ul>	<b>Pick ONE of the following</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Chorus 6</li><li>● Band 6</li><li>● Orchestra 6</li><li>● Chorus 6 <u>and</u> Band 6 (one day of each)</li><li>● Chorus 6 <u>and</u> Orchestra 6 (one day of each)</li><li>● Music 6 <u>and</u> Drama 6</li></ul>

\* Please note, if you require support services or are enrolled in an intervention programs (Math Intervention or Guided Learning), electives and related offerings will be reduced accordingly.

### Need Help?

- For more information about the course selection process, please see the "Course Selection" section under the "Parents" menu of the Diamond Middle School home page. If you need technical assistance, e-mail [studentportal@lexingtonma.org](mailto:studentportal@lexingtonma.org)

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