

RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

2022-23

COURSE SELECTION

Class of 2028 (7th Grade) & 2027 (8th Grade)



RIVER RIDGE ROYAL KNIGHTS

SHARE THESE

KNIGHTLY VALUES:



Be **Respectful**
Be **Responsible**
Be a
Problem Solver

#WeAreROYAL

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROMOTION REQUIREMENT



Middle school students are required to successfully complete three years of language arts, math, science, and social studies which must include Civics, and a career component in order to be promoted to grade 9. [F.S. 1003.4156].





7TH GRADE SCHEDULE



- **Required Classes:**

- Advanced Language Arts
- Advanced Civics (EOC required)
- Math or Accelerated Math or Algebra 1 Honors
- Advanced Science or Acc. Science Honors
- 1 Semester of PE (optional with Waiver)
- 2 Electives Periods



8TH GRADE SCHEDULE



- Required Classes:

- Advanced Lang. Arts
- Advanced World History
- 8th Grade Math (Pre-Algebra) or Algebra 1* or Geometry*- (EOC) HS credit/GPA
- Advanced Science or Physical Science Honors*
- 1 Semester of PE (Optional with Waiver)
- 2 Electives Periods



ADVANCED **CORE COURSE WORK**



-We believe that with the right supports that ALL students should be challenged to be engaged in and meet high academic standards.

- Accelerated options for Science and Math
- Advanced options for ELA and Social Studies
- *Teachers should sign the course card for **Math and Science Options.***

INTENSIVE **COURSE WORK**



- Students may be placed in an intensive reading class if they do not show proficiency on the FSA ELA Assessment. FSA Level 1's are REQUIRED to take Intensive Reading.
- Students who do not receive passing grades in their four core content classes (Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies) will be placed in the academic learning lab for course recovery.

PE Requirement:

- All students are required to take one semester of Physical Education in middle school every year (Senate Bill 610).
- Dance course will also satisfy the PE requirement.
- Students can choose to “opt out” of PE but parents must sign a PE waiver on the back of the course card.



**Turn to the
Back of the Course Card**



Online Health Agreement

Only complete if your child is taking Band 1 or

Explore your ROYAL opportunities!



RRMS Course Selection 2022-2023

Class of 2029 - 6th Grade

Class of 2028-7th Grade

Class of 2027-8th Grade

ELECTIVES **&** **PROGRAM** **OPTIONS**

- Visit the RRMS Website to explore all of the course offerings & elective options through videos and course descriptions.
- rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us



Students may take Spanish, American Sign Language, or German in 11th & 12th Grade. All courses are high school credit elections.



Download this informational document providing information on the high school academies that middle school students can access and important academy program contact information.

8th Graders only can apply to be a Peer for Partners (P4 Partners) or 7th and 8th Graders can apply for Royal Square PMS Grants.



All 6th graders will take a year-long intensive Reading & Research course (meeting TSA, ELA, and WFL).

All 6th graders will take a semester of Health either in the classroom or online outside of their school day. All students are required to take a semester of PE unless the PE waiver is signed by a parent/guardian.



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

ADVANCED COURSES OF STUDY & ELECTIVE PROGRAMS

RRMS offers students many diverse experiences to find & pursue their interest areas while exploring their talents in a caring & compassionate learning environment. There are more on campus opportunities than any other middle school for students to excel by earning high school credits and industry certifications.

FAME ACADEMY FINE ARTS MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

The FAME Academy at RRMS allows students to have access to a comprehensive visual and performing arts coursework including visual and digital arts, photography, dance and choreography, theatre, vocal, instrumental (orchestra, percussion, and brass, etc.), and general music. In addition to the diverse curriculum offerings, teachers and students will have the opportunity to utilize the River Ridge Center for the Arts and the Black Box Theatre to provide professional real-world experiences in the fine and performing arts.



DIGITAL MEDIA MULTI-MEDIA & GRAPHIC DESIGN

Students explore audio/video technology, webpage design and interactive presentation development in animation and graphic design using Photoshop, Illustrator, and iMovie, etc. Students have the opportunity to earn two high school course credits and earn industry certifications.



