



River Ridge Middle School

Welcome 8th graders!

2016-17 Course Registration Information

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! The information below is for students and parents to provide input for student schedules. Students will use this information to choose their elective courses.

Middle School Promotion Requirements

Middle school students are required to successfully complete three years of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, as well as a course in career and education planning in order to be promoted to grade 9 [F.S. 1003.4156].

Advanced Coursework:

- Courses will be rigorous and may require significant projects, writing assignments and work outside of class time.
- Placement is determined by past student performance. Criteria will include previous Level 4 or 5 on FSA Reading and/or Math, A average, 70% and above on district quarterly checks and advance placement test as well as teacher recommendation. Notification of course placement and summer assignments will be made in early summer.
- Schedule changes will not be possible once enrolled due to class-size mandates and end-of-course exam requirements.

Engineering Career Academy:

Areas of study include and should be sequenced as 1. Design & Modeling 2. Automation & Robotics 3. Green Architecture 4. Energy and the Environment. There are additional engineering courses in high school that continue in this program of study.

How can I earn high school credit while in middle school?

- Advanced classes taught at RRMS that meet high school credit requirements
- High school classes taught at RRHS
- Online classes: Pasco eSchool

PE Requirement: All students are required to take 1 semester of Physical Education in middle school every year (Senate Bill 610). Taking a dance course will also satisfy this requirement.

8th Grade

Student Name: _____

Student Number: _____

All 8th grade students will receive a yearlong class in Math, Science, Language Arts, and U.S. History. Advanced coursework will be recommended by teacher initials as indicated below.

U.S. History, Advanced Teacher Initial _____ Parent initial _____
 Algebra 1 Hon Teacher Initial _____ Parent initial _____
Language Arts, Advanced Teacher Initial _____ Parent initial _____
 Geometry Hon Teacher Initial _____ Parent initial _____
Science, Advanced Teacher Initial _____ Parent initial _____

8th Grade – Please rank your top 6 choices from 1-6.

Yearlong Advanced classes in bold require teacher recommendation.

| Semester / PE Combination Classes | Yearlong Classes |
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| Computer Applications in Business 1 & CP/PE _____ | Art 2D 2 _____ |
| Computer Applications in Business 2 & CP/PE _____ | Dance 1 or 2 (Circle) _____ |
| Engineering 1. Design & Modeling /PE _____ | Adv. Dance 3 (teacher rec. required) _____ |
| Engineering 2. Automation & Robotics / PE _____ | Theater 1 or 2 (Circle) _____ |
| Engineering 3. Green Architecture / PE _____ | Adv. Theater 3 (teacher rec. required) _____ |
| Engineering 4. Energy and the Environment / PE _____ | Chorus 1 or 2 (Circle) _____ |
| Intro to Arts/Audio Visual Tech & Career Planning (Graphic Arts/Digital Design) / PE _____ | Band 1, 2 or 3 (Circle) _____ |
| Peer Counseling / PE _____ | Physical Education Yearlong _____ |
| Art 2D 1 _____ | Beginning Spanish _____ |
| | Spanish 1 – Advanced (High School credit) _____ |
| | German 1 – Advanced (High School credit) _____ |
| | Advanced Graphic & Digital Design 1 (High School credit) _____ |
| | Digital Media Multimedia (High School credit) _____ |
| | Must take Adv. Graphic & Digital Design 1 as a co-requisite _____ |
| *Physical Education is required and is in addition to each of the above semester classes | Introduction to Engineering Design (High School credit) _____ |
| If choosing an elective other than PE and Dance a PE waiver is required to be completed by the parent and approved by administration. Completing a PE waiver does not guarantee that your student will not have PE. | Musical Theater 1- (High School credit) Should have taken Theater 1 or 2 _____ |

Any questions? Please call RRMS guidance at 774-7239

Parent signature below indicates that you have provided input into the course selection process.

Parent Signature

Date