

**PALM VALLEY ACADEMY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
COURSE INFORMATION**



WELCOME TO MIDDLE SCHOOL!

YOUR PVA MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

Role	Name
Principal	Dr. Joy Reichenberg
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Assistant Principal	Mr. Brian Green
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PROGRESSION CHANGES

The current progression of **U.S. History** and **Civics** has changed:

Grade Level	2021-2022 Progression	Transition Year (2022-2023) Progression	NEW Progression Starting 2023-2024
6	World History	World History	World History
7	Civics	U.S. History	U.S. History
8	U.S. History	U.S. History	Civics

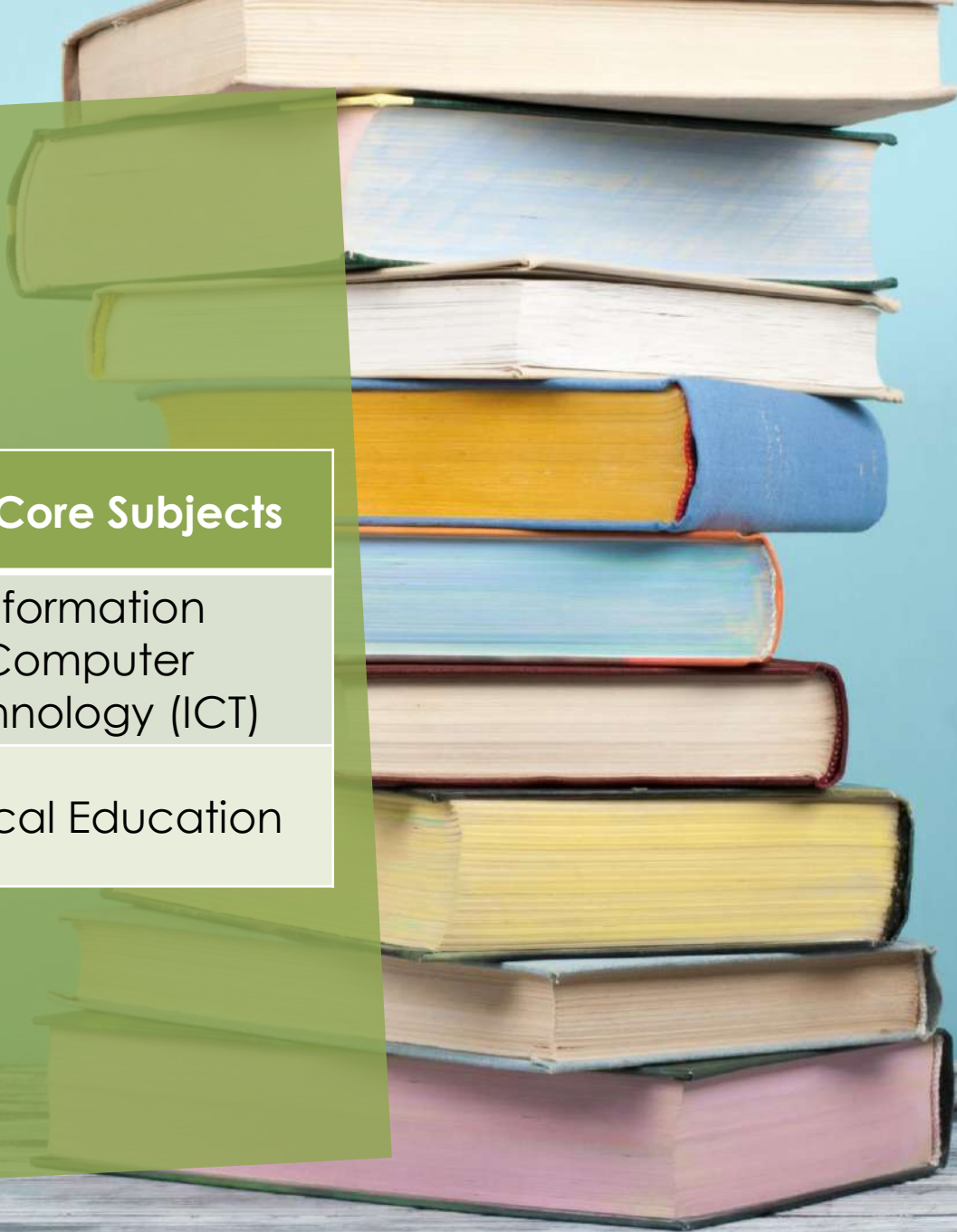
PROGRESSION CHANGES

The current progression of **ICT (Information Computer Technology)** classes has also changed:

Grade Level	2021-2022 Progression	Transition Year (2022-2023) Progression	Transition Year (2023-2024) Progression	NEW Progression Starting 2024-2025
6	Computer Science Discoveries	ICT 1	ICT 1	ICT 1
7	ICT 1	ICT 1	ICT 2	ICT 2
8	ICT 2	ICT 2	ICT 2	Computer Science Discoveries

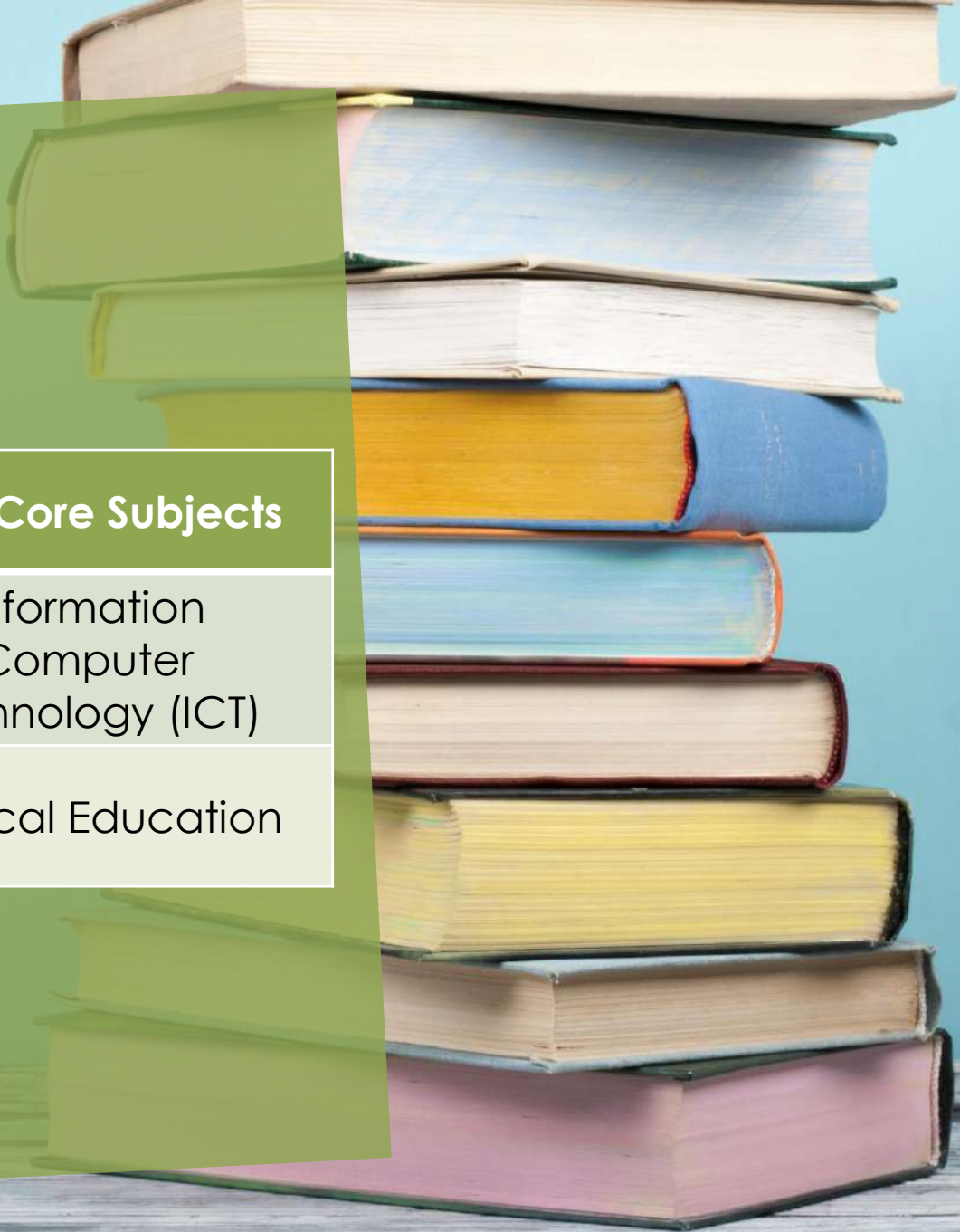
6TH GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Core Subjects (Standard or Advanced)	Non-Core Subjects
Language Arts	Information Computer Technology (ICT)
Math	
Science	Physical Education
World History	



