



# River Ridge Middle School

## 2024-2025 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year: 2029

**Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year. The information below is for students and parents/guardians to provide input for student schedules. Students will use this information to choose their elective courses.**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Courses

Language Arts 3 Advanced (1.0)  
Math 8 Pre-Algebra, HS Algebra 1 Honors, or HS Geometry Honors (1.0)  
Science 3 Advanced (1.0) or HS Physical Science Honors (1.0)  
World History Advanced (1.0) or HS Pre-AP World History & Geography (1.0)  
PE<sup>%</sup> (.5)

*<sup>%</sup>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/guardian 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.*

### Choose your courses by checking (✓) your selection. Current Teachers should initial for approval of Accelerated Courses.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Selection:** \_\_\_\_\_ Language Arts 3 Advanced (all students)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Selection:** \_\_\_\_\_ World History Advanced  
(Choose 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Advanced Placement World History and Geography<sup>+</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Selection:** \_\_\_\_\_ Math 8 Pre-Algebra  
(Choose 1) \_\_\_\_\_ High School Algebra 1 Honors<sup>^^</sup> (must successfully complete ACCEL Math 7 online prior to the 24-25 school year starting)  
\_\_\_\_\_ High School Geometry Honors<sup>^^</sup> (must have successfully completed Algebra 1 prior to the 24-25 school year starting)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Selection:** \_\_\_\_\_ Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced  
(Choose 1) \_\_\_\_\_ High School Physical Science Honors<sup>^^</sup> (must be enrolled in HS Algebra 1 Honors or HS Geometry Honors in 24-25 school year **AND** have successfully completed Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced prior to 24-25 school year starting)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Selection:** \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Semester Electives<sup>%</sup> OR \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Yearlong Elective
- 6<sup>th</sup> Selection:** \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Semester Electives<sup>%</sup> OR \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Yearlong Elective

#### Rank your semester (.5) elective choices by writing 1-6 below.

#### Rank your yearlong (1.0) elective choices by writing 1-4 below. Also, circle choice if multiple levels (1,2,3) of course available.

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

#### Legend

\*Teacher Recommendation Required

# Application Required

<sup>!</sup> Student must be enrolled in Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors

<sup>\*</sup> Student ELA FAST Score of 3 or higher **strongly** recommended

<sup>^</sup> Student Math BEST/FAST Score of 3 or higher **strongly** recommended

- \_\_\_\_\_ Acting 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Basic Theatre
- \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Science Discoveries 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Science Discoveries 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Digital Arts – Intro to Arts, A/V
- \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering 1 – Tech Design
- \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering 2 – Robotics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering 3 – Green Construction
- \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering 4 – Power & Energy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exploring 2D Art 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Exploring 3D Art 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guitar 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guitar 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Introduction to Dance Techniques<sup>%</sup>
- \_\_\_\_\_ PE – Comprehensive 7/8<sup>%</sup>
- \_\_\_\_\_ PE – Individual/Dual Sports<sup>%</sup>

#### Middle School Electives

#### High School Electives @ RRM\$

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| _____ 2D Studio Art 1  | _____ American Sign Language 1                  |
| _____ 2D Studio Art 2 (Portfolio) <sup>*</sup>                               | _____ American Sign Language 2 <sup>*</sup>     |
| _____ 3D Studio Art 1  | _____ Digital Design 1 <sup>*</sup>             |
| _____ Band 1 or Band 2 <sup>*</sup> or Band 3 <sup>*</sup>                   | _____ Peers as Partners <sup>#</sup>            |
| _____ Chorus 1   | _____ Spanish 1 <sup>*</sup>                    |
| _____ Dance 1 <sup>%</sup> or Dance 2 <sup>%%</sup> or Dance 3 <sup>%%</sup> | _____ Spanish 2 <sup>*</sup>                    |
| _____ Digital Art 1  | <b>High School Electives @ RRHS</b>             |
| _____ Musical Theatre 1 or Musical Theatre 2 <sup>*</sup>                    | _____ Introduction to Engineering <sup>#!</sup> |
| _____ Orchestra 1 or Orchestra 2 <sup>*</sup> or Orchestra 3 <sup>*</sup>    | _____ Introduction to Teaching <sup>#</sup>     |
| _____ Peer Counseling 1 <sup>#</sup> or Peer Counseling 2 <sup>#</sup>       | _____ JROTC Aerospace Science 1 <sup>#</sup>    |
| _____ Technical Theatre: Design & Production <sup>*</sup>                    |   |
| _____ Yearbook 1 <sup>#</sup> or Yearbook 2 <sup>#</sup>                     |   |

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

ID:

**Middle School Promotion Requirements**

Middle school students are required to successfully complete three years of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. They are also required to complete a career and education planning component, and take the Civics End of Course exam which is 30% of student's course grade.

**Advanced and Accelerated Course Options**

We believe that with the right supports, each student has 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 based on the choices that students make on their course card. The choices that are made are binding. If students do not choose enough elective courses and/or first-choice electives are full and no other electives are chosen, classes will be chosen for students and schedule change requests will not be honored. Schedule changes will not be made because students decide that they do not want to take a course any longer. Students will be taking the classes that are selected on the course card.

**Helpful Resources**

Review the elective course catalog and video descriptions on the RRMS website in the School Info tab. Please take a moment to go to the school district's parent page which includes the course catalog, parent portal information, and helpful tips for navigating middle school.

<b>RRMS Website</b>	<b>District Parent Page &amp; Navigating Middle School</b>
<a href="http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/">http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/</a>	<a href="https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents">https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents</a>

**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 the 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name, First Name:

