

RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

2023-24

COURSE SELECTION

Class of 2029 (7th Grade) & 2028 (8th Grade)



RIVER RIDGE ROYAL KNIGHTS SHARE THESE KNIGHTLY VALUES:



Be **Respectful**
Be **Responsible**
Be a
Problem Solver



#WeareROYAL



MIDDLE SCHOOL **PROMOTION** **REQUIREMENT**



Middle school students are required to successfully complete three years of language arts, math, science, and social studies which must include Civics, and a career component in order to be promoted to grade 9. [F.S. 1003.4156].





River Ridge Middle School

2023-2024 7th Grade Course Card

Name: _____ ID: _____ Grad Year: 2029

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year. The information below is for students and parents to provide input for student schedules. Students will use this information to choose their elective courses.

7th Grade Required Courses

Language Arts 2 Adv. (1.0)
Math 7, Math 7 ACCEL*, or Algebra 1 Honors* (1.0)
Science 2 Adv or ACC Honors Sci 2* (1.0)
Civics Adv. (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 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.

Pick Your Courses!

Check (✓) your selection and teachers should initial approval.

1st Selection: _____ Language Arts 2 Adv. (all students)

2nd Selection: _____ Civics Adv. (all students)

3rd Selection: _____ Math 7
_____ Math 7 ACCEL*
_____ Algebra 1 Honors** (must successfully complete Math 6 ACCEL online prior to school starting)

4th Selection: _____ Science 2 Adv.
_____ Science 2 ACC Honors* (must be enrolled in Math 7 ACCEL or HS Algebra 1 Honors next year AND successfully complete semester 1 of Science 3 Advanced prior to school starting)

5th Selection: _____ 2 Semester Electives*** OR _____ 1 Yearlong Elective

6th Selection: _____ 2 Semester Electives*** OR _____ 1 Yearlong Elective

Middle School Elective Classes (0-5)

Choosing 3 Semester Electives?
Rank your top 4 semester elective choices 1-4.

Choosing 4 Semester Electives (5th & 6th selection)?
Rank your top 6 semester elective choices 1-6.

- _____ Exploring Art 2D
- _____ Exploring Art 3D
- _____ Coding 1
- _____ Coding 2
- _____ Computer Science Discoveries
- _____ Engineering 1: Explore Tech Design
- _____ Engineering 2: Robotics
- _____ Engineering 3: Green Construction
- _____ Engineering 4: Power & Energy⁴
- _____ Intro to A/V Arts
- _____ Intro to Dance
- _____ Intro to Basic Theater
- _____ Intro to Tech Theater
- _____ Guitar 1
- _____ Guitar 2
- _____ PE-Team Sports***
- _____ PE-Comprehensive 6/7***

Middle School Elective Classes (1-6)

- _____ Art 2D*
- _____ Art 3D*
- _____ Creative Photography 1
- _____ Digital Art 1
- _____ Band 1
- _____ Band 2*
- _____ Dance 1
- _____ Dance 2*
- _____ Orchestra 1
- _____ Orchestra 2*
- _____ Musical Theatre*
- _____ Tech Design Theatre*
- _____ MFL Peer Counseling**
- _____ Yearbook**

High School Credit Elective Classes (1-6)

- _____ American Sign Language 1
- _____ Introduction to Teaching @ RSHS⁶
- _____ Spanish 1⁷

Choosing 1 Yearlong Elective?
Rank your top 2 yearlong elective choices 1 & 2.

Choosing 2 Yearlong Electives (5th & 6th selection)?
Rank your top 4 yearlong elective choices 1-4.

Legend

*Teacher Recommendation Required

⁴Application Required

⁵Student ELA FAST Score of 3 or higher **strongly** recommended.

