



River Ridge Middle School

2023-2024 8th Grade Course Card

Name: _____ ID: _____ Grad Year: 2028

Welcome to the 2023-2024 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.

8th Grade Required Courses

Language Arts 3 Adv. (1.0)
Math 8 Pre-Algebra or Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors (1.0)
Science 3 Adv. (1.0) or HS Physical Science Hon (1.0)
World History Adv. (1.0)
PE (.5)***

***All students are required to take 1 Semester of PE every year. If choosing an elective other than PE, a PE waiver is required to be completed by the parent on the back of this form. Completing a PE waiver does not guarantee that your student will not have PE.

Students may be enrolled in an Accelerated Reading course based on FAST scores.

Pick Your Courses!

Check (✓) your selection and teachers should initial approval.

1st Selection: _____ Language Arts 3 Adv. (all students)

2nd Selection: _____ World History Adv. (all students)

3rd Selection: _____ Math 8 Pre-Algebra

_____ High School Algebra 1 Honors** (must currently be enrolled in Math 7 ACCEL or complete Math 8 Pre-Algebra prior to school starting)

_____ High School Geometry Honors*

4th Selection: _____ Science 3 Adv.

_____ High School Physical Science Honors*¹ (must be enrolled in HS Algebra 1 Honors or HS Geometry Honors next year **AND** successfully complete Science 3 Advanced prior to school starting)

5th Selection: _____ 2 Semester Electives*** OR _____ 1 Yearlong Elective

6th Selection: _____ 2 Semester Electives*** OR _____ 1 Yearlong Elective

Middle School Elective Classes (0.5)

- _____ Exploring Art 2D
- _____ Exploring Art 3D
- _____ Coding 1
- _____ Coding 2*
- _____ Computer Science Discoveries*
- _____ Engineering 1: Explore Tech Design
- _____ Engineering 2: Robotics
- _____ Engineering 3: Green Construction
- _____ Engineering 4: Power & Energy*
- _____ Intro to A/V Arts
- _____ Intro to Dance
- _____ Intro to Basic Theater
- _____ Intro Tech Theater
- _____ Guitar 1
- _____ Guitar 2*
- _____ PE-Individual Sports***
- _____ PE-Comprehensive 7/8***

Choosing 2 Semester Electives?

Rank your top 4 semester elective choices 1-4.

Choosing 4 Semester Electives (5th & 6th selection)?

Rank your top 6 semester elective choices 1-6.

Middle School Elective Classes (1.0)

- _____ Art 2D*
- _____ Art 3D*
- _____ Creative Photography 1
- _____ Creative Photography 2*
- _____ Digital Art 1
- _____ Band 1
- _____ Band 2*
- _____ Band 3*
- _____ Dance 1
- _____ Dance 2*
- _____ Dance 3*
- _____ Orchestra 1
- _____ Orchestra 2*
- _____ Orchestra 3*
- _____ Musical Theatre*
- _____ Tech Design Theatre*
- _____ Peer Counseling*#
- _____ Yearbook*#

Choosing 1 Yearlong Elective?

Rank your top 2 yearlong elective choices 1 & 2.

Choosing 2 Yearlong Electives (5th & 6th selection)?

Rank your top 4 yearlong elective choices 1-4.

High School Credit Elective Classes (1.0)

- _____ American Sign Language 1
- _____ American Sign Language 2*
- _____ Digital Design 1*
- _____ Introduction to Engineering @ RRHS#
- _____ Introduction to Teaching @ RRHS#
- _____ JROTC Aerospace Science 1 @ RRHS#
- _____ Peers as Partners**
- _____ Spanish 1*
- _____ Spanish 2**

Legend

- *Teacher Recommendation Required
- #Application Required
- ¹ Student must be enrolled in Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors
- *Student ELA FAST Score of 3 or higher **strongly** recommended
- *Student Math FAST Score of 3 or higher **strongly** recommended

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____



Middle School Promotion Requirements

Middle school students are required to successfully complete three years of language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

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.

Advanced and Accelerated Course Options

We believe that with the right supports, ALL students have the ability to meet high academic standards through challenging course work.

Schedule Changes

Schedule changes will not be possible once enrolled due to class-size mandates and end-of-course requirements. Classes are offered on the basis of the choices that you make. The choices that you make are binding. If you do not choose elective courses and your first choice electives are full, your classes will be chosen for you and schedule change requests will not be honored. Schedule changes will not be made because you decide that you do not want to take a course any longer. Please choose wisely as you will be taking the classes that you select.

Helpful Resources

Review the elective course catalog and video descriptions on the RRMS website in the School Info tab.

RRMS Website

<http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/>

MyStudent

<https://pasco.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/?skipSAML=true>

PE WAIVER STATEMENT

Only complete if your child is not taking PE.

PE Waiver Requirement: Senate Bill 610 requires the equivalent of one class period per day of Physical Education for one semester each year for students in grades 6-8. A waiver is required for students for the following criteria:

- Student requires a remedial course
- Parent requests another offered course
- Parent verifies that student participates in equivalent activities outside the school day

I have read the PE Waiver Statement and believe that my child meets one of the listed criteria for exemption and requests courses other than PE.

Student Name: _____

ID: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

ID:

Last Name, First Name: