



**Rising**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> Grade**  
**Parent Meeting**

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**2022-2023**

# Administration



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# VCMS Schedule



## M/T/F 7-Period Schedule

<b>P</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>9:00–9:57 (54)</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>10:01–10:55 (54)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>10:59–12:23 (54)</b> <b>Lunch (30)</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>12:27–1:21 (54)</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>1:25–2:19 (54)</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>2:23–3:17 (54)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>3:21–4:15 (54)</b>

# VCMS Schedule

## W/TH Block Schedule



**VCMS Block Schedule: Term 1 (Wed/Thurs)**

Viper Day (Wednesday)			Teal Day (Thursday)			Connections
2	9:00 - 10:40	100	3	9:00 - 10:40	100	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (2 <sup>nd</sup> Period) 9:00-9:50 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade (3 <sup>rd</sup> Period) 9:55-10:40
PT + Lunch	10:45 - 12:55	130	1 + Lunch	10:45 - 12:55	130	Plan (10:50-12:15) Lunch (12:15-12:45)
4	1:00 - 2:35	95	5	1:00 - 2:35	95	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (4 <sup>th</sup> Period) 1:00-1:45 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (5 <sup>th</sup> Period) 1:50-2:35
6	2:40 - 4:15	95	7	2:40 - 4:15	95	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (6 <sup>th</sup> Period) 2:40-3:25 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (7 <sup>th</sup> Period) 3:30-4:15

# VCMS Connections

2 connection classes per term



## VCMS Connection Formats:

- Band + Chorus
- Band + 1 school selected connection per term
- Chorus + 1 school selected connection per term
- PE + 1 school selected connection class per term
  
- Connection classes become known when schedules are provided at Open House.

# VCMS Connections

2 connection classes per term



## Family Selected:

•Band (Year)- placed in a class section based on ability level. Email Mr. Doyle at [pdoyle@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:pdoyle@forsyth.k12.ga.us) with questions.

•Chorus (Year)- placed in a class section based on ability level. If you have any questions, email Mrs. Grizzle at [mgrizzle@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:mgrizzle@forsyth.k12.ga.us)

Sign up links located on VCMS homepage- School News- Student Course Placements.

8th Yearbook (Terms 1-3): There will be an application mtg soon. Contact Ms. Potts with questions (ext 230532).

## School Selected:

- Physical Education
- Health
- Business Computer Science
- Audio Video Production
- Technology Systems
- Art
- Drama



# **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement**

- Viewable on Parent Portal through Friday, April 15.
- Directions on VCMS Homepage- School News- Student Course Placements.
- Print copy or take a picture of placements for future reference.



# **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement**

- Placement is based on student data-  
overall class grade, summative  
scores, latest Milestone, Beacon  
score.
- Placement is based on learning  
characteristics observed by teacher.



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement

## Social Studies-

- Georgia Studies, not World History
- two levels of instruction: on level and advance
- no high school credit



## Social Studies

Course Sequence

College and Career Option



Advanced Placement Option



*\*Social studies elective course preferred.*

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement

## Language Arts/Reading-

- two classes in one period
- two levels of instruction: on level and advance
- grammar, writing, and reading skills
- no high school credit
- high school pathways



## English Course Sequence

College and Career Option



Advanced Placement Option



\* Forsyth County Schools recommends, but does not require, that students take 9th and 10th Grade Literature & Composition Honors before taking Advanced Placement English courses.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement

## SPANISH I

- ☐ Takes place of reading class
- ☐ One level of instruction: on level only
- ☐ Skills include: listening, speaking, and writing
- ☐ High school credit shown on high school transcript
- ☐ No Milestone test
  
- ☐ Popular HS World Language Pathways
  - ☐ Spanish I, II, III, IV, AP
  - ☐ Latin I, II, III, IV, AP



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement

## Physical Science



- ☐ Lots of math: chemistry and physics
- ☐ Placement based on 7th grade math grades, not 7th grade science grades.
- ☐ Two levels of instruction
  - On Level (on-level math)
  - Advance/Gifted (advance/accelerated math)
- ☐ High school credit on high school transcript
- ☐ Milestone (EOG/EOC) -score does not impact report card grade at this time. This could change next year.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement

## High School Science Pathways

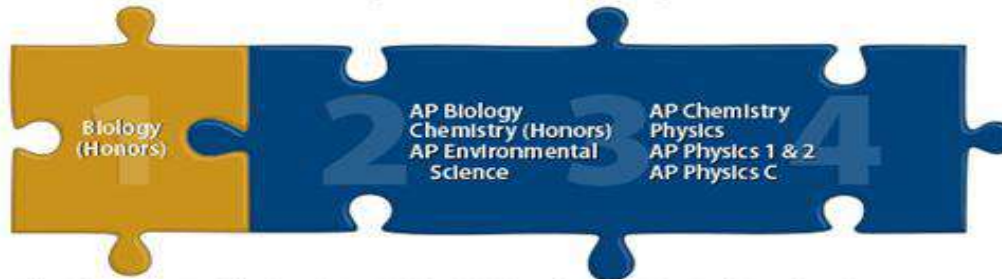


### Science Course Sequence

Required - review course descriptions for course prerequisites



Honors - review course descriptions for course prerequisites



\* Most Forsyth County Schools students take Physical Science for high school credit in 8th grade

### Additional Classes

Food and Nutrition

Astronomy

Forensics

Oceanography

# Math Course Numbers



- **21-22 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Placements**

<b>Math Course</b>	<b>Percent of Students</b>
Accelerated	18%
Advance/Gifted	32%
On Level	48%

- **21-22 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Placements**

<b>Math Course</b>	<b>Percent of Students</b>
Accelerated (Alg 1/Geo A)	15%
Advance/Gifted (Algebra 1)	28%
On Level (Pre-Algebra)	53%

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement

## Math



### ☐ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade On Level (Pre-Algebra)

- Not a high school credit
- Preparation for 9<sup>th</sup> Algebra I
- Milestone EOG- does not impact report card grade

### ☐ Algebra 1

- Most 7<sup>th</sup> advance math students
- High school credit on high school transcript
- 1<sup>st</sup> sem= 40% of overall grade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> sem= 40% of overall grade
- Milestone test (EOC)= 20% of overall report card grade

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Core Class Placement

## Math



### ☐ 8<sup>th</sup> Accelerated Math

- Current 7<sup>th</sup> accelerated students
- Full year of Algebra I and first semester of Geometry in a single year.
- High school credit on high school transcript
- 1<sup>st</sup> sem= 40% of overall grade
- 2<sup>nd</sup> sem= 40% of overall grade
- Milestone test (EOC)= 20% of overall report card grade
- Same Milestone EOC as Algebra 1.



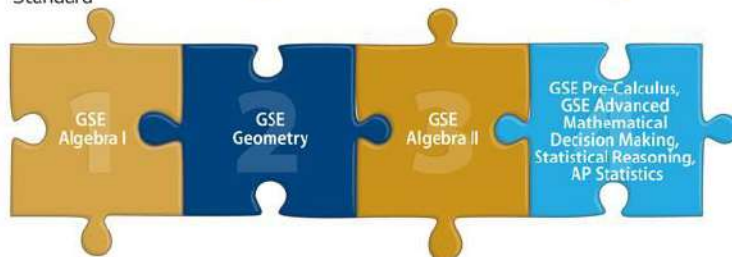
# Mathematics

Course Sequence

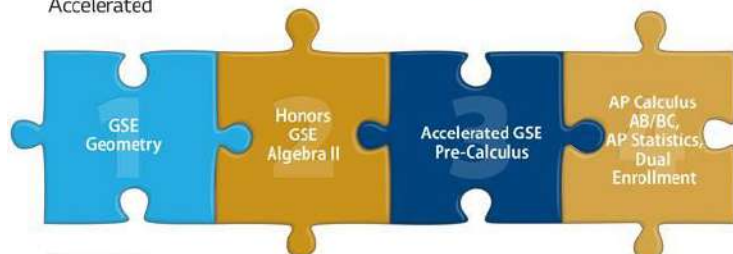
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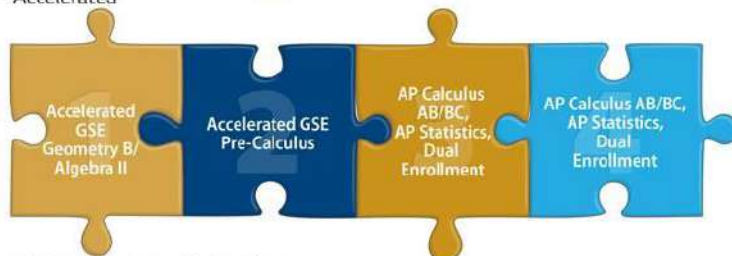
Standard



Accelerated



Accelerated



- Students must earn 4 units of Math to graduate.
- Foundations of Algebra is a first year high school mathematics course option for students who have completed mathematics in grades 6–8 yet will need substantial support to bolster success in high school mathematics



## Math Pathways

# High School Credit Classes

- High school courses and grades do show on high school transcript.
- High school credits earned in middle school **do not** calculate into a student's high school GPA or class rank.
- Some colleges may choose to recalculate a student's GPA for admission purposes.



# THANK YOU

