

**Cambridge Lower Secondary  
Caloosa Middle School  
Entry Requirements for 6th Grade ONLY**

**School year 2024-2025**

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Students who meet the requirements listed below will be scheduled into Cambridge Lower Secondary classes in 6th grade on a probationary basis for the school year.

Of course, parents may opt their child out of the Cambridge Secondary program by contacting the school.

**Candidate Requirements:**

- Eligible for gifted services\*\* **and/or**
- Level of 4 or 5 on the FAST (or comparable if FAST testing scores are not available) for English Language Arts (ELA).
- B Average on 5th grade report card.
- For a student to be placed in high level math FAST scores must be a level 4 or 5. If the student is below that threshold for Math, that does not keep them from placement in Cambridge Lower Secondary. They will be placed in a math class more appropriate for their level.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Students who score a level 3 on statewide assessments for English Language Arts but wish to be considered for placement in the program **MUST apply** using the application.
- Admittance into the program will be based upon review of the student's grades, behavior, attendance, and test scores from elementary school. Acceptance or denial letters will be sent via email and/or mail in July 2024. Please make sure your email address on file with the district is correct.
- Students with **a level 1 or 2** on standardized tests will require intensive remediation, making Cambridge Secondary or Advanced sections unlikely.

**\*\*Students designated as gifted may not be placed in Cambridge Lower Secondary if their test scores or other criteria are not at the level necessary for success in the program. Please contact the Cambridge Coordinator, Kaitlyn Moore at [Kaitlynem@leeschools.net](mailto:Kaitlynem@leeschools.net) or Jenniffer Pierson at [jenniffermpi@leeschools.net](mailto:jenniffermpi@leeschools.net) , with any questions. \*\***

**Ideal Cambridge Lower Secondary candidate characteristics:**

- Academic excellence
- Committed to doing their best in a highly rigorous program
- Involvement in outside activities (sports, clubs, etc)
- Consistent attendance
- Strong work ethic
- Responsible

**Out of state or without testing students:** Students without state assessment scores or with unique transcripts, please see the application documents below for consideration into the Cambridge Lower Secondary program at Caloosa Middle School.

**Probationary Cambridge Lower Secondary for 6th Graders at Caloosa Middle:**

Students that meet the testing, grades, attendance, and behavior qualifications will be placed into the Cambridge Lower Secondary program on a probationary basis while in 6th grade. Students must keep a B average (3.0) in their core classes and hold to the Cambridge behavior and work ethic standards that are part of our Caloosa Middle School Cambridge Program Contract. If a student struggles to be successful while in the program, parents will be notified. Students that are not able to be successful will be removed from the program at the discretion of the director and administration and placed into appropriate level classes.

If the student is successful during their 6th grade year, they will be ***invited*** to continue in the program in 7th grade via a letter home at the end of their 6th grade school year. Please note that a child placed in Cambridge in 6th grade is not guaranteed to continue in the program in 7th and 8th unless they meet the above criteria. If your child is to be removed from the program at any point, you will be notified.

**INCOMING 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS:**

If your student is an incoming 7th or 8th grader and is interested in placement in the Cambridge Lower Secondary program at Caloosa Middle School, they ***must*** fill out the Cambridge application. If they are a current Caloosa Middle student, they are not required to do the teacher/ guidance counselor recommendation forms. If they are a new student to Caloosa Middle, those forms are necessary. Please attach any other relevant information to the application to help us see what kind of student they are and to help us make the best decision.

Students must have a minimum of Level 3 on both ELA and Math FAST (or other comparable data) in order to be considered for acceptance into Cambridge in 7th or 8th grade. Acceptance or letters of regret will be sent via email and/or mail in July 2024. Please make sure your email address on file with the district is correct.

**\*\*Notice\*\***

I understand that participation in the Cambridge Secondary cohort in middle school does not mean my student will automatically participate in Cambridge AICE courses in high school nor does not participating in Cambridge Secondary prevent my child from taking Cambridge AICE courses in high school.