⁶Student Math FAST Score of 3 or higher **strongly** recommended

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

7TH GRADE SCHEDULE



- **Required Classes:**

- Advanced Language Arts
- Advanced Civics (EOC required)
- Math or Accelerated Math or Algebra 1 Honors
- Advanced Science or Acc. Science Honors
- 1 Semester of PE (optional with Waiver)
- 2 Electives Periods





River Ridge Middle School

2023-2024 8th Grade Course Card

Name: _____ ID: _____ Grad Year: 2028

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year. The information below is for students and parents to provide input for student schedules. Students will use this information to choose their elective courses.

8th Grade Required Courses

Language Arts 3 Adv. (1.0)
Math 8 Pre-Algebra or Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors (1.0)
Science 3 Adv. (1.0) or HS Physical Science Hon (1.0)
World History Adv. (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 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.

Pick Your Courses!

Check (✓) your selection and teachers should initial approval.

1st Selection: _____ Language Arts 3 Adv. (all students)

2nd Selection: _____ World History Adv. (all students)

3rd Selection: _____ Math 8 Pre-Algebra
_____ High School Algebra 1 Honors** (must currently be enrolled in Math 7 ACCEL or complete Math 8 Pre-Algebra prior to school starting)
_____ High School Geometry Honors*

4th Selection: _____ Science 3 Adv.
_____ High School Physical Science Honors*¹ (must be enrolled in HS Algebra 1 Honors or HS Geometry Honors next year **AND** successfully complete Science 3 Advanced prior to school starting)

5th Selection: _____ 2 Semester Electives*** OR _____ 1 Yearlong Elective

6th Selection: _____ 2 Semester Electives*** OR _____ 1 Yearlong Elective

Middle School Elective Classes (0.5)

Exploring Art 2D
Exploring Art 3D
Coding 1
Coding 2*
Computer Science Discoveries*
Engineering 1: Explore Tech Design
Engineering 2: Robotics
Engineering 3: Green Construction
Engineering 4: Power & Energy*
Intro to A/V Arts
Intro to Dance
Intro to Basic Theater
Intro Tech Theater
Guitar 1
Guitar 2*
PE-Individual Sports***
PE-Comprehensive 7/8***

Choosing 2 Semester Electives?

Rank your top 4 semester elective choices 1-4.

Choosing 4 Semester Electives (3rd & 4th selection)?

Rank your top 6 semester elective choices 1-6.

Middle School Elective Classes (1.0)

Art 3D*
Art 3D*
Creative Photography 1
Creative Photography 2*
Digital Art 1
Band 1
Band 2*
Band 3*
Dance 1
Dance 2*
Dance 3*
Orchestra 1
Orchestra 2*
Orchestra 3*
Musical Theatre*
Tech Design Theatre*
Peer Counseling*
Yearbook**

Choosing 1 Yearlong Elective?

Rank your top 2 yearlong elective choices 1 & 2.

Choosing 2 Yearlong Electives (3rd & 4th selection)?

Rank your top 4 yearlong elective choices 1-4.

High School Credit Elective Classes (1.0)

American Sign Language 1
American Sign Language 2*
Digital Design 1*
Introduction to Engineering @ RIR-15*
Introduction to Teaching @ RIR-15*
JROTC Aerospace Science 1 @ RIR-15*
Peers as Partners**
Spanish 1*
Spanish 2**

Legend

*Teacher Recommendation Required

**Application Required

¹ Student must be enrolled in Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry Honors

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

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

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

8TH GRADE SCHEDULE



- Required Classes:

- Advanced Lang. Arts
- Advanced World History
- 8th Grade Math (Pre-Algebra) or Algebra 1* or Geometry*- (EOC) HS credit/GPA
- Advanced Science or Physical Science Honors*
- 1 Semester of PE (Optional with Waiver)
- 2 Electives Periods



ADVANCED **CORE COURSE WORK**



-We believe that with the right supports that ALL students should be challenged to be engaged in and meet high academic standards.