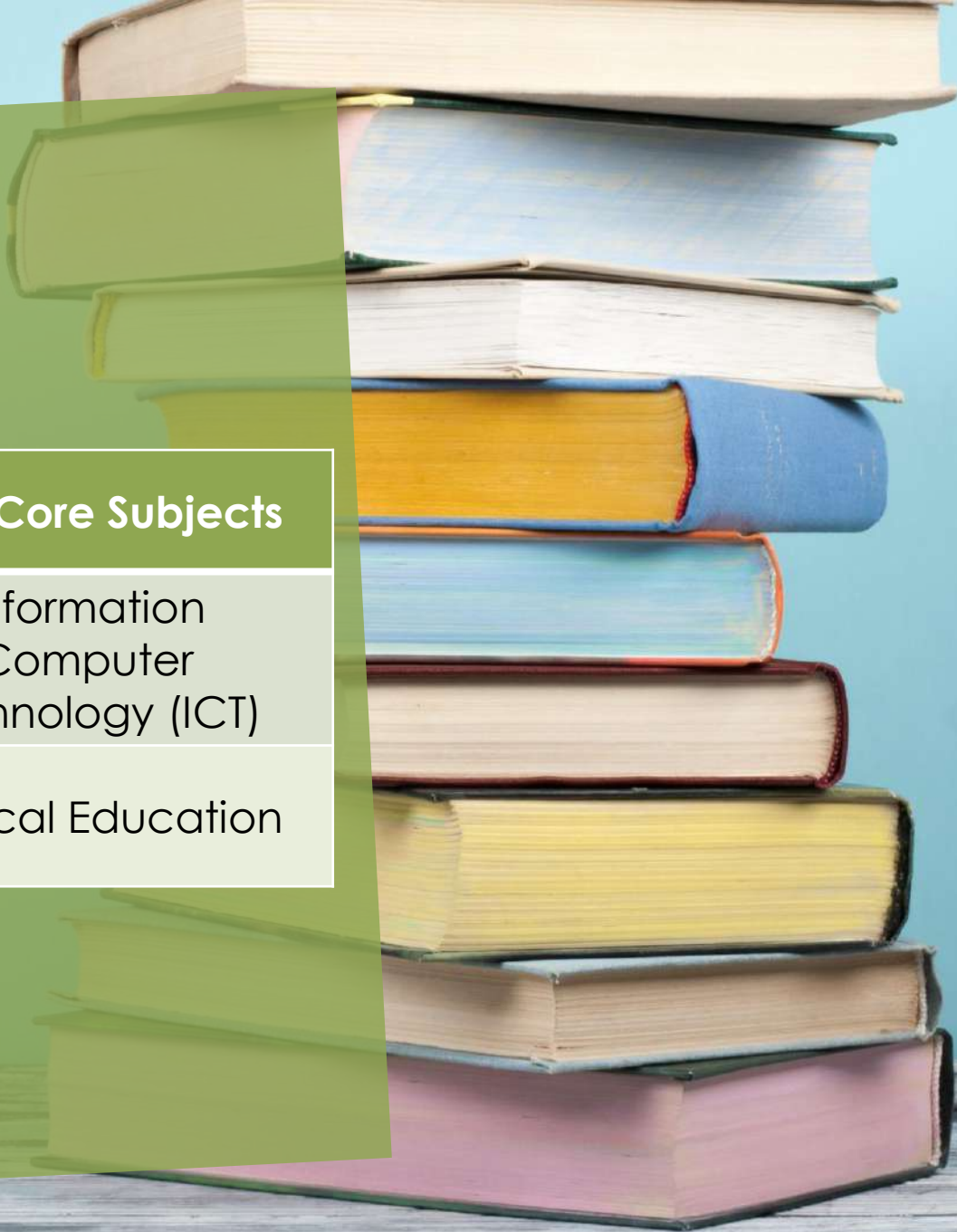
7TH GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

