

**Welcome to the
Royal Family,
Class of 2031!**

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It's **ALWAYS** a great River Ridge Day!!!

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Knightly Values

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be a Problem Solver

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Important Contacts

Connect with RRMS



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RRMS PTSA

○ <https://riverridgemsp TSA.memberhub.store/store>



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The River Ridge Experience

- We believe that with the right supports that each student should be challenged to be engaged in and meet high academic standards.
- **Advanced** options for ELA (6-8) and Social Studies (6-8)
- **Accelerated** options for Science (6-8), Math (6-8), and Social Studies (8)
- Current teachers need to sign student course card for the following **Advanced** and **Accelerated** courses:
 - 6th Grade: Science & Math

The River Ridge Experience

Daily
Intervention
Time

Academic
Lunch

After school
tutoring

Middle School Requirements

- Middle School Students are required to successfully (earn a D or higher) complete:
 - 3 years of ELA
 - 3 years of Math
 - 3 years of Science
 - 3 years of Social Studies
 - Participate in the Civics EOC (30% of student grade)
 - Complete career planning component with school counselor

6th Grade Schedule

- Advanced U.S. History
- Advanced Language Arts
- Comprehensive Science 1, Comprehensive Science 1 Advanced, or Comprehensive Science 1 Accelerated Honors
- Math 6, Accelerated Math 6, or Accelerated Math 7
- Research
- PE and Health or Semester/Yearlong Electives (PE Waiver required)

Accelerated Opportunities

Mathematics

Math Course Progression

Accelerated Math 6	Accelerated Math 7	Recommended Criteria
All 6 th grade standards	All 8 th grade standards	Grade 4: Level 4 or 5 on FAST
½ of 7 th grade standards	Remaining ½ of 7 th grade standards	Grade 5: Level 4 or 5 on Winter and Spring FAST
Grade 6 State Assessment	Grade 8 State Assessment	

5th grade ACC Math 6 → 6th grade ACC Math 7

Summer Math Acceleration

SUMMER MATH ACCELERATION PROGRAM

Jump start your 2024-2025 school year with exciting opportunities online!



We are partnering with Pasco eSchool and encourage incoming 6th graders to take advantage of accelerated math options by signing up and completing 6th Grade Accelerated Math over the spring and summer. Students who successfully complete will be in 7th Grade Accelerated Math in August 2024. This pathway will allow students to gain a deeper understanding of math and have more opportunities to earn high school credits in middle school. This option also aligns well with the Accelerated Science Program. Sign up with Pasco eSchool today at eschool.pasco.k12.fl.us!

Accelerated Opportunities

Science

Science Course Progression

○ Science 1 Accelerated Honors – 6th Grade

- Much FASTER pacing and greater depth of material covered
- All 6th grade standards and half of Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced Standards (Physical Science)
- Enrollment In Accelerated Math Course in 24-25 school year

○ Science 2 Accelerated Honors – 7th Grade

- All 7th grade standards and half of Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced Standards (Earth & Space, Life)
- Enrollment In Accelerated Math Course in 24-25 school year

Science Course Progression

- Physical Science Honors – 8th Grade

- High school credit

- Recommended Criteria for Accelerated Science

- FAST PM 3 ELA – 4 or 5
- FAST PM 3 Math – 3,4, or 5
- Science Achievement Level 3-5

Research



- The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop basic knowledge and skills in the research process with emphasis on determining and refining research questions.
- The content should include, but not be limited to, the following: research process, research topics, research questions and hypotheses, definition, analysis, and evaluation of research questions, review of literature and other resources, directed investigations, and critical analysis of research.

PE Requirement

- All students are required to take one semester of Physical Education in middle school every year (Senate Bill 610).
- Intro to Dance Techniques and Dance 1 will also satisfy the PE requirement.
- Students can choose to “opt out” of PE but parents/guardians must sign a PE waiver on the back of the course card.



PE Requirement

PE WAIVER STATEMENT

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/Guardian requests another offered course.
- ✓ Parent/Guardian verifies that student participates in equivalent activities outside of the regular school day.

