

**ACADEMIC
PLANNING FOR
EIGHTH GRADE**

WHAT THE DAY LOOKS LIKE

Williamsburg will begin a new block schedule this year!

- Provide extended, uninterrupted class periods that will allow teachers to respond to various learning styles and reach deeper into content
- Provide active learning environments and allow for more hands-on, student-centered, technology infused activities
- Allow for Project Based Learning to provide a richer experiential learning

WHAT THE DAY LOOKS LIKE

■ Monday

- Students will begin their day in TA (homeroom 7:50 – 8:12)
- Afterwards they will go to the remaining 7 class periods
- Each class period lasting approximately 45 minutes

■ Tuesday – Friday

- Students will go directly to their 1st block class.
- Afterwards, they'll go to the 2nd block of the day for WOLF TIME (for 83 minutes)
- After WOLF TIME, students will go to their remaining block classes
- Each block class will last 83 minutes

WOLF TIME

- Flexible block in the day that will provide a variety of meaningful experiences
- Individual student needs can be addressed
- Additional time with individual teachers for support
- Elective lessons including social and academic support will also be available

■ Eighth graders take four core subjects:

■ English

■ Physical Science

■ World Geography

■ Math

■ Math 8

■ Algebra I

■ Intensified Algebra I

■ Intensified Geometry

Choosing Classes

- You will have two elective periods
- They may be filled with:
 - A language (year long)
 - Music (year long)
 - Electives (two courses to fill a year or four if no language or music is chosen)

- Eighth graders have two elective periods.
- Eighth graders may begin/ continue their study of a foreign language by selecting from the following:
 - Arabic
 - Chinese
 - French
 - Latin
 - Spanish
 - Spanish for Fluent Speakers

- Language classes meet daily all year and earn high school credit.
- Arabic and Chinese through distance learning.
- Students seeking to enroll in the second level of a language should see their teacher for initials.

- Eighth graders may begin/ continue their study of a musical instrument by selecting one of the following:
 - Beginning Band
 - Experienced Band (this includes Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble). Tryouts for Wind Ensemble will be conducted in mid to late March.
 - Orchestra
 - Chorus
 - Guitar

■ Eighth grade exploratory courses meet daily for a Semester and include:

■ Visual Arts

■ Theatre Arts

■ Life Management

■ Technological Systems

■ Digital Input Technologies

■ Computer Applications and Internet Technologies

■ Taking Charge

■ Photography

- Journalism (TA announcements and 1 class period)
- Yearbook (Year long course by application only)
- Investigating Computer Science (Full year, High School Credit)
- Technology of Robotic Design (Full year, High School Credit)

For use by school staff only:

Return to counselor by: January 26Student IEP: Yes / No

Arlington Public Schools
2017 -2018
Grade 8 Course Request Form

Student Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Parent's Best Contact Number: _____

This Course Request Form (CRF) allows a student and his/her family to make course selections for the following year. All Grade 8 students are required to take the following core courses: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Health and Physical Education. Additional core courses may also be required based upon the specific program in which the student is enrolled. Descriptions of all courses can be found in the Middle School Program of Studies.

Select **only ONE** overall program by checking the appropriate box (✓) **Grade 8 Program**

- Grade 8 TA (10208)
- Grade 8 English (11120/10031)
- Grade 8 World Geography (12210/10040)
- Grade 8 Physical Science (14125/10009)
- Grade 8 Health and Physical Education (17200)
- Math (Students will be recommended by their math teachers for a specific math course prior to the end of the school year. A letter noting the recommended course will be sent home to families before the final assignment is made.)

High Intensity Language Training Program

Students enrolled in the High Intensity Language Training Program (HILT) are grouped by English language proficiency into HILT A, HILT B, HILTEX A and HILTEX B. Recommendations for math courses are made by staff. Parents will be notified of the recommendations before the final assignment is made.

 HILT A (Level 1)

- HILT A English (10786)
- HILT A Reading (10787)
- HILT A Science (10780)
- HILT US History, Civ & Econ to 1865 (10800) or HILT US History, Civ & Econ 1865 to Present (10801)
- Health & Physical Education 8 (17200)
- Math (TBD)

 HILT B (Level 2)

- HILT B English (10790)
- HILT B Reading (10791)
- HILT B Science (10781)
- HILT US History, Civ & Econ to 1865 (10800) or HILT US History, Civ & Econ 1865 to Present (10801)
- Health & Physical Education 8 (17200)
- Math (TBD)

 HILTEX A (Level 3)

- HILTEX A English (10796)
- HILTEX A Reading (10794)
- US World Geography (general education)(12210)
- Physical Science (general education)(14125)
- Health & Physical Education 8 (17200)
- Math (TBD)

 HILTEX B (Level 4)

- HILTEX B English (10799)
- HILTEX B Reading (10797)
- US History, Civ & Econ 1865 to present (general education)(12210)
- Physical Science (general education)(14125)
- Health & Physical Education (17200)
- Math (TBD)

Parents, join us for the WMS Middle School Course Information Night on Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 7 p.m. in the Orchestra Room 227. Plan to attend this event to get questions answered by the counselors about course selections and graduation requirements. We hope to see you there!



This form is updated annually by the APS Department of Instruction and distributed through school Counseling Offices. Please see your school counselor or the Program of Studies for additional course information.

