



8th Grade Course Request Card

River Ridge Middle School ~ 2026-2027 School Year

Student Name: _____ ID: _____ Grad Year: 2031

*The information below is for students and parents/guardians to provide input for student course requests.
Students may be enrolled in a supplemental ELA/Math course based on FAST scores.*

8th 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[%] (.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/guardian on the back of this form. Completing a PE waiver does not guarantee that your student will not have PE.

Choose your courses by checking (✓) your selection.

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| 1st Selection: | _____ Language Arts 3 Advanced |
| 2nd Selection: | _____ World History Advanced |
| (Choose 1 ✓) | _____ Pre-Advanced Placement World History and Geography* |
| 3rd Selection: | _____ Math 8 Pre-Algebra |
| (Choose 1 ✓) | _____ High School Algebra 1 Honors |
| | _____ High School Geometry Honors (must have successfully completed Algebra 1 prior to 26-27 school year starting) |
| 4th Selection: | _____ Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced |
| (Choose 1 ✓) | _____ High School Physical Science Honors (must be enrolled in HS Algebra 1 Honors or HS Geometry Honors in 26-27 school year AND have successfully completed Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced prior to 26-27 school year starting) |

Electives Selection: **Make sure your choices add up to two (2.0) class periods of electives.** Students must choose enough electives to fill **TWO (2.0)** class periods. Write 1 next to your favorite choice. Write 2 next to your second choice. If your favorite choice is a semester choice (.5), you must select another semester course (.5). **Your choices MUST add up to 2.0.** Then put an X next to at least two more electives you'd be willing to take next school year if your first and second choices are not available. Students may not get first or second elective choices due to class size and scheduling conflicts. If multiple levels of course are offered, please circle which level you are requesting. Students may be enrolled in a supplemental ELA/Math course based on FAST scores.

You must select:

- ✓ Two full-credit electives (1.0 each), OR
- ✓ One full-credit elective (1.0) AND two half-credit electives (.5 each), OR
- ✓ Four half-credit electives (.5 each).

Middle School Electives @ RRMS

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| _____ Acting 1 (.5) | _____ 2D Studio Art 1 (1.0) |
| _____ Basic Theatre (.5) | _____ 3D Studio Art 1 (1.0) |
| _____ Digital Arts – Intro to Arts, A/V (.5) | _____ Band 1, Band 2*, or Band 3* (1.0) |
| _____ Digital Discoveries 8 (.5) | _____ Chorus 1, Chorus 2*, or Chorus 3* (1.0) |
| _____ Engineering 1 – Tech Design (.5) | _____ Dance 1 [#] , Dance 2 [#] , or Dance 3 [#] (1.0) |
| _____ Engineering 2 – Robotics (.5) | _____ Guitar 1 (1.0) |
| _____ Engineering 3 – Green Construction (.5) | _____ Guitar 2 (1.0) |
| _____ Engineering 4 – Power & Energy (.5) | _____ Musical Theatre 1, 2*, or 3* (1.0) |
| _____ Exploring 2D Art (.5) | _____ Orchestra 1, 2*, or 3* (1.0) |
| _____ Exploring 3D Art (.5) | _____ Peer Counseling 1 [#] or 2 [#] (1.0) |
| _____ Exploring Music Performance, Guitar 1 (.5) | _____ Pre-Advanced Visual Arts* (1.0) |
| _____ Introduction to Cybersecurity (.5) | _____ Tech Theatre: Design & Production* (1.0) |
| _____ Introduction to Dance Techniques [%] (.5) | _____ Yearbook 1 [#] or 2 [#] (1.0) |
| _____ PE – Comprehensive 7/8 [%] (.5) | |
| _____ PE – Individual/Dual Sports [%] (.5) | |

High School Electives @ RRMS

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| _____ Digital Art Imaging 1 (1.0) |
| _____ Digital Design 1 (1.0) |
| _____ Discovering Computer Science (1.0) |
| _____ Spanish 1* or 2* (1.0) |

High School Electives @ RRHS

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| _____ Introduction to Engineering ¹ (1.0) |
| _____ Introduction to Teaching (1.0) |
| _____ JROTC 1 (1.0) |

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- [#]Application Required
- ^{*}Teacher Recommendation (initials) required
- ^{*}ELA Fast PM 3 score of level 3 recommended
- ¹Must be enrolled in Algebra 1 Honors

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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.

RRMS Website

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

District Parent Page & Navigating Middle School

<https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents>

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.

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 is receiving or is recommended to receive remedial support.
- 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. I understand that my student may still be enrolled in PE based on course offerings and class size requirements.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

ID:

Last Name, First Name: