



# *Grade 6*

# *Option Selections*

# *2022 - 2023*

*G.S. Lakie Middle School takes great pride in the diverse programs and various options that we provide our students. The option classes that you can take at Lakie will definitely be one of the highlights you will experience at our school.*

*There are numerous courses you can choose from as outlined in this guide. Remember, Middle School is about trying new things so don't be afraid to sign up for something you have never done before. You can look forward to learning something new, making new friends, and facing new challenges in life.*

# General Information for Options

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## Information on Selecting Options

At G.S. Lakie we offer a wide variety of option courses. As a grade six student, you are **required** to take one Music option and one Art option (you may take more if you desire). Your remaining selections may be made from all options listed. In total you will required to select **8** option choices before submitting.

The following “planning guide” is designed to help you select your choices, while assuring you have met the requirements. We suggest students and parents/guardians sit together to complete their option selections.

## Reminders:

- The school year is divided into 3 terms and each term has 2 option blocks. This means students could potentially have six different options per year.
- Some options have a supplementary fee to cover material and supports. These are noted within the description area and are added on via School Cash Online in the fall.
- Some options are considered “**multi-term options**” meaning they occur for more than one term. However, you still need to fill in a total of **8** options before submitting.
- When you are done selecting your choices, you will need to hit “**OKAY**” on the bottom right of your screen. Only then will your selections be processed in the system.
- This process does not prioritize preferred options, nor do we track who selects options when. Once all selections are entered for all students, our software will populate as many students with their requested options as possible.
- We ask you over-select classes, as courses are filled based on interest and capacity limits.
- You will learn what options you will be taking in the fall.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Depending on student numbers, students’ option selections, and teacher schedules, option courses may be cancelled.

## Option Planning Guide

**Step 1:** Grade 6 students are required to take an Art/Design option, so please make sure you select **one** of the Art based options, listed below, when you are registering in PowerSchool

**Art 6**

**Digital Art 6**

**Photography 6**

**Step 2:** Grade 6 students are required to take a music-based option, so please make sure that you select **one** of the Music based options, listed below, when registering in PowerSchool

**Music Guitar 6**

**Music Madness 6**

**Step 3:** Now you will be asked to select **6** additional option choices that you would be interested in taking. Even though you will only have a total of six option periods throughout the year, we will need to have some alternatives just in case

**Art 6**

**Babysitting 6**

**Board Games 6**

**Book Club 6**

**Computers 6**

**Cooperative Games 6**

**Dance Grooves 6**

**Dance Hip-Hop 6** (2 terms)

**Design Space 6**

**Digital Art 6**

**Drama 6**

**Film Studies 6**

**Food Prep and Healthy Choices 6**

**Math 4 Life 6**

**Marine Biology 6**

**Music Madness 6**

**Music Guitar 6**

**Modern Shop & Maker Space 6**

**Numeracy 6**

**Outdoor Ed 6**

**Photography 6**

**Sewing & Fabric Arts 6**

**Spanish 6**

**Wicked Wizard of OZ 6 - Performance**

# Lakie Option Program Menu

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## **ART 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1  
**Own Supplies**

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** Your

EVERYONE can draw and create art! If you think you can only draw a stick man, take this class, and you will amaze yourself at what you can do as an artist! Art is about making people feel, see or think differently, not just about technique or skill. This Art 6 class will have a variety of art projects that ensure success and increase creativity. By the end of the term, everyone will not only feel like an artist, but be one. Some projects for Art 6 will be showcased in a variety of ways, which may include, but are not limited to: around the school, art shows, the community, and school productions. This will be a fun and creative class in which everyone can be successful and learn new techniques.

**Note:** There are additional supplies that you will need to purchase for this class. This list of supplies will be given out on the first day of the term.

## **BABYSITTING 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** \$15 (cost of manual)

In this course we will follow the outcomes set out by the Canadian Safety Council Babysitters Course. You will learn childcare basics for children at various ages and stages, how to get and keep babysitting clients, activities to do with children of various ages, and how to keep children safe under your care. We will also spend some time discussing the business of babysitting. Students who pass the course will receive certification through the Canadian Safety Council.

## **BOARD GAMES 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

In this option, we will explore and play a variety of different games. Along the way, you will also:

- increase brain function
- learn how to set goals and develop patience
- develop and strengthen relationships with new people
- increase happiness and decrease stress
- enhance creativity and self-confidence

## **BOOK CLUB 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

Book Club is a course designed for those who want to spend more time reading, discussing books, and exploring titles and genres that are new to them. All levels of readers are invited to join. In this class, expect to read, discuss, view, and create amazing projects based on the books you are exploring. (Please Note: you will be given a choice in the material you will be reading.)

## COMPUTERS 6

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

Computers 6 offers students a chance to develop their computer skills. The aim of the course is to equip students with the basic computer skills needed to enhance classroom assignments and projects during their middle school experience and beyond. This course will focus on areas such as email use, file organization, keyboarding, word processing and web design. Students will learn how to utilize their One Drive, MS TEAMS and MS Office 365 which they have access to at home through the web. This is great course to take if you are less familiar with how to use a computer for practical applications. Students will be taught proper touch typing techniques with the goal of achieving a minimum of 10 wpm with 90% accuracy.

## COOPERATIVE GAMES 6

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

Do you want to improve your strategic skills while playing games you love? If so, then this is the option for you! Students in this class will have fun playing a variety of games developing their abstract critical thinking and cooperation skills.

Some of the brain boosting benefits of strategic games include enhanced memory, concentration, strategy function and problem-solving skills.

Through cooperative games students will also develop their level of teamwork, conflict resolution, self awareness, communication and leadership.

## DANCE GROOVES 6

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

This dance class is designed for those students who just want to come out and have fun grooving! During the Dance Grooves class, students will have the opportunity to try new dance skills and original choreography. This course incorporates a variety of dance styles and music. Through participation in this class, students will improve muscle strength, balance, coordination, flexibility, core stability and cardiovascular fitness. Students will gain spatial awareness, self-awareness, self-confidence, musicality and develop a greater appreciation for the arts. Please note this is **NOT** a performance-based class and is meant to be a fun and relaxing way for students to try something new that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to try. Students will focus on learning new skills as opposed to mastering choreography for a live performance. A pair of indoor runners will be needed for this class.

## DANCE HIP-HOP 6

**Number of Terms:** 2

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** \$25

As a member of the Lakie Hip-Hop **crew**, you will have the opportunity to master new dance skills and original choreography. This class is suitable for all levels from **BEGINNER** to advanced and it runs for **two terms**. Please note students enrolled in this class will have the opportunity to perform in our traveling **Hip-Hop tour!** You will feel like a star performing with stylish costumes and cool lighting effects. This course incorporates various dance styles such as hip-hop, break dancing, house, animation, tutting, waving, gliding, crumping, popping, locking and stomp.

In this class you will also get to participate in our **student choreography** unit. During this unit you will select your favorite music, choreograph a dance routine, design lighting, and choose your favorite performance outfit! Our student choreography unit challenges students to be creative, innovative and cooperative!

Through dance, students will gain spatial awareness, self-awareness, self-confidence, musicality and develop a greater appreciation for the arts. Participation in dance will improve muscle strength, balance, coordination, flexibility, core stability and cardiovascular fitness.

If you want to make new friends and have a blast moving to the music you love, this class is for you! Please note this option runs for two terms. A pair of indoor runners will be needed for this class. There is a **\$25 production fee** for this course.

## **DESIGN SPACE 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees and Costs:** \$20

Students in Grade 6 learn new skills, develop existing skills and integrate them with other interests. They will investigate many techniques and then choose their favorites to make their projects.

Techniques that they may be exposed to are:

- Printmaking
- Dyeing
- Felting
- Weaving
- Rug hooking
- Macramé
- Surface embellishment

Once projects for the term are determined, students will receive instruction on various machines and techniques. There is no pre-requisite for this class at any grade, all levels of experience are welcome. In addition to the \$15 course fee, students may provide their own material for some projects, if this is a problem for your family please let us know.

## **DIGITAL ART 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

Digital Art 6 offers students a chance to develop their technology skills, while experiencing components of the grade 6 Art curriculum in a digital environment. The aim of the course is to expose students to digital image manipulation, digital drawing and online image/art tools. Students will investigate career connections and create a digital portfolio to showcase final projects. Students will be taught proper touch-typing techniques with the goal of achieving a minimum of 10 wpm with 90% accuracy.