➔ **Over for Elective Offering**

Graduation Requirements

Beginning with the class of 2014

Standard Diploma

Discipline Area Credits# of verified

- English42
- Math31
- Lab Science31
- Social Studies31
- Foreign Language2
- Fine Arts or CTE
- PE2
- Economics1
- Personal Finance
- Electives4
- Additional Verified1

Total226

Advanced Studies Diploma

Discipline Area Credits # of verified

- English 42
- Lab Science 42
- Social Studies 42
- Math 42
- Foreign Language 3/4
- Health and PE 2
- Economics and
Personal Finance 1
- Electives 3
- Additional verified 1

Totals 269

High School Courses for Credit

- A high school credit is earned upon completion of any high school level class.
- High school level courses which may be taken in middle school include:
 - High school languages beginning in 7th grade
 - High school level math starting with Algebra
 - World Geography (the 8th grade Social Studies course)
 - Investigating Computer Science
 - Robotics

- You will have the option at the end of each year to not accept the credit OR the grade so that it will not be included in the High School GPA or H.S. Transcript
- A verified credit is earned by passing the End of Course (EOC) SOL test. EOC SOLs are taken upon completion of certain high school credit core courses.

Simplified Graduation Requirements*

	Standard Diploma		Advanced Studies Diploma	
Subject	Credits	# of Verified	Credits	# of Verified
English	4	2	4	2
Math	3	1	4	2
Science	3	1	4	2
History/ Social	3	1	4	2
Foreign Language	0		3 or 4	
Health/ PE	2		2	
Economics	1		1	
Additional Verified Credit in Math, Science, or		1		1

*See Graduation requirements in the Middle School Program of Study for the full explanation.



ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER PLANNING FORM

Student _____ Student # _____ Counselor _____ Graduation Year _____ DOB _____

7 th	Gr. Cr. <small>Optional</small>	VC <small>Optional</small>	8 th	Gr. Cr. <small>Optional</small>	VC <small>Optional</small>	9 th	Gr. Cr. <small>Optional</small>	VC <small>Optional</small>	10 th	Gr. Cr. <small>Optional</small>	VC <small>Optional</small>	11 th	Gr. Cr. <small>Optional</small>	VC <small>Optional</small>	12 th	Gr. Cr. <small>Optional</small>	VC <small>Optional</small>	TOTAL CREDITS
English	---		English	---		English	---		English	---		English	---		English	---		
Social Studies	---		Social Studies	---		Social Studies	---		Social Studies	---		Social Studies	---		Social Studies	---		
Math	---		Math	---		Math	---		Math	---		Math	---		Math	---		
Science	---		Science	---		Science	---		Science	---		Science	---		Science	---		
Health/ PE	---		Health/PE	---		PE I	---		PE II	---		Elective	---		Elective	---		
Lang/ Elec	---		Lang/Elec	---		Lang/Elec	---		Lang/Elec	---		Lang/Elec	---		Lang/Elec	---		
Econ/P ersonal Finance	---		Econ/Per sonal Finance	---		Econ/Pers onal Finance	---		Econ/Perso nal Finance	---		Econ/Pers onal Finance	---		Econ/Pers onal Finance	---		
Virtual Course	---		Virtual Course	---		Virtual Course	---		Virtual Course	---		Virtual Course	---		Virtual Course	---		
Elective	---		Elective	---		Elective CTE/FA*	---		Elective CTE/FA*	---		Elective CTE/FA*	---		Elective CTE/FA*	---		
Summer	---		Summer	---		Summer	---		Summer	---		Summer	---		Summer	---		
Transfer Credit	---		Transfer Credit	---		Transfer Credit	---		Transfer Credit	---		Transfer Credit	---		Transfer Credit	---		
Credit Total			Credit Total			Credit Total			Credit Total			Credit Total			Credit Total			
Extra Curriculars			Extra Curriculars			Extra Curriculars			Extra Curriculars			Extra Curriculars			Extra Curriculars			
Sign	Date		Sign	Date		Sign	Date		Sign	Date		Sign	Date		Sign	Date		

- DIPLOMA DESIRED**
 Advanced
 IB
 Standard
- CAREER INTEREST EXPLORING:**
 9th _____
 10th _____
 11th _____
 12th _____
- CAREER CLUSTERS**
- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
 - Architectural & Construction
 - Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
 - Business Management & Administration
 - Education & Training
 - Finance
 - Government & Public Administration
 - Health Science
 - Hospitality & Tourism
 - Human Services
 - Information Technology
 - Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
 - Manufacturing
 - Marketing, Sales & Services
 - Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
 - Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

- POST GRADUATION PLANS**
 College
 2 year / 4 year
 Military
 Employment
 Other: _____

COMMENTS: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date Initiated _____

* As part of the Standard Diploma graduation requirements for students entering Grade 9 in 2013-2014 and beyond students must earn a CTE credential. Please consult your counselor for more information.

English High School Level Classes

- Grade 9 = English 9 Block with World History (Reg. or Adv.)
- Grade 10 = English 10 (Reg. or Adv.)
- Grade 11 = English 11 (Reg. or AP) (SOL for Reading and Writing, not EOC)
- Grade 12 = English 12 (Reg. or Adv.)

Social Studies High School Level Classes

- Grade 8 = World Geography (SOL)
- Grade 9 = World History Block with English 9 (Reg. or Adv.) (SOL)
- Grade 10 = Up to you???
- Grade 11 = VA and US History (SOL)
- Grade 12 = VA and US Government

Typical Science High School Level Classes

- Grade 9 = Biology or Earth Science (Reg. or Adv.) (SOL)
- Grade 10 = Chemistry (SOL)
- Grade 11 = Physics
- Grade 12 = ???

High School SOL Tests

MATH

Algebra 1 (EOC)

Geometry (EOC)

Algebra 2 (EOC)

SCIENCE

Earth Space

Science (EOC)

Biology (EOC)

Chemistry (EOC)

SOCIAL STUDIES

World Geography (EOC)

World History 1 (EOC)

World History 2 (EOC)

US & VA History (EOC)

ENGLISH

Reading 11th grade

Writing 11th grade