



River Ridge Middle School

Welcome Incoming 6th graders!

2016-2017 Course Registration Information

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! The information below is provided to students and parents as input for course selection. Students will use this information to choose their electives and core courses.

Attention incoming 6th graders: Save the dates!

February 9th - Curriculum Fair at River Ridge Middle School - Information to help make course selections. 6:00-7:30PM.

February 19th - Course Cards Due To 5th Grade Teachers - Parents will review and help students select Exploratory Wheel or elective options and return course cards to 5th grade teachers.

August 3rd - Storm The Castle For 6th Grade 9:00-1:00 – Please make sure to indicate student shirt size above Parent Signature*

6th Grade Required Core Courses

All 6th grade students will receive a yearlong class in Math, Science, Language Arts, World History, and Reading. Advanced coursework will be determined by 5th grade teacher recommendations and FSA performance on a separate course selection card. Any questions? Please call RRMS guidance at (727) 774-7239.

Advanced Coursework:

- Courses will be rigorous and may require significant projects, writing assignments and work outside of class time.
- Placement is determined by past student performance. Criteria will include previous Level 4 or 5 on FSA Reading and/or Math, A average, 70% and above on district quarterly checks and advance placement test as well as teacher recommendation. Notification of course placement and summer assignments will be made early summer.
- Summer assignments will support the beginning of the school year focus and can be accessed on the school website.
- Schedule changes will not be possible once enrolled due to class size mandates and end-of-course exam requirements.

How can I earn high school credit while in middle school?

- Advanced classes taught at RRMS that meet high school credit requirements
- High school classes taught at RRHS
- Online classes: Pasco eSchool

Helpful Resources:

RRMS website <http://rrms.pasco.k12.fl.us/RRMS/Welcome.html/>

eSembler <https://grades.pasco.k12.fl.us/default.asp>

PE Requirement: All students are required to take one semester of Physical Education in middle school every year (Senate Bill 610).

Student Name: _____

Student Number: _____

6th Grade Electives- Please rank your options from 1st through 7th choice.

Option A. 1 Semester Exploratory Wheel A (Art, Theatre, Music) and 1 Semester of PE.

Option B. 1 Semester Exploratory Wheel B (Art, Theatre, Computer Skills) and 1 Semester of PE.

Option C. Band 1 -Yearlong Class No PE

Option D. Chorus 1 -Yearlong Class No PE.

Option E. Engineering Semester and PE - Design and Modeling

Option F. Engineering Yearlong- Design and Modeling and Automation & Robotics

Option G. Computer Applications and 1 Semester of PE.

Semester Class	Semester Class	Yearlong Class	Yearlong Class
A. ___ Exploratory Wheel A This option includes a semester of exploration divided into Art, Theater and Music.	B. ___ Exploratory Wheel B This option includes a semester of exploration divided into Art, Theater and Computer Skills.	C. ___ Band 1 This option is a yearlong study of band. PE Waiver Required, signed at registration.	D. ___ Chorus 1 This option is a yearlong study of chorus. PE Waiver Required, signed at registration.
Semester Class	Yearlong Class	Semester Class	PE Note
E. ___ Engineering- Design and Modeling Students apply the design process to solve problems and understand the influence of creativity.	F. ___ Engineering- Design and Modeling and Automation and Robotics Students use the VEX Robotics® platform to design, build, and program real-world objects such as traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms. PE Waiver Required, signed at registration.	G. ___ Computer Applications for 6th Grade Students work on exciting projects while learning basic keyboarding and word processing skills as well as electronic presentation tools.	All Semester Electives are paired with one semester of Physical Education.

*Students will receive a free T-shirt at the 8/3/16 Storm the Castle Event. Please indicate your child's shirt size.

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Parent signature below indicates that you have provided input into the course selection process.

Parent Signature

Date