- Accelerated options for Science and Math
- Advanced options for ELA and Social Studies
- *Teachers should sign the course card for **Math** and **Science** Options.*

INTENSIVE **COURSE WORK**



- Students may be placed in an intensive reading class if they do not show proficiency on the FAST ELA Assessment. FAST Level 1's are REQUIRED to take Intensive Reading.
- Students who do not receive passing grades in their four core content classes (Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies) will be placed in the academic learning lab for course recovery.

PE REQUIREMENT

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



**Turn to the
Back of the Course Card**

PE WAIVER STATEMENT

Only complete if your child is not taking PE.

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 requests another offered course.
- Parent 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 for exemption and requests courses other than PE.

Student Name _____

Student ID _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Explore your ROYAL opportunities!

The background is a deep blue gradient with a subtle pattern of white stars and faint, light blue circular lines. Some of these lines are concentric circles, while others are arcs or partial circles. There are also some faint, larger circular patterns with internal lines, resembling stylized orbits or celestial paths. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, with a focus on geometric shapes and a cool color palette.

ELECTIVES **&** **PROGRAM** **OPTIONS**

- Visit the RRMS Website to explore all of the course offerings & elective options through videos and course descriptions.
- rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us



Students may take Spanish, American Sign Language, or German in 9th & 10th Grade. All courses are high school credit courses.



Download the informational document providing information on the High School Academies that middle school students can access and important academic program content information.



8th Graders only can apply to be a Peer Mentor. 9th Graders can apply to be a Peer Mentor. 10th Graders can apply to be a Peer Mentor.



All 8th graders will take a reading research course during the 8th grade.



All 8th graders will take a semester of Health & Physical Education during the 8th grade. All students are required to take a semester of PE, unless the PE waiver is signed by a parent/guardian.



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 industry certifications.

FAME ACADEMY FINE ARTS MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

The FAME Academy at RRMS allows students to have access to a comprehensive visual and performing arts coursework including visual and digital arts, photography, 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.

DIGITAL MEDIA MULTI-MEDIA & GRAPHIC DESIGN

Students explore audio/video technology, webpage design and interactive presentation development in animation and graphic design using Photoshop, Illustrator, and iMovie, etc. Students have the opportunity to earn high school credit and Digital Tools certification.

WORLD LANGUAGES

Students earn on campus high school credit by immersing in either American Sign Language, German, or Spanish Programs.



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.

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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.

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 have the opportunity to earn Digital Tools certification.

TEACHING & EDUCATION

7th and 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.

OWN YOUR CHOICES: **SELECTING YOUR** **ELECTIVES**



- 7th & 8th Graders will have 2 full elective choices either selecting yearlong or semester electives.
- *Think About...*
 - *What are my talents & interests?*
 - *How can I apply my talents & interests to an elective area or program of study at RRMS?*
 - *Which programs of study will lead to an RRHS Academy and/or earning high school credit in middle school?*

OWN YOUR CHOICES: **SELECTING YOUR** **ELECTIVES**



- Rank all Semester and Yearlong Elective Interest 1-4 to fill 2 class periods
 - *2 yearlong electives*
 - *1 yearlong and 2 semester electives*
 - *4 semester electives*

OWN YOUR CHOICES: **HIGH SCHOOL COURSE WORK**



- Taking high school course work in middle school is challenging yet provides students the ability to accelerate to earn college credits in high school and deeply focus on areas of interest.
- Coursework taken in middle school will impact your high school graduation requirements, GPA and college scholarship opportunities.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES ON RRMS CAMPUS



- Digital Design 1
 - 8th Grade Only
 - H.S. 1.0 Credit @ RRMS
- World Languages
 - Spanish 1 & 2 @ RRMS
 - German 1 & 2 @ RRHS
 - American Sign Language 1 & 2 @ RRMS
 - 7th and 8th Grade
 - H. S. 1.0 Credit



RIVER RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES OFFERED TO 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.

Select: Introduction to Engineering (1.0)

Academy Contact:
Mr. McAmis
smcamis@pasco.k12.fl.us



NEW TEACHING ACADEMY

7th and 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.

