

# The Lyceum At Lincoln Middle School



General Handbook  
2024-2025

Dear Lyceum Parents:

Welcome to Lincoln Middle School! We are looking forward to having a successful and productive school year!

In this handbook you will find information about your child's teachers, community service information, the Lyceum Dismissal Policy, the Lyceum Late Policy, and other information that will help facilitate the new school year. Please go over this information with your child and contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions.

We feel that parents are our partners in education, and we value your interest and input. We will use Skyward, the team calendars, our individual websites, and your child's planner as our main forms of communication. Each nine weeks your child will receive a report card to let you know of their progress in each class, but Skyward will allow you to check your child's progress on a weekly and in some classes on a daily basis. If you have any concerns about your child's academic progress, please contact the appropriate team leader for your child's grade level to set up a conference - Ms. Fenton for sixth grade, Ms. Shema for seventh grade, or Mr. Ladd for eighth grade. Even though we will be posting assignments and important dates on Skyward and/or our team calendars, your child should fill out their daily planner for each class period every day! This planner is an excellent way to help your child stay organized, and it will keep you up to date on what is happening in each class on a daily basis.

During the first week of school you will receive volumes of information about programs, field trips, expectations, and course requirements. Please discuss these items with your child and return the appropriate forms and documents as needed. If you have any questions, please email or call your child's team leader. The number here at Lincoln is 955-6711. We are excited about the new school year, and we hope your child has a wonderful year!

Sincerely,

The Lyceum Faculty

## **Lyceum Instructors**

Mrs. Kristin Arnold teaches Physical Science and joins us from St. Johns County. This is her 12<sup>th</sup> year teaching, 7<sup>th</sup> year teaching Middle Science. She is a Florida native, graduated from Flagler College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations & Journalism in 2001. She has had careers in radio news, advertising and distribution. When she isn't at school you can find her with her family on the farm playing with their many animals, relaxing on the beach, paddle boarding, hiking, or gardening.

Mr. Paul Busheme teaches Science. He graduated from the University of Florida, receiving his Bachelor of Environmental Geosciences. He started his teaching career in Museums, reaching out to communities and working with all age groups. He enjoys his hobbies of miniature painting, rock collecting, and video games.

Ms. Kathleen Cook

Sn. Andres Eran teaches Spanish. He received his BA in Fine Arts from the University of Florida. He has taught Spanish for ten years in the private sector and four years in public school. He enjoys the classical and contemporary arts as well as anthropological studies of culture and religion.

Mr. Edwin Hendry teaches Math.

Mr. Lamont Henry teaches Math. He received his Bachelor's degree at Savannah State University. He enjoys sports, reading and movies.

Mr. Brad Hicks has been a teacher for 26 years. He's taught Language Arts, History, Speech and Debate and Theater. He has taught all over Florida, but is glad to be back in Gainesville, where he got his start. He has also run debate camps in the summer at colleges around the country. In his spare time can be found acting, directing, and designing sets for local community theaters. He is a big fan of the Florida Gators and the Tampa Bay Rays.

Mr. Noah Kaufman teaches Research & Critical Thinking II. He holds degrees in English, Education, and Law from the University of Florida. Before coming to Lyceum, Mr. Kaufman taught reading and English in the Major Program at Lincoln. Before coming to Lincoln, Mr. Kaufman practiced law. He enjoys work, music, carpentry, baseball, nature, and words - most of all, he enjoys being a husband and the father of three children.

Mr. Keith Ladd teaches Mathematics. This is his twentieth from the University of Florida. He loves teaching kids, music, and biking.

Ms. Lisa Marmorato teaches U.S. History. She received her Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from Brooklyn College and her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political

Science from Penn State University. This is her eleventh year teaching and joined us from Miami-Dade County. Ms. Marmorato enjoys spending her free time with her boyfriend and her many pets including a German Shepherd dog, cats, a turtle, many fish and many plants.

Ms. Laura Maxwell teaches United States history. She graduated from University of Florida with her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism in 1999. Ms. Maxwell then worked as a flight attendant for Delta but decided to become a teacher after the events of 9/11 changed the airline industry. She received her Master's in Education from Florida Atlantic University in 2006, and taught fifth grade at Williams Elementary until moving to Lincoln Middle in 2024. In her free time, Ms. Maxwell loves reading, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

Ms. Marla Netzer teaches 6th grade English Language Arts. She has been teaching for eight years, taking a break to raise two wonderful kids, ages nineteen and sixteen. She went to Humboldt State University in the northern part of California near Oregon where she received her Bachelor of Arts in English literature, a minor in Spanish and a minor in linguistics. Hobbies include doing things with her kids, reading, gardening and enjoying the outdoors, when it isn't so hot and humid.