WORLD LANGUAGES

Students earn on campus high school credit by immersing in either American Sign Language, German, or Spanish Programs.



ACCELERATED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS STANDARDS-BASED, RIGOROUS, & RELEVANT

River Ridge Middle School is the first middle school in Pasco County to offer an accelerated academic program in Mathematics & Science where students are immersed in inquiry based, rigorous and relevant curriculum leading to multiple high school credits in middle school.

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ENGINEERING & ROBOTICS

The rigorous Project Lead the Way Engineering Program at RRMS provides students with hands on experiences to explore all areas of the engineering field including robotics, manufacturing, green architecture, and energy and the environment. As an 8th grader, students may also take the high school level Introduction to Engineering course to earn an industry certification. Students may also participate in VEX and FIRST Robotics team competitions with high school mentors.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science includes programming (block and text) and also includes many other concepts such as computational thinking, artificial intelligence, computer systems and networks, security, database systems, human computer interaction, vision and graphics, numerical analysis, programming languages, software engineering, bioinformatics, mixed reality, computer literacy, and theory of computing. Students have the opportunity to take the high school computer science courses and earn industry certifications.



TEACHING & EDUCATION

7th and 8th grade students who are accepted in the New Teacher Academy at RRMS will enter their first class and learn quickly that clinical experience working with kids, coupled with giving back to the Pasco community, is the catalyst for success within the NTA. Developing future teachers while serving the community provides a powerful platform upon which to build the next generation of Pasco County teachers. Students earn high school credit in this academy.

OWN YOUR CHOICES:

SELECTING YOUR ELECTIVES



- 7th & 8th Graders will have 2 full elective choices either selecting yearlong or semester electives.
- *Think About...*
 - *What are my talents & interests?*
 - *How can I apply my talents & interests to an elective area or program of study at RRMS?*
 - *Which programs of study will lead to an RRHS Academy and/or earning high school credit in middle school?*

OWN YOUR CHOICES: **SELECTING YOUR** **ELECTIVES**



- Rank all Semester and Yearlong Elective Interest 1-4 to fill 2 class periods
 - *2 yearlong electives*
 - *1 yearlong and 2 semester electives*
 - *4 semester electives*

OWN YOUR CHOICES: **HIGH SCHOOL COURSE WORK**



- Taking high school course work in middle school is challenging yet provides students the ability to accelerate to earn college credits in high school and deeply focus on areas of interest.
- Coursework taken in middle school will impact your high school graduation requirements, GPA and college scholarship opportunities.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES ON RRMS CAMPUS



- Digital Media/Multimedia 1 & 2
 - 7th and 8th
 - H.S. 1.0 Credit @ RRMS
 - Industry Certification eligible
- World Languages
 - Spanish 1 & 2 @ RRMS
 - German 1 & 2 @ RRHS
 - American Sign Language 1 & 2 @ RRMS
 - 7th and 8th grade
 - H. S. 1.0 Credit



RIVER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES OFFERED TO RRMS STUDENTS



ENGINEERING ACADEMY

As an 8th grader, students may also take the high school level Introduction to Engineering course as a part of the RRHS Engineering Academy to earn an industry certification. Students may also participate in VEX and FIRST Robotics team competitions with high school mentors. Students earn high school credit in this academy and must be in Algebra 1 Honors or above to enroll.

Select: Introduction to Engineering (1.0)

Academy Contact:

Mr. McAmis

smcamis@pasco.k12.fl.us



NEW TEACHING ACADEMY

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New Teacher Academy
River Ridge High School
New Port Richey, FL 34684



Academy Contacts:

Mr. Vachon

rvachon@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Hess

bhess@pasco.k12.fl.us

AIR FORCE JROTC

The Air Force JROTC program builds students character and confidence through learning about citizenship and leadership. The three core values of the unit are integrity first, service before self and excellence in all that we do. Students will learn about military history, leadership and life skills, how to wear a uniform and march in formation, and much more. The core of cadets provide community service to various community projects and offer extra-curricular opportunities of drill team, honor guard, orienteering, and physical training team. Cadets can also attend field trips to MacDill Air Force Base and Kennedy Space Center as well as participate in the Young Eagles flying program.

Select: Aerospace Science (1.0) - 8th grade

Program Contacts:

Lt. Col. Morgan

dmorgan@pasco.k12.fl.us

Master Sgt. King

rking@pasco.k12.fl.us



Check out informational videos on the RRMS website at rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us.

INTRO TO ENGINEERING DESIGN @ RRHS

- 8th grade only
- H.S. 1.0 Credit – Algebra 1 required
- Industry Certification eligible



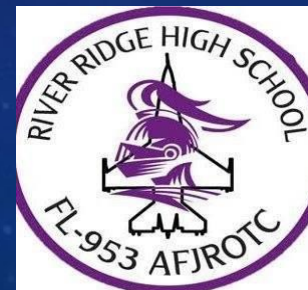
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING ACADEMY

- Intro to the Teaching Profession @ RRHS
- Human Growth and Development @ RRHS (write on course card)
- Peers as Partners @ RRMS
 - 7th & 8th grade
 - H.S. 1.0 Credit



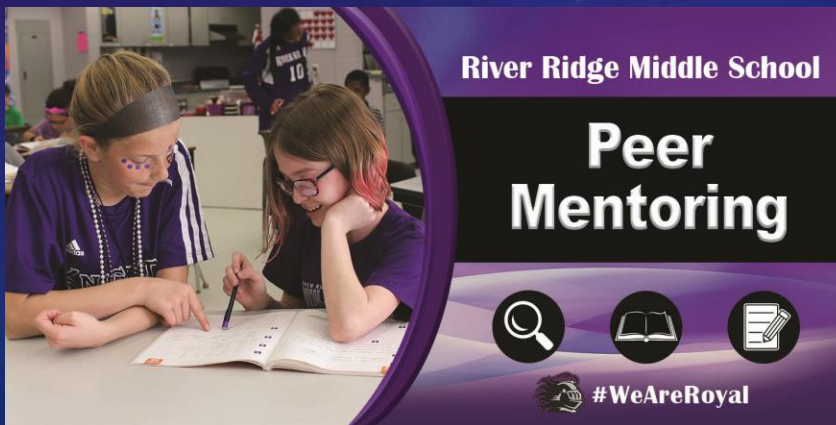
HIGH SCHOOL JROTC

- Aerospace Science 1 (JROTC 1) @ RRHS (write on course card)
 - 8th grade only
 - H.S. 1.0 Credit



APPLICATION COURSES

- Attach the application to your course card:
 - M/J Peer Counseling
 - Peer as Partners (Yearlong) (8th Grade only)
 - Yearbook (7th & 8th Grade)
 - Available on RRMS Website or Front Desk
- Apply to the Academy on the RRHS website:
 - Intro to Engineering @ RRHS
 - Intro to Teaching Profession @ RRHS



**New Teacher Academy
River Ridge High School
New Port Richey, FL 34684**



**Excellence
through Education**

MAKING YOUR ELECTIVE CHOICES



- Use the course card to help you make your elective choices.
- Rank order your top choices from **1 – 4** so you will have alternate selections. Semester options should be given the same priority number so they are paired together.
- We'll try to put you into your 1st choices.
- If needed, parent signs the PE waiver on the back of the course card (IMPORTANT).

OWN YOUR CHOICES: SCHEDULE CHANGES



- Classes are offered on the basis of the choices you make. The choices you make are binding.
- Schedule changes will not be made because you decide that you do not want to take a course any longer.

**Finally, SIGN THE
COURSE CARD.
DUE Tuesday,
February 22 to
Science Teachers.**

Parent Signature_____

Student Signature_____

EXPLORE YOUR ROYAL OPPORTUNITIES!



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

**2022-23
CURRICULUM NIGHT**

02.16.22 ~ 6PM-7:30PM

Explore ALL of the

Royal
opportunities!

Transition Meetings for Parents 6PM-6:30PM

Incoming 6th Grade - Theater, Incoming 7th & 8th Grade - Cafeteria

Campus & Academy/Program Tours 6:30PM-7:30PM

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