I have read the PE Waiver Statement and believe that my child meets one of the listed criteria above for exemption and has requested electives other than PE.

Student Name _____

Student ID _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Health Requirement

ONLINE HEALTH AGREEMENT

Only complete if your child is taking 1 year-long OR 2 semester elective in place of Health (HRS).

I am requesting my child take a year-long or 2 semester electives.

I agree to have him/her take the health class online through Pasco eSchool when offered.

I understand this class will need to be completed **outside** of the regular school day.

Student Name _____

Student ID _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

- The Health Education Course is designed to enhance the awareness and knowledge of HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES that promote HEALTHY BEHAVIOR OUTCOMES.
- This course satisfies the Career Component which is a promotion requirement.
- **This course is required for all Pasco County 6th grade students.** Students wishing to take a YEARLONG elective or 2 SEMESTER electives MUST take Health through Pasco eSchool.

Health Requirement



WANT MORE ELECTIVES AS A 6TH GRADER?

Take M/J Health Online

Incoming 6th graders can sign up to take M/J Health online through Pasco eSchool during the summer or school year to gain a yearlong elective OR two semester electives. Sign up with Pasco eSchool today at eschool.pasco.k12.fl.us and make sure to indicate this on your RRMS course card.

Electives & Program Options

6th Selection:
(Part 1)

Choose 1 of the 3 options below.

OPTION 1:

____ Student is taking Health^{%%} (.5) at RRMS and needs 1 elective class (.5).

OPTION 2:

____ Student is taking Health^{%%} online independently and needs 2 semester (.5) elective classes.

OPTION 3:

____ Student is taking Health^{%%} online independently and needs 1 elective class (1.0).

6th Selection:
(Part 2)

If option 1 or option 2 was chosen above, rank your top 4 semester (.5) elective choices by writing 1,2,3,4 below.

If option 3 was chosen above, rank your top 2 yearlong elective choices by writing 1 and 2.

Note

Students may not get first or second elective choices due to class size & scheduling conflicts.

____ Acting 1

____ Exploring 2D Art

____ Basic Theatre

____ Exploring 3D Art

____ Comprehensive PE 6/7^{%%}

____ Fitness 6^{%%}

____ Computer Science Discoveries 1

____ Guitar 1

____ Computer Science Discoveries 2

____ Guitar 2

____ Engineering 1 – Tech Design

____ Introduction to Dance Techniques^{%%}

____ Engineering 2 – Robotics

____ Digital Arts – Introduction to Arts, A/V

____ Band 1

____ Chorus 1

____ Dance 1^{%%}

____ Orchestra 1

____ Musical Theatre 1

Legend

*Teacher Recommendation Required

+Student ELA FAST Score of 3 or higher **strongly** recommended

^Student Math FAST Score of 3 or higher **strongly** recommended

Electives & Program Options

- Visit the RRMS Website to explore all the course offerings & elective options.

- Computer Science
- Engineering & Robotics
- FAME Academy – Dance, Digital & Visual Arts, Music, and Theatre
- Peer Program – Peer Counseling & Peers as Partners
- World Languages – American Sign Language & Spanish
- High School Academies for 8th Graders – Engineering, JROTC, and New Teacher Academy

Insert elective video?

Electives & Program Options

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 Digital Tools certification.

FAME ACADEMY

The Fine Arts Music Entertainment (FAME) Academy at RRMS allows students to have access to a comprehensive visual and performing arts coursework including visual and digital arts, 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. (Grades 6-8)

DIGITAL ARTS & GRAPHIC DESIGN

These are hands-on classes, where students design graphics for print and web, photo editing, photo effects, photography, audio/video, animation, and illustration. Software used are Photoshop, Illustrator, and Premier Rush. Students also explore the use of digital cameras, lighting, and drawing tablets. Students can earn high school credit and Digital Tools certification. (Grades 6-8)

TEACHING & EDUCATION

8th grade students who are accepted into the New Teacher Academy at RRHS 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 credits in this academy. (Grade 8)



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. (Grades 6-8)

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 can earn Digital Tools certification. (Grades 6-8)

WORLD LANGUAGES

Students earn on campus high school credit by immersing in either the American Sign Language or Spanish programs. (Grades 7-8)

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. (Grades 6-8)

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River Ridge High School Academies offered to 8th Grade 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.

