

2022-2023 Spring Course Catalog



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the inaugural catalog for the Meadows Learning, Enrichment, and Activities Program (LEAP) for Middle School students! Another arm of our innovation programming, LEAP is designed to be an intersection of supporting parents and guardians while creating engaging programming for students. The LEAP courses will provide opportunities for our students to develop or pursue new skills and interests and/or aid in preparation for Upper School.

Important dates for the LEAP Spring trimester:

Registration opens: February 6 @ 6:00 p.m.

Registration closes: February 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

Spring session: March 6 - May 25

LEAP registration takes place within the myMeadows Parent Portal. Please use your existing account, along with VC Pay, to complete registration. Please note, registration for a course is not complete until payment is received.

LEAP courses will be from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. For the inaugural trimester, we will be offering Chess, Gardening, Debate, Graphic Animations, and Photoshop. Please feel free to send in suggestions for future courses!

If you need assistance, please reach out to support@themeadowsschool.org.

I look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) in Meadows LEAP!

Sincerely,
Monica Gehrig
Manager of Auxiliary Programs



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Register online at [myMeadows](#)

LEAP Course Descriptions

MONDAYS

Advanced/Intermediate Chess
Instructor: Ryan Phillips
Location: Middle School

Grades: 6 - 8
Tuition: \$225 per trimester
Pick-up: 5:00 p.m.

Welcome to the journey of the 64 squares! This course will teach students tactical motifs such as back rank checkmates, double attacks, deflections, and much more. Taught by USCF expert Ryan Phillips, students will develop pattern recognition skills, learn opening principles, and be able to evaluate their decision-making process. This course is perfect for players new to chess and also for players looking to take their game to the next level.

Gardening
Instructor: Rosalie Lavertu
Location: Lower School Garden/Middle School

Grades: 6 - 8
Tuition: \$225 per trimester
Pick-up: 5:00 p.m.

Be a part of building the new Meadows Garden! In this course, students will learn to raise plants, especially food-producing varieties, while we build and grow the new Meadows Garden. Students will get their hands dirty planting seeds, tending to plants, and finally learning to harvest, all while exploring the garden ecosystem. Gardeners also get to share the extra bounty!



TUESDAYS

Beginning Chess

TMS Instructor: Lisa Goldschmidt

Location: Middle School

Grades: 6 - 8

Tuition: \$225 per trimester

Pick-up: 5:00 p.m.

Have you ever been curious about the game of chess? Do you already play a little and want to improve your game? Playing chess trains your brain to think strategically and to anticipate your opponent's moves. This course is for beginning and intermediate players eager to learn the rules, play, and "kibitz," the art of coaching from the sideline.

Graphic Animations

TMS Instructor: Brad Slominski

Location: Middle School

Grades: 6 - 8

Tuition: \$225 per trimester

Pick-up: 5:00 p.m.

This course is designed to teach you how to create cool 2D and 3D animations and how to spice up your videos with cool graphics! After Effects is known for its motion graphics tools and is used by millions of designers and animators worldwide.

Debate

Instructor: Dana Randall

Location: Middle School

Grades: 6 - 8

Tuition: \$225 per trimester

Pick-up: 5:00 p.m.

This course is also offered Thursdays. Students may register for one or both days.

Students will learn to think critically about all sides of a discussion in addition to getting the opportunity to develop public speaking skills and confidence.

THURSDAYS

Debate

TMS Instructor: Malcolm Gordon

Location: Middle School

Grades: 6 - 8

Tuition: \$225 per trimester

Pick-up: 5:00 p.m.

This course is also offered Tuesdays. Students may register for one or both days.

Students will learn to think critically about all sides of a discussion in addition to getting the opportunity to develop public speaking skills and confidence.

Photoshop

TMS Instructor: Kayla Victor

Location: Middle School

Grades: 6 - 8

Tuition: \$225 per trimester

Pick-up: 5:00 p.m.

This course will introduce the Adobe Photoshop interface and will exercise students' imagination and technical ability to create a variety of fun art projects. Students will use both traditional and digital media to create unique works of art as well as participate in activities and games that will help the student's overall design process.

LEAP Faculty Contact Information

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