Select: Introduction to Teaching (1.0) - 7th & 8th grade
Human Growth & Development (1.0) - 8th grade only
(must have taken Intro to Teaching - write in on course card)

New Teacher Academy
River Ridge High School
New Port Richey, FL 34684



Academy Contacts:
Mr. Vachon
rvachon@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Hess
bhess@pasco.k12.fl.us

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 provide 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.

Select: Aerospace Science (1.0) - 8th grade

Program Contacts:
Lt. Col. Morgan
dmorgan@pasco.k12.fl.us



Check out informational videos on the RRMS website at rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us.

INTRO TO ENGINEERING DESIGN @ RRHS

- 8th grade only
- H.S. 1.0 Credit – Algebra 1 required
- Industry Certification eligible



HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING ACADEMY

- Intro to the Teaching Profession @ RRHS
- Human Growth and Development @ RRHS (write on course card)
- Peers as Partners @ RRMS
 - 7th & 8th grade
 - H.S. 1.0 Credit



HIGH SCHOOL JROTC

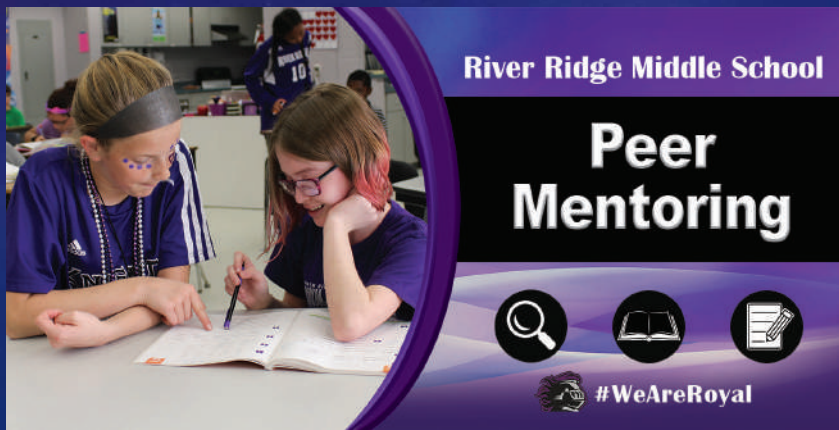
- Aerospace Science 1 (JROTC 1) @ RRHS (write on course card)
 - 8th grade only
 - H.S. 1.0 Credit



APPLICATION COURSES



- Attach the application to your course card:
 - M/J Peer Counseling
 - Peer as Partners (Yearlong) (8th Grade only)
 - Yearbook (7th & 8th Grade) – Online Application on the website only
 - Available on RRMS Website or Front Desk
- Apply to the Academy on the RRHS website:
 - Intro to Engineering @ RRHS
 - Intro to Teaching Profession @ RRHS



MAKING YOUR ELECTIVE CHOICES



- Use the course card to help you make your elective choices.
- Rank order your top choices from **1 – 4** so you will have alternate selections. Semester options should be given the same priority number so they are paired together.
- We'll try to put you into your 1st choices.
- If needed, parent signs the PE waiver on the back of the course card (IMPORTANT).

OWN YOUR CHOICES: SCHEDULE CHANGES



- Classes are offered on the basis of the choices you make. The choices you make are binding.
- Schedule changes will not be made because you decide that you do not want to take a course any longer.

**Finally, SIGN THE
COURSE CARD.
DUE Monday,
February 20th to
Science Teachers.**

Parent Signature_____

Student Signature_____

EXPLORE YOUR ROYAL OPPORTUNITIES!



RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2023-24 CURRICULUM NIGHT

02.15.23 ~ 6PM-7:30PM

Explore ALL of the

Royal
opportunities!

Transition Meetings for Parents 6PM-6:30PM

Incoming 6th Grade - Theater, Incoming 7th & 8th Grade -Cafeteria

Campus & Academy/Program Tours 6:30PM-7:30PM



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