2017 Course Catalog - Secondary Edition
6th-8th Grade
*Grade indicated in Catalog is student grade level for Fall 2017*

Main SEI Location: McAuliffe Middle School
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Los Alamitos, CA 90720

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Avoid Summer Learning Loss with SEI!

- Research spanning 100 years shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer.
- Most students lose about two months of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer months.
- SEI is the answer!
  - Academic enrichment courses featuring research-based curriculum and differentiated instruction that are engaging, rigorous and fun!
  - Small class size of 8-17 students
  - Credentialed teachers and highly qualified instructors

Registration Deadlines to Note!

Early Bird Reg.  
Session 1 & 2: March 22 - May 24
For the best deals on our SEI classes, take advantage of our Early Bird Registration!

Registration  
Session 1: May 25 - June 20
Session 2: May 25 - July 4
Class rates go up by $15 per class after 5/24. Don’t wait!

Late In Person  
Session 1: June 26th
Session 2: July 10th
Registration onsite only at Rossmoor Elementary for classes with availability. There will be a $25 late fee per class.
**SESSION 1 CLASSES: June 26-July 7**
(No Class on July 4; there are 9 Instructional Days in Session 1)

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## SESSION 2 CLASSES: July 10-July 21

(10 Instructional Days in Session 2)

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LAEF’s Course Descriptions:

- **Bonjour la classe!**
  This Begging French class will be using the comprehensive input method. Students will acquire high frequency vocabulary and be able to read a short story. They will also learn language basics such as introductions, colors, animals, and daily activities.

- **Comparative World Literature: Greek Mythology and Fairy Tales**
  This class will be a comparative analysis of fairy tales and folklore: how old versions get transformed into new ones, and what that means. After breaking down what a fairy tale is, we will be reading and discussing several well-known stories and companion articles, components from our discussions and readings will guide us in writing and presenting a fairy tale of our own.

- **Craft-Academy: Rocketry & Minecraft**
  Students will embark on a journey through the history of the manned space program and will research and explore various rockets made by organizations such as NASA, SpaceX and Virgin Galactic. They will re-create a model of their chosen rocket in Minecraft to demonstrate their knowledge of the anatomy of space vehicles. Finally, they will engineer their own high powered paper rockets to compete for a "NASA contract," where they will be blasting off their rockets using a custom-made compressed air launcher.

- **Creative Writing: What’s Your Story?**
  Storytelling is easy, fun, and entertaining. It also makes us better writers, speakers, and listeners. In this nonfiction writing workshop, students will develop true, first person narratives, inspired by the Moth Story Hour. Students will read and listen to sample stories from the Moth Podcast, then craft their own tales based on personal experience. Stories will be rehearsed and shaped, as students learn the basics of plot, pacing, and timed presentation.

- **3-Dimensional Photography:**
  Picture yourself as a visual communicator! With creativity and a focus on education, students will learn to capture images to tell stories, convey information, and evoke emotions. Starting with basic techniques of digital photography, this project and production based class will explore 3-D in the way we experience the world, and teach students to produce simple and advanced 3-D images. *Students must provide their own digital camera to use in class. A camera phone will also work.*
• **Drawing & Painting:**

Master the fundamental techniques of Drawing & Painting while expanding your conceptual boundaries and developing your own artistic vision! Students will create images to tell stories, convey information, and evoke emotions. In our Drawing & Painting class, students will be guided by an instructor with an artistic background. Students will learn techniques, create projects, and use processes that will allow them to build a great portfolio. They will also have the opportunity to learn techniques from classical to multicultural artists from around the world.

• **Get Organized! Middle School Organization**

Do you need to improve your organizational skills? This class is a sure fire approach to assist all students in this very essential piece of their education success. Students will learn how to keep class schedules, upcoming assignments and assessments organized. Note taking skills and study skills will also be addressed. If you’re an Incoming 6th grader, this class will help ease the transition into middle school. If you are an incoming 7th grader, learn skills to help you in middle school and in life!

• **Girls Self Defense**

Kenpo Karate with an emphasis on practical self-defense for girls as well as empowerment.

• **Introduction to Japanese**

Are you interested in Japanese culture? Do you read manga or watch anime? Do you have an interest in learning basics of Japanese or do you plan on taking Japanese at Los Alamitos High School? If so, then sign up for “Intro to Japanese” with Ms. Sanchez to learn about the culture and language of Japan!
SEI Course Descriptions (Continued)

- **Jewelry Making**
  This hands-on visual art class will introduce the basics of jewelry design and construction. Students will create unique, wearable artworks. Safety demonstrations and step-by-step instruction will lead students through a variety of techniques including: basic ring making, cuttle fish casting, and bead and wire work. Students will be proud to wear or gift their Jewelry!

- **Kickstarter to Math 6:**
  6th grade math will introduce students to new material in a challenging but exciting way. This class will prepare students for Math 6 for the upcoming year. Students will enhance their basic math skills, number sense and operations, use of formulas and problem solving skills. A solid foundation in the concepts of mathematics is essential for success in middle school and high school math. Join us as we review and preview key concepts of middle school math and realize meaningful applications of new-found math skills. Math-related games will also be used to foster appreciation of subject matter.

- **Kickstarter to Math 7:**
  This class is designed primarily for incoming 7th graders who enjoy math and who want to keep it fresh. This class will prepare and start students on Math 7 for the upcoming year. This class will review skills involving whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages. In addition, mathematical concepts including integers, patterns, geometry, logic, problem-solving, number theory, discrete mathematics and basic algebra will be explored.

- **Middle School Theatre Academy- Level I:**
  This class will include acting exercises, improvisation games, pantomime, an introduction to script writing, musical theatre dance, and an end of session performance. Over the course of the two weeks, students will learn basic acting, storytelling, dance and script writing techniques. Students will write their own short play that will be performed at the end of the two week session for parents/guardians. This course is designed for beginning drama students (those who have had less than a year of drama instruction/experience). All are welcome!

- **Middle School Theatre Academy – Level II:**
  This class will include acting exercises, improvisation games, pantomime, script writing, musical theatre dance, and an end of session performance. Over the course of the two weeks, students will work on acting techniques, improvisation, dance, monologue and duet work, and script writing. Students will have the opportunity to write their own monologues/duet scenes or choose a pre-written monologue or duet that will be performed for parents at the end of the session. This course is designed for students who have had AT LEAST a year of drama instruction/experience.
• Public Speaking:

Do you want to become a powerful public speaker before your peers? Public speaking is designed to teach presentation skills for informative, persuasive, debate, and impromptu styles of speech delivery. It will also focus on the written aspect of speech organization, as well as how to be confident and comfortable in front of an audience. This course prepares students for a variety of academic and other situations in which formal presentations are required. Students will learn how to research, outline, and deliver short, informal presentations as well as longer speeches. Students will also learn about the qualities colleges’ value and how to strengthen their preparation for college.
SEI Course Descriptions (Continued)

- **Robotics - Beginner:**

This course is for students who have never taken a robotics course through Ms. Martin. Students will program EV3 robots to complete a variety of challenges and compete in a final obstacle course. This class provides students with engaging hands-on explorations of the computer science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields through the use of robots. Students will build and program real-life robotic solutions using motors, sensors, batteries, connectors, and various structural elements. Through this engaging program, students will show creativity, use teamwork, and strengthen their skills in logic, math, problem solving, and deduction.

- **Robotics - Intermediate:**

Students who have passed the beginning course will take their robotics skills to the next level. Students will design robots that can create art, program robots to make geometric shapes and construct a gripper attachment to move objects from point A to point B. This course will end with a SumoBot Challenge!

- **Robotics - Advanced:**

This course is for the die-hard robotic fanatic! Students will be challenged to design robots to solve real-world problems. In one challenge, students will be designing a robot to deliver snacks to patients in a hospital. In another challenge, students will be choreographing multiple robots to dance to popular music.

*LAEF thanks the Tesoro Foundation for their generous Robotics grant!*

- **Ukulele Sessions:**

This beginning Ukulele class is tailored to students with or without a music education and quickly gets them to a place of understanding so they can start to read and play on their own! Students will learn chords in first position, strumming and fingerstyle techniques, scales and cool riffs. Students will learn how to read a chart and perform from it. We will be alternating between the Ukulele Aerobics book and learning some fun and easy songs and finally graduating to a song called "You’ve got a friend in me" written by Randy Newman featured in the movie "Toy Story"! There will be a performance during the last class! **Student must provide their own ukulele.**
Meet our highly qualified SEI Teachers!

**Ashley Beck (Ukulele Sessions)**- Ashley is a performer and teacher with over 25 years of experience in guitar, vocal technique, and ukulele. She is an accompanist and studio singer. Ashley has dedicated herself to the art of making people smile through music.

**Alison Cotter (Creative Writing – What’s Your Story?)**- Alison graduated from CSU, Long Beach in 2001 with a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and prior she earned her BS in Marketing from Syracuse University in 1985. Alison is currently an instructional specialist in presenting writing and grammar workshops at the Writing and Reading Success Center at Long Beach City College. She is also currently a freelance College Application Essay Coach. From 2001-2013, she served as an adjunct English Instructor at LBCC. Her organizational and study skills are exceptional and she looks forward to teaching for LAEF again this summer!