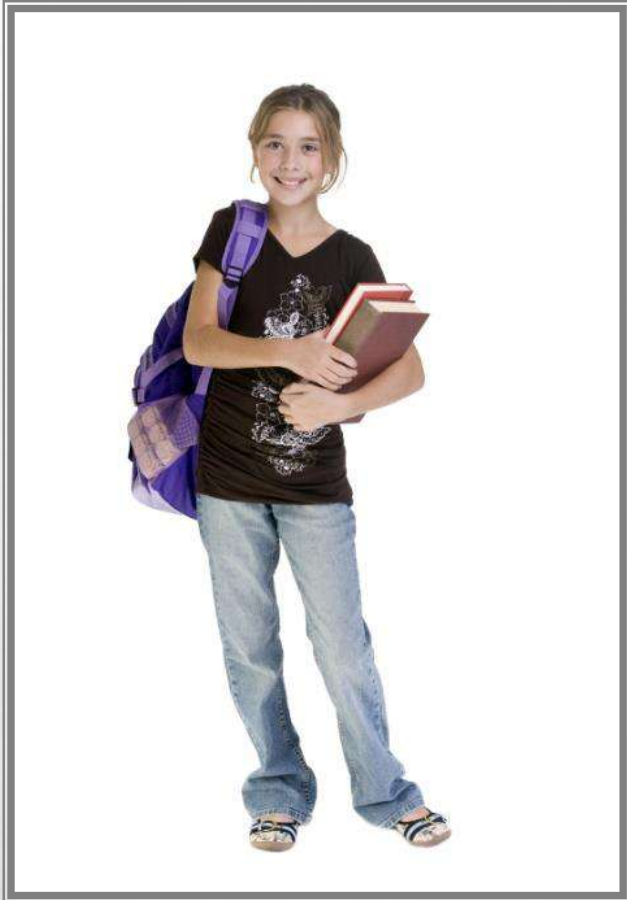
Core Subjects (Standard or Advanced)	Non-Core Subjects
Language Arts	Information Computer Technology (ICT)
Math	
Science	Physical Education
U.S. History	



8TH GRADE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Core Subjects (Standard or Advanced)	Non-Core Subjects
Language Arts	Information Computer Technology (ICT)
Math	
Science	Physical Education
U.S. History	





WHAT ARE THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPTIONS FOR MY CHILD?