Course: Introduction to Engineering (1.0)



Academy Contact:
Mr. Hall
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New Teaching Academy

8th grade students who are accepted in the New Teacher Academy at RRHS 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.

Course: Introduction into the Teaching Profession (1.0)



Academy Contacts:
Mrs. Hess
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Mr. Vachon
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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 provides 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.

Course: Aerospace Science 1 (1.0)



Program Contact:
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Semester Elective Choices

- Students who take **2 SEMESTER** electives must sign the Health agreement to take Health online outside of their regular school day.
- **ALL** students must also complete a PE waiver.

<input type="checkbox"/> Acting 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploring 2D Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Basic Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploring 3D Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive PE 6/7 [%]	<input type="checkbox"/> Fitness 6 [%]
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science Discoveries 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Guitar 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science Discoveries 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Guitar 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering 1 – Tech Design	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Dance Techniques [%]
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering 2 – Robotics	<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Arts – Introduction to Arts, A/V

Yearlong Elective Choices

- Students who take a YEAR LONG elective must sign the Health agreement to take Health online outside of their regular school day.
- ALL students must also complete a PE waiver.

_____ **Band 1**

_____ **Chorus 1**

_____ **Dance 1%**

_____ **Orchestra 1**

_____ **Musical Theatre 1**



River Ridge Middle School FAME Academy



**Do you yearn for the spotlight?
Love creating art or other original content?
Play an instrument or dance and sing like no one is watching?**

If you answered YES, then you should consider joining the FAME Academy at River Ridge Middle School. Students in the Fine Arts Music Entertainment Academy receive further enrichment related to their area of concentration (Arts, Dance, Music, Theatre) including seminars and field trips exclusive to FAME Members only. Scan the QR code to apply today!

Please note – if you are currently a member of the FAME Academy, students DO NOT need to reapply. If you applied for school choice and were approved, a RRRMS Fame Academy application must also be completed.

Contact Mr. Ryan Bintz, FAME Coordinator, at rbintz@pasco.k12.fl.us or Ms. Kristen Martanovic, FAME Assistant Principal, at kmartano@pasco.k12.fl.us with questions.



Application due no later than Friday, 2/23/24





WELCOME TO THE ROYAL FAMILY!

CLASS OF 2031 UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1. WHAT:** Check out the RRMS Advanced Courses of Study & Program Offerings Informational Flyer
WHERE: RRMS Website & Social Media, sent home with students by elementary schools
WHEN: February
- 2. WHAT:** Class of 2031 Curriculum Night
WHERE: River Ridge Center for the Arts & RRMS
WHEN: Thursday, February 15, 2024 6PM-7:30PM
- 3. WHAT:** Class of 2031 Prep Rally & Campus Tours Field Trip (Students Only)
WHERE: RRMS
WHEN: Friday, April 19, 2024 (during school day)
- 4. WHAT:** Storm the Castle Student & Family Transition Event
WHERE: RRMS
WHEN: Thursday, 8/1 8AM-12PM



CONNECT WITH US!



SCHOOL VISITS:

- **Week of 2/5:** Visits to elementary schools with RRMS staff to work with 5th grade students
- **2/20/24:** Course cards due to 5th Grade Teachers





RRMS

2024-25

Curriculum Night

2.15.24 6:00PM-7:30PM

Explore **ALL** of the
ROYAL Opportunities!

The River Ridge Experience

- Field Trip to RRMS during the school day
- Friday, 4/19/24 11AM-12:30PM
- Campus Tours & Prep Rally



The River Ridge Experience

- Thursday, 8/1
- 8AM-12PM: RRMS
- Pick up schedule, pay fees, visit your classes, & meet your teachers!!!
- Students and parents/guardians encouraged to attend!



Common Middle School Questions



Making Friends

Getting Involved

Independence

Riding the Bus

Lunch

Navigating the Castle

Homework

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