Mr. Patrick Penny teaches Civics. He holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University. He was the SRO at Lincoln for eight years and recently retired from the Gainesville Police department. He was also in the United States Air Force before joining the police department. Mr. Penny was the basketball coach at Lincoln for six years and he is currently an assistant basketball coach at Gainesville High School. He loves kids, sports and tropical islands.

Ms. Holly Shema teaches Science. She was born and raised in Gainesville, attending Hidden Oak, Fort Clarke, and Eastside's IB program before receiving her Bachelor's in Anthropology and Master's in Forensic Science from the University of Florida. Prior to Lincoln, she spent three years teaching elementary school. She enjoys good food, baking, reading, traveling, exercising and nerdy pursuits. She considers herself a lifelong learner.

Mr. Marna Weston teaches Research & Critical Thinking I. He graduated from the University of Florida with Dual Bachelors in Telecommunication, B.S. and History, B.A. His Masters of Science is in Policy & Political Communication, from Florida State University. His thesis "The Letter from Leon County: Jail: Patricia Stephens Due and the Tallahassee, Florida Civil Rights Movement" documents the earliest instance in the modern Civil Rights era of students accepting jail over bail (February 1960). Mr. Weston's interests include: public communication, debate, oral history interviews, the US Civil Rights Movement (1930-1980AD), the Crusades and the Age of Exploration (1100-1600AD), golf, all things Florida Gator, and the science fiction universes of Frank Herbert & Gene Roddenberry.

## **Conferences**

Parents may schedule conferences by emailing or calling their student's team leader - Ms. Maxwell, Ms. Shema, or Mr. Ladd. Conferences will be scheduled before school from 8:30 am to 9:00 am.

## **Field Trips**

Field trips have been, and will remain, an integral part of the Lyceum curriculum and will serve as both academic and social reinforcement for your child. Field trips may also serve as a tool for public service, which is a large thrust of the Lyceum curriculum. We will make every effort to inform you in a timely fashion of dates, times, and itineraries for these trips. Please advise your child's homeroom teacher of any special precautions or medical conditions for which your child may require assistance.

Chronic discipline issues may prevent students from attending field trips.

## **Skyward Family Access**

The best way to keep track of your child's progress in the classroom is through Skyward. Skyward Family Access allows you to check grades online 24 hours a day. If you do not already have an account, then please contact the front desk at Lincoln and they will help guide you in getting an account set up.

## Email Address

<b>F-Team</b>	<b>S-Team</b>	<b>L-Team</b>
<b>Ms. Maxwell</b> <b>maxwelly@gm.sbac.edu</b>	<b>Ms. Shema</b> <b>shemahm@gm.sbac.edu</b>	<b>Mr. Ladd</b> <b>laddkt@gm.sbac.edu</b>
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## **Lyceum Late Policy**

Any assignment will be deemed late when it is turned in any time after the assignment is due.

An assignment is defined as any work assigned to students that is intended to be carried out.

### **Late policy for assignments:**

1. Assignments turned in complete, according to expectations, and on time will be eligible for full credit.
2. Assignments turned in complete, according to expectations, up to five (5) school days late will be eligible for 75% of the earned grade.
3. Students turning in assignments six (6) or more school days after the original due date will not receive credit for late work.
4. Math homework assignments will only be accepted one (1) day late and will be eligible for 75% of the earned grade.

If a student is unexpectedly absent on the day ANY type of assignment is due or test is given, the student should turn in the assignment, or expect to take the test on the first day the student returns to class in order to be eligible for full credit.

It is the student's responsibility to determine their missing work when absent.

Extra credit will not be applied to any late work.

## Lyceum Dismissal Policy

**Academic Dishonesty:** Any student who commits academic dishonesty (including but not limited to submitting work completed by another person or AI, copying from another student, plagiarism, or any other behavior deemed dishonest by the teacher) will be subject to disciplinary action.

The first instance of academic dishonesty will result in the student receiving an automatic zero on the assignment or test, and the parent will be notified. There will be no make-up work offered to compensate for the zero. Any subsequent infractions will be subject to a referral and a parent meeting will be requested to discuss the infraction and consequence which may include academic probation or removal from the program.

**Code of Ethics:** Bullying, cheating, unbecoming behaviors, etc. are not tolerated in the Lyceum program. A referral and dismissal will be assessed every time a student is caught displaying less than appropriate behaviors.

**Academic Dismissal:** If a student fails a course two nine weeks in a row, that student may be dismissed from the Lyceum class and/or program during the school year based upon the discretion of the grade level team and/or the school's administration.

**Behavioral Dismissal:** Any disciplinary infraction(s) may result in removal from the Lyceum program based upon the discretion of the grade level team and/or the school's administration.

A dismissal committee meeting will be held with the parent or guardian of any child facing removal from the program. Attendance by at least one grade level team member and a parent or guardian is required.