**Amanda D’Avila (Middle School Theatre Academy)**- Ms. Amanda D’Avila is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine with credentials in English/Language Arts, Drama, Psychology, and a Masters in Teaching. Ms. D’Avila grew up with an extensive background in dance, theatre, musical theatre, and music. She has been teaching in Los Alamitos Unified for three years at Oak Middle School where she serves as Director of the Drama Department.

**Karissa Ferrell (Jewelry Making)**- Karissa Ferrell has been a Griffin for 12 years. As part of the Visual Art Department at LAHS she teaches 3-D Design (jewelry and sculpture) as well as Advanced Placement Art History. Together, with her husband DW, Karissa Ferrell owns a retail incubator called MADE in Long Beach that features goods made by over 120 local artisans and creatives. Besides making art she enjoys gardening, swimming, yoga, and doing home improvement projects.

**Kiyomi Fukui (Drawing and Painting)**- Kiyomi is a Japanese-American artist who lives and works in Long Beach. She received her MFA in Printmaking from California State University, Long Beach and a BFA in Graphic Design from La Sierra University. Her recent exhibitions include Poetics of Relation, DAC Gallery, Los Angeles; Thread, El Camino Art Gallery, Torrance, and Bloom Polylogue, Gallery 211, Santa Ana. In addition to producing print-based artwork, Kiyomi also practices participatory performance and fiber arts, such as tatting and crocheting. Kiyomi has been teaching Surf Art after-school for LAEF during the spring of 2017! She is excited to teach drawing and painting during her first SEI this summer!

**Morgan Martin (Robotics)**- Morgan is in her seventh year of teaching, and in that time she has taught science to all grades six through twelve. She currently teaches sixth grade earth science and seventh grade life science at Oak Middle School. In addition to teaching science, Morgan is a coach for the Science Olympiad team and is providing assistance to Oak students for the STEAM fair and STEAM showcase. As a Los Alamitos graduate, Morgan loves working for her alma mater. Morgan pioneered the Robotics program in Los Alamitos Unified through LAEF two summers ago and she looks to continue on with the tradition by teaching Robotics again this summer!

**Karla McCann (Bonjour la classe! )**- Madame McCann has been teaching French to beginners for the past 11 years. Karla is currently a French teacher at Los Alamitos High School and has been for the past 6 years and before that she was at El Toro High School for 5 years. She uses a communicative method that results in students understanding French much faster than the traditional grammar method. Students will learn French through storytelling, gestures, games, and other engaging activities!

**Chris Miko (Craft-Academy: Rocketry & Minecraft)**- Chris has been a classroom STEM teacher for 10 years, and has been running his educational services company, The Advanced Learning Project (ALP) for 9. Having taught all grade levels k-12, and offering innovative curriculum and programs in his classroom teaching and through ALP, Mr. Miko has a wide variety of experiences and training to draw upon for his summer programs. He has a certificate in gifted education, as well as a certificate in STEM education to go along with his multi-subject credential and single subject credential in science. Mr. Miko is excited to be bringing his summer enrichment to Los Al and LAEF.
Meet More Highly-Qualified Instructional SEI Staff:

Denise McGovney (Project Lead The Way Gateway Academy)- Denise McGovney is completing her 21st year teaching in Los Al. She currently teaches at McAuliffe Middle School and you can find her in the new computer/engineering rooms where she is teaching the new Project Lead the Way class to 7th and 8th graders. She’s excited about being part of a team that is encouraging Los Al students to explore the field of engineering through robotics and 3D design. She was born and raised in Seal Beach and attended McGaugh Elementary. She received her BA at UC Santa Barbara, her teaching credential from Cal State Long Beach State and her Master’s in Administration from Alliant International University.

Barry Rothstein (3-Dimensional Photography)- Barry Rothstein is a "stereographer", a 3-D photographer. Barry earned his B.A. in psychology from University of California San Diego and his M.A. in applied behavior analysis from Western Michigan University. Mr. Rothstein has exhibited and taught 3-D technique at that last eight San Francisco Bay Area Maker Faires, one in New York, two in San Diego and at the Los Angeles County Science Fair in Pasadena. Over the past twelve years he has won several awards for his images, and has published five books of 3-dimensional photography. His specialty is "photographic phantograms", a style of reach-out-and-touch 3-D images. At national and international 3-D conventions he regularly teaches his techniques. Barry is excited to teach the students of Los Al this summer for LAEF!

Midori Sanchez (Comparative World Literature: Greek Mythology and Fairy Tales, Get Organized! Middle School Organization and Introduction to Japanese)- Midori Sanchez is an educator specializing in math and English. She received a bachelor's degree in English education with an emphasis in world literature and a minor in Spanish. Midori has been teaching in Los Alamitos Unified School District for two years. She currently teaches 7th grade core (Reading and Language Arts) at McAuliffe Middle School and she has worked with 10th and 11th grade students in English at Los Alamitos High School during 2015. She is excited to teach three classes this summer! Midori will be focusing on world literature and exploring its relevance in present day, Middle School Organization which class title is “Get Organized!” and Introduction to Japanese!

Andrea Solow (Girls Self Defense)- Sensei Solow has been a student of Kenpo Karate for over 30 years and is currently a 5th Degree Black Belt. She has been the International champion six times and has won more than 150 1st place trophies in her tournament career. She has instructed several hundred people over the years, having many advanced students, and bringing several people to the rank of black belt. Ms. Solow is passionate about teaching kids and is excited to start her 3rd consecutive summer teaching SEI!!


Sherry Ward (Kickstart to Math 6 and Kickstart to Math 7)- Sherry Ward has been in the field of Education for over 25 years in mathematics and counseling. She has four teaching credentials, including mathematics, business, computers, and counseling. Sherry has spent the past 10 years at several colleges as the coordinator of their Teacher Preparation programs, teaching Education courses, and as a college counselor to veterans. She is a published author and now owns a publishing company called Square Tree Publishing. She lives in Los Alamitos with her family and subs occasionally for the district.

Arnold Weintraub (Public Speaking/Preparing for the College Essay)- Dr. Weintraub has been teaching since 1966. He received his BA degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a double major in English and Speech Communication. He received his MA and PHD degrees in Speech Communication from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He taught English at every level, ranging from remedial through AP Honors. He coached Debate for 11 years at Omaha Central High School. He has also taught several courses in Speech Communication at El Camino College and Golden West College. Dr. Weintraub is an enthusiastic teacher and served as a walk-on coach at Los Alamitos High School, coaching the Debate team and the Mock Trial team.
Additional Information about SEI:

Session One: June 26- July 7 (No Classes: 7/4)
Session Two: July 10- July 21

Both sessions of Secondary SEI Classes will be at McAuliffe Middle School located at:
4112 Cerritos Ave., Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Registration:
All registration will be completed on-line. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.
A minimum enrollment of 8 students is required to be able to run classes.
Please visit www.LAEF4kids.org/programs to register for SEI classes.
* Early Bird Registration: 3/22-5/24 (Don’t miss out on the best deal!)
* Regular registration: Session 1; 5/25-6/20 and Session 2; 5/25-7/4
* Late In-Person registration: Session 1- June 26 and Session 2- July 10 at 8:00 a.m. (Onsite at Rossmoor Elementary only).
**Please note there will be a $25 late fee per class.**
Register early! SEI class sizes are limited to 17 students per class.

On Campus at McAuliffe:
All secondary classes, grades six through eight, will take place on the McAuliffe Middle School campus, unless otherwise noted. The Secondary SEI campus is open from 9:00am-1:00pm for classes. Students may be on campus in between classes. During SEI, the LAEF office will be located at Rossmoor Elementary and will be open from 7:45am-5:00pm. Should you need your child to leave their scheduled class earlier than the posted time, please provide your child with a parental note specifying the date and time that they should be released. Cell phones aren’t allowed to be powered on during instructional periods, but may be used before and after classes.

Behavior Expectations:
It is the goal of the Los Alamitos Education Foundation (LAEF) to provide a positive, safe, and secure learning environment for all students. To ensure that all students have equal access to success and a sense of well-being during the LAEF Summer Enrichment Institute, we expect that students behave appropriately. Participating in SEI is a privilege and if a student has to be removed from a SEI classroom on more than one occasion, the course fee will be forfeited and the child will no longer be able to participate in 2017 SEI courses.

Refund Policy:
Tuition is non-refundable unless LAEF cancels the class due to the minimum enrollment not being met. If your child registers late, misses classes, or withdraws before the end of the session, you are still responsible for the full fees of the session.

Scholarships:
Limited partial scholarships are available on a first come first serve basis. Applications are available at www.LAEF4kids.org/scholarships. Please email completed applications to info@LAEF4kids.org.

Summer Sports Camps and Music Camps have their own scholarship availability. If you’re interested in a scholarship, please email Michele, LAEF’s Programs Coordinator at info@LAEF4Kids.org or call our office at 562.799.4700 Ext. 80424.

Multi-Class Discount:
Multi-class discounts are available! Purchase your 1st class, then receive 25% off the 2nd class and 50% off any class thereafter. Discount applied to family or individual student. Discount applied to LAEF’s Summer Enrichment Institute only. The discounts do not apply to Summer Sports Camps and Music Camps.

Music and Summer Sports Camps with LAHS and LAUSD Staff:
Registration information and flyers will be updated to our website at www.LAEF4kids.org/summer as the programs get closer to their start dates. Please check back frequently for updates.