



# River Ridge Middle School

## Class of 2025

### Transitioning to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Year

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#### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS TO HIGH SCHOOL

The state mandate (F.S. 1003.4156) requires that middle school students complete a Language Arts, Math, Science, & Social Studies course each year with a minimum grade of "D" as well as a career component to be promoted to high school (as a part of World History class). Middle School students must also sit for the State Civics Assessment.

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS

All 8<sup>th</sup> Grades will take the following assessments:

- NWEA Map Assessment (Diagnostic)
- Florida Standards Assessment ELA
- Florida Standards Assessment 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math or Algebra I EOC or Geometry I EOC
- NGSSS FCAT 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science
- District End-of-Course Final Exams

#### WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YEAR EXPENSES?

The list below contains the majority of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year expenses but may not be limited to all expenses. Budgeting is the best way to manage these expenses as we have spread them throughout the year. You may pay for all expenses online through the Acorn/Rycor system.

##### Required:

- *General Course Fees: TBD based on courses*
- *Athletic Participation Fee: \$50 1<sup>st</sup> sport, \$30 2<sup>nd</sup> sport (Collected prior to playing the sport)*

##### Optional:

- Class of 2025 T-shirt \$10
- Yearbook \$25 (through Jan. 1), \$30 (through May), \$35 (after arrival)  
Order online at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) or cash/check to Ms. Baumaister.
- School Pictures TBD
- Winter and Spring Dances \$10 each
- NASA Field Trip (Adv. Science)/Field Trip T-shirt \$75
- Gradventure/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gradventure T-shirt \$140
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activity Fee (8<sup>th</sup> grade dance, picnic) \$15

#### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIPS

We expect to have the following field trips available to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are "on track" for promotion. These are tentative dates and prices but more information will be provided closer to the trips. There will be no field trips 1<sup>st</sup> semester.

- Date TBD: Physics Day @ Busch Gardens Tampa, FL (Physical Science Honors) Cost: TBD
- March 5th: Kennedy Space Center NASA, Cape Canaveral, FL \$75 (Adv. Science)
- January/February: Holocaust Museum St. Petersburg, FL Cost: TBD
- May 7: Gradventure @ Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure, Orlando, FL \$140

#### END OF YEAR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES

8<sup>th</sup> graders wishing to participate in the end of year activities must meet eligibility requirements. Any 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who does not pass their current courses and/or fails to complete any course recovery from 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be ineligible to participate in any 8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year activities (4<sup>th</sup> quarter), because he/she would not have met the mandatory requirements for promotion to high school. **All final decisions on academic eligibility for end of year activities will be determined by administration and will be based on students meeting promotion guidelines.**

- May 7: Gradventure
- May 14: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
- May 17: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration of Excellence Awards
- May 20: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic

River Ridge Middle School will host a Promotion Ceremony for the Class of 2025 at 8AM on Friday, May 21 in the RRMS/HS Gymnasium. This is a formal occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders being promoted to high school. We invite family and friends to join us to recognize our outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

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