## **DRAMA 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

**Express yourself!** The goal of Drama 6 is to encourage a positive self-concept that explores life and situations by taking on the roles of others. Drama students will experiment with dramatic play, movement, speech, and theatre study in a variety of forms. Drama 6 encourages you to work with other people in the school, communicate within small and large groups, as well as work together as a class. If you want to get to know more people in your school, build confidence through play, learn the craft of acting, and feel the thrill of performing for an audience, then DRAMA 6 is the place to be! Be prepared to have fun, work hard, and showcase your talent.

## **FILM STUDIES 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

Do you have a favourite movie that you could watch over and over again and never be bored? What was it about that movie that grabbed your attention? In this class you will explore how movies are taken from its storyboard and brought to life through meaningful characters, plot, lighting, sound and editing techniques. You will watch films in a variety of different genres and analyze their theme and some of the lesser known hidden meanings behind them. Throughout this option, we will dive deeper into film production, jobs and the behind the scenes work that goes into creating some of your favourite movies!

## **FOODS & NUTRITION 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** \$25

Students in Grade 6 Foods will make (and eat) a variety of foods and are taught to use basic tools, small electrical appliances and the stove and oven. Students will make decisions about which foods they cook in class based on their nutritional needs, as well as food restrictions that may be present within their group. As they progress through the grade levels, students are encouraged to create and tackle recipes and projects that more challenging, and to share their new skills and recipes with their families. There is no pre-requisite for this class at any grade, all levels of experience are welcome. There is a \$20 course fee attached to this class.

## **MARINE BIOLOGY 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

Have you ever wanted to learn more about ocean animals and creatures? Wanted to become a marine biologist as a job? In this option you will explore the truths and myths about ocean animal captivity programs, rehabilitation organizations, and learn more about organisms found within different ocean ecosystems around the world. We will explore human impacts like ocean pollution and the lasting effects on marine animals. You will also learn basic navigational skills to read and interpret nautical charts, parts of boats and marine safety as well as exploring more about marine jobs to live out your dream making a living on the ocean!

## **MATH 4 LIFE 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

Have you ever asked the question, “When am I ever going to use this?” Come and see how math is more than just what you learn in the classroom. Become a better chess player. Increase your odds of winning card games. Amaze your friends and family with magic card tricks. Use a ruler to become an amazing artist. Play, design and build board games. Learn how to take a \$20 allowance and turn it into \$20000. All this and more in Math for Life.

## **MUSIC MADNESS 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

Music Madness 6 is a one term option designed to meet the Alberta curriculum requirements for grade 6 students. This class will be mandatory for all grade 6 students not enrolled in any other music options at G.S. Lakie. In this hands-on music class, students will explore the sound of various musical instruments, play a steady beat using rhythm instruments, and recognize music and some composers of other times, places and cultures. No previous musical training is required to be successful in this class. Our goal is to let everyone experience the fun of playing music together on various instruments, develop listening skills and to acquire more music aptitude.

## **MUSIC GUITAR 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

This class is an “intro” to playing the guitar. Students will start by learning the parts of the instrument and the different types of guitars. Reading music notation on the guitar will be covered leading into basic chords, songs, and proper playing technique. Students will learn to play many styles including rock, blues, and classical. The class will also perform for assemblies and special events. These performances will be in a guitar ensemble and rock band setting. Beginner players will leave playing well, and intermediate players will acquire advanced techniques. If you love rocking out in Guitar 6, you may find yourself in other classes like Rock & Pop in grade 7 and 8 where the inner Rock Star in you will be given the stage and spotlight to shine bright!

Check out Mr. Arvay’s Guitar webpage for more info: <https://www.gslakieguitar.com/>

## **MODERN SHOP & MAKER SPACE 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** \$15

Lakie has an amazing construction shop and maker space that allows students to get some literal “hands on” experience working with tools and other construction materials. Our facility features not only woodworking, but metal fabrication and technology as well. The shop has all of the tools and machines that one would find in an industrial setting, as well as including some exciting technology such as a 3D printer, CNC computerized caving machine, and computers/video equipment for designing projects and documenting learning. All students who take shop start the term by passing a series of safety courses and quizzes before they are allowed to use the different power tools. In grade six, the construction projects are more prescribed as the students learn how the tools are used and build their foundational skills.



## **NUMERACY 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

This option is for students that struggle with math and would like a little more one to one help. We will look at strategies that will help them be more successful in math, how to prepare for exams, help with assignments, etc. We will also use this time to review material already covered. We will accomplish this through different means, such as games, whiteboard work, lessons, or whatever works for the individual.

## **OUTDOOR EDUCATION 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** \$40

If you like the outdoors, and you love a challenge, then this is the option for YOU! The focus of this course will be on practical knowledge ranging from wilderness survival, core camping skills, wildlife diversity and conservation, and orienteering level 1. What if you were stranded outdoors? Or lost? What would you do? How do you set up a proper camp site? How do you find your way? Be prepared to learn everything from using a map and compass, to starting a fire and be prepared to work with others. This option will be action packed with many hands-on activities and will also involve many little challenge tasks along the way. This option does involve writing reports/ assignments and small quizzes to determine knowledge retention.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** None

During this course, you will learn the basic skills and techniques needed to produce artistic digital photos.

Specifically, you will learn:

- the basic components and controls of digital cameras.
- how to download photos and do basic editing.
- photo composition (how to take good pictures), considering artistic elements such as subject matter being photographed, proportion (rule of thirds), point of view, effects, patterns, action, close-ups and fragments (macro), medium shots, long shots, landscape, portraits, leading lines, light and shadow, silhouette, still life, reflection, framing, panoramic and light painting

If available, students will have the opportunity to use their personal devices (smartphones) for assignments in this option.

## **SEWING & FABRIC ARTS 6**

**Number of Terms:** 1

**Experience Needed:** None

**Fees or Costs:** \$15

Students in Grade 6 Sewing learn new skills, develop existing skills and integrate them with other interests. They will make assigned projects, usually including:

- Drawstring bag
- Throw Pillow
- Pillowcase
- PJ Pants

It there is time left in the term there will be another project available for them to do. There is no pre-requisite for this class at any grade, all levels of experience are welcome, there is an expectation that students can work somewhat independently once they have learned the skills. In addition to the \$5 course fee, students provide their own material for most projects.

## **SPANISH 6**

***Number of Terms: 1***

***Experience Needed: None***

***Fees or Costs: None***

Did you know that Spanish is a more common native language than English? In this class, students will learn to speak, read and write in Spanish as they learn about the culture, food and music of various Spanish speaking countries. No previous experience with Spanish is required. Just come and be prepared to be immersed in a new language!

## **WICKED WIZARD OF OZ - PERFORMANCE CLASS 6**

***Number of Terms: 2***

***Experience Needed: None***

***Fees or Costs: \$40***

Escape to a Wicked World full of imagination and adventure! Students in this class will have the opportunity to shine on and/or off stage through the elements of music, drama, dance and design. This ground-breaking collaboration will take place at the Yates Memorial Theatre, March 6-10, 2023. This is a new and exciting take on the Performing Arts at Lakie. The Oz production company will be taught by Sheldon Arvay, Courtney Wehlage, Kristi Legge, and Lori Adamson. Together these teachers will be creating a customized performing arts experience. Students will have the opportunity to specialize in specific areas and be exposed to a variety of other performing arts disciplines.

Please note, there will be a \$40.00 production fee for this class and all students will receive a customized T-shirt. This option will take place during terms one and two.

Come join us for an unforgettable journey into Oz!

### **Please note:**

- You will be sign up by selecting a specific discipline (dance, drama or design), but will have exposure to all of them.
- Duration lengths differ:
  - Dance = 2 terms
  - Drama = 1 term



**For more information on the registration timelines and the complete online registration and option selection process, please visit the G.S. Lakie Website at:**

**<https://gsl.lethsd.ab.ca>**

**Check out the link to the G.S. Lakie orientation YouTube video specifically crafted for new students coming to Lakie for the first time:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvtMsUNeY9M&feature=youtu.be>**