



SOUTH SEMINOLE
ACADEMY
OF
LEADERSHIP, LAW & ADVANCED STUDIES

8th Grade Course Selection



South Seminole Academy
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-SCPS Pre-IB students 6th-8th

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SSA Curriculum Guide & Planning Guide

- Before completing the SSA Course Selection Google Doc review our Curriculum Guide to learn about our different programs and class offerings: [SSA Curriculum Guide](#)
- You may also want to view the [8th Grade Course Selection Planning Guide](#) to plan your options prior to completing the Google Doc. This is for planning Purposes only and not required.
- All course request must be submitted via [Course Selection Google Doc](#) by Feb 5th.

STEP 1- SELECT YOUR ACADEMIC PATH

SSA offers two Academic Paths for students to choose.

Traditional Academic Path

- Traditional Academic Path in 8th grade offers students the choice to select the level of Language Arts, Math, Science, and History
- 8th Grade Traditional Academic Classes include:
 - Choice of ELA: Language Arts 3 standard or Language Arts 3 Advanced
 - Choice of Math: Pre-Algebra, Algebra Honors (HS Credit), or Geometry Honors (HS credit, PR: Alg H)
 - US History standard or US History Advanced
 - Comprehensive Science 3 standard or Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced
 - Leadership elective required (see Step 2A)
 - PE (semester)

STEP 1- SELECT YOUR ACADEMIC PATH

SCPS Pre-IB Program Path

- The SCPS Pre-IB Program Path provides rigorous and extensive course study in math, science, world language, social studies, and language arts with an emphasis on independent study, in-depth learning, and accelerated curriculum requirements. More info on page 7 of curriculum guide.
- 3.0 Overall GPA required to remain in SCPS Pre-IB.
- 8th grade SCPS Pre-IB classes include:
 - SCPS Pre-IB Language Arts 3 Advanced
 - SCPS Pre-IB US History Advanced
 - Environmental Science Honors (HS Credit)
 - Choice of math: Algebra H (HS credit) or Geometry Honors (HS credit, PR: Alg H)
 - SCPS Pre-IB Spanish 1 (required year elective)
 - PE (semester)

STEP 2- ELECTIVES

-Elective choices may be removed based on FSA scores and the need for students to take reading and/or intensive math.

iSeries

-SCPS Middle School students are required to take iJourney for middle school promotion- students that did not take it previously, will be scheduled for it in 8th grade

-Students must additionally take one more iSeries class: iChallenge or iConnect

-Students that have not met the second iSeries requirement will need to select one on the Google Doc, or one will be selected for them

-All 8th grade students are **required** take Physical Education (semester) and will be automatically scheduled for the course (PE waiver available [here](#))

STEP 2A- SELECT YOUR LEADERSHIP ELECTIVE

-8th grade students in the SCPS Pre-IB program will automatically meet this requirement by taking the Spanish Pre-IB course- please select "SCPS Pre-IB student."

-All other students please will need to select one of the available leadership electives. -

___ American Sign Language I (SCVS) *(HS credit)*
___ Leadership Seminar (s)
___ iConnect (s) *(.5 HS Credit)*
___ iChallenge (y)
___ Street Law (y) *(.5 HS Credit) (PR)*

___ Spanish 1 (y) *(HS credit)*
___ Band 4 Jazz Band (y) *(PR)*
___ Dance 3 (y) *(PR)*
___ JROTC (y)

STEP 2A- SELECT YOUR LEADERSHIP ELECTIVE

-Please note that if you are selected for any of the Application only Leadership Opportunity you will meet this requirement.

-Leadership Opportunities are available by application and teacher selection. Space is limited. Application is available here: [Leadership Application](#)

-Latinos in Action (year)

-We The People (year)

-Lighthouse (year)

-Yearbook (year)

-PIT Crew (year)

-SSN News (year)

-Student Government (year)

STEP 2B- ELECTIVES

Students will choose their top 6 choices of electives on the Google Doc.

-Electives are either year long (year) or semester (semester).

-High school courses are indicated with *HS

-Pre-requisites are indicated with (PR)

8th grade electives:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | American Sign Language SCVS (HS credit) | <input type="checkbox"/> | iConnect (s) (HS Credit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Art 2D (s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | JROTC (y) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Art 3D (s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Law & Order: Intro to Legal Studies (.5 HS credit) (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Forensic Art (s)- (PR) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Law & Order: Criminal Justice (.5 HS credit) (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Band 1 (y) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Leadership Seminar (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Band 2 (y) (PR) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lego Robotics (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jazz Band (y) (PR) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Music Innovation Lab (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chorus 1 (y) | <input type="checkbox"/> | SCVS Keyboarding (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chorus 2 (y) (PR) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sociology (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chorus Male Storm (y) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Spanish 1 (HS Credit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dance 1 (s) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Street Law (year) (PR) (HS credit) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dance 2 (y) (PR) | <input type="checkbox"/> | TV Broadcasting (y) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dance 3 (y) (PR) | <input type="checkbox"/> | World Languages 2 (s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Forensic Science (s) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | iChallenge (s) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | iChallenge (y) | | |

STEP 3- LEADERSHIP ACADEMIES

Leadership Academies are offered one time a week and give students an opportunity to explore additional interests. Please see page 16 of the curriculum guide for leadership academy descriptions.

- Students will select their top 5 choices on the Google Doc
- Students will be placed in Study Hall if all choices are unavailable
- Some Leadership Academies listed in the Curriculum Guide are not available for selection. Students will instead be selected by teachers for those academies.

Additional Info: How Many Classes?

8th Grade	Traditional Academic Path	SCPS Pre-IB Path
1	Pre-Algebra, Algebra H*, OR Geometry H* (y)	Algebra H* or Geometry Honors* (y)
2	Language Arts standard 3 OR Language Arts 3 Adv (y)	SCPS Pre-IB Language Arts 3 (y)
3	Comp Sci 3 standard or Comp Sci 3 Adv (y)	Environmental Science Honors* (y)
4	US History standard or US History Adv (y)	SCPS Pre-IB US History (y)
5	PE (s) & <i>one (s) elective</i>	SCPS Pre-IB Spanish 1*
6	Leadership elective (s) or (y)	PE (s) & <i>one (s) elective</i>
7	<i>one (y) elective or two (s) electives</i>	<i>one (y) elective or two (s) electives</i>
8	leadership academy (y- once a week)	leadership academy (y- once a week)

- Need for intensive reading/intensive math may impact electives

Google Doc

Course Selection Google Doc

-Google Doc will be open from Feb 1 - Feb 5th.

-Students that do not submit their Course Selection Google Doc will have courses selected by a school counselor- don't miss your opportunity to have a say in your courses!

Information on High School Level Courses

- If struggling in a high school level course, such as Algebra Honors, it must be dropped before the first 9 weeks so that it does not appear on the high school transcript.
- If a student earns C's or below in a high school credit course they may retake the course for grade forgiveness through their assigned high school or virtual school.
- Algebra Honors and Geometry Honors will transfer as an elective credit, not a math credit, which means that four years of math in high school is still required.