- **PVA OFFERS OPTIONS FOR MIDDLE GRADES STUDENTS DEPENDING ON THEIR INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING PATH:**
 - **6TH STANDARD/ADVANCED**
 - **7TH GRADE STANDARD/ADVANCED/ ALGEBRA 1 HONORS**
 - **8TH GRADE STANDARD/ADVANCED ALGEBRA 1 HONORS/GEOMETRY HONORS, PHYSICAL SCIENCE HONORS**
- **ALL HIGH SCHOOL COURSES HAVE A STATE-DEVELOPED EOC WHICH IS 30% OF THEIR FINAL GRADE**
- **ALL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE PLACED IN 6TH GRADE STANDARD OR 6TH ADVANCED MATH BASED ON THEIR MATH FSA SCORES, AND FINAL MATH GRADES FROM 5TH GRADE**

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH PROGRESSION

Current Class	Previous Year Math FSA	Previous Year ELA FSA	Placement Test	Grade in Class	APEX Summer Course Required?	Recommended Placement
5 th Grade Math	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	6 th Standard
5 th Grade math	4+	3+	n/a	A or B	N	6 th Advanced
6 th Standard	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	7 th Standard
6 th Standard	4+	3+	Passing	A or B	N	7 th Advanced
6 th Advanced	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	7 th Advanced
6 th Advanced	5	4+	Passing	A	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
7 th Standard	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Pre-Algebra
7 th Standard	5	4+	Passing	A	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
7 th Advanced	n/a	n/a	n/a	C or D	N	Pre-Algebra
7 th Advanced	4 +	4+	Passing	A or B	Y	Algebra 1 Honors
8 th Pre-Algebra	4+	3 +	Passing	A or B	N	Algebra 1 Honors
8 th Pre-Algebra	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Algebra 1
Algebra 1 Honors	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Geometry Honors
Geometry Honors	n/a	n/a	n/a	Passing	N	Algebra 2 Honors

ELECTIVE OPTIONS: PVA

Each student will receive three non-core courses.

1. Physical Education — REQUIRED for all students. This is a year-long course.
2. Computer Class — REQUIRED for all students. This is a year-long course.
3. Choose ONE of the following electives:

6 th	7 th	8 th
Exploratory Art (1/2 year) & Exploratory Spanish (1/2 year)	Studio Art 1	Studio Art 2
	Spanish Beginning	Spanish Intermediate
6 th Grade STEM **	7 th Grade STEM **	8 th Grade STEM**
Creative Writing **	Journalism/TV Pro **	Journalism/TV Pro **
Band 1 *	Creative Writing **	Creative Writing **
Guitar 1 **	Band 2 *	Band 2 *
	Guitar 1 **	Band 3 *
		Guitar 1 **

*Band requires a fair share fee, along with the cost of purchasing or renting an instrument (additional cleaning fees may apply to some rental instruments).

**These courses will be tentatively offered based on demand and PVA staffing.

If a student is required to take Intensive Reading or Intensive Math, the second and/or third elective (non-core) course may be replaced with these necessary intervention courses.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVES

- **ENROLLMENT IN ELECTIVES ARE NOT GUARANTEED**
- **ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING:**
 - **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
 - **COMPUTERS (CSD, ICT)**
 - **ELECTIVE OF CHOICE**
- **EXCEPTIONS ARE MADE ON A PER STUDENT BASIS**

COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS & CHANGE REQUESTS

- In April, your student will bring home a course verification form that has their 2022-2023 middle school course placements. Your student's course requests will also be available in HAC. These placements will be based on the culmination of team-developed formative and summative assessments, iReady data, previous FSA scores, and student performance in the classroom throughout this school year.
- If you would like to submit a change in placement request, please complete the Middle School Course Petition Form (available on our website) and submit it to the school counselor. Requests made in conferences, emails, or phone calls cannot be honored at this time. Please note: requests do not guarantee a change in placement. Administration will review all requests once FSA scores are returned this summer.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS & SJMSAA

School Sponsored Athletics

- BASKETBALL
- VOLLEYBALL

SJMSAA Sponsored Events

- FOOTBALL
- CHEERLEADING
- CROSS COUNTRY
- SOCCER
- BASEBALL
- SOFTBALL
- GOLF
- TENNIS
- PLEASE VISIT THE SJMSAA WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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