

Switzerland Point Middle School

Home of the Raiders!



Introductions

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Counselor, 7th M-Z & 8th

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Middle School in General

The State of Florida requires the following for promotion each year:

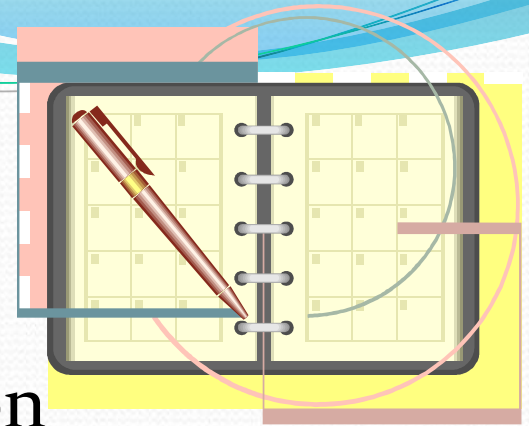
- Pass Language Arts
- Pass Math
- Pass Science
- Pass Social Studies

Additional requirements:

- Support for students with FSA ELA Level 1 or 2
- Support for students with FSA Math Level 1 or 2



Schedule



- Swiss Point students take 7 courses on an alternating day schedule.
- Silver Day – 3 classes
- Black Day – 3 different classes
- “Skinny” at the beginning of the day – 1st period
- Block classes are 90 minutes in length, “Skinny” is 50 minutes.
- Wednesday – 1pm dismissal
- Raider Hour one day a week either Tue/Thu

Core Courses (Required)

- Language Arts 1* – standard or advanced
- Math 1 – standard or advanced
- Comprehensive Science 1* – standard or advanced
- Social Studies* (World History) – standard or advanced

* Indicates courses that parents and students may choose to take as standard or advanced based on 2016 FSA Reading scores and final 6th grade course grades.

- If students are interested in advanced, the criteria is....

If 2016 FSA ELA Level is a 3, only take 1 advanced course

If 2016 FSA ELA Level is a 4, only take 2 advanced courses

If 2016 FSA ELA Level is a 5, then you can choose to take all 3 advanced courses

Math Placement

- 2016 FSA Math
 - Level 1 or 2 – Math 1 and Intensive Math for 90mins of math every day
 - Level 3 – Math 1
 - Level 4 or higher – Math 1 Advanced
 - If Reading is level 1 or 2, then Math 1 Standard

Math Standards

6 th grade Standards	7 th grade Standards	8 th grade Standards	Next course
Math 1 Standard	Math 2 Standard	Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1 Hon
Math 1 Advanced	Math 2 Advanced		Algebra 1 Hon

Math Progression

6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Math 1	Math 2	Pre-Alg	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Pre Calculus

6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Math 1 Adv	Math 2 Adv	Pre-Algebra Standard	Algebra 1 Honors	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre Calculus OR Stats
		Algebra 1 Honors	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre Calculus	AP Calc AB OR Stats

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Math 1 Adv	Algebra 1 Honors	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre Calculus	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus BC OR AP Stats

Non-core Courses

3 non-core courses are taken each year.

In 6th grade, ALL students take.....

Physical Education (year-long)

ICT Essential 1 (year-long)

Choice non-core courses....

**Band, Critical Thinking, or MS Beginning Spanish
(MUST have FSA ELA of level 5)**

Physical Education

- 2 semester courses
 - 1st semester – Comprehensive Fitness
 - 2nd semester – Gymnastics and Dance

Students wear a uniform of t-shirt & shorts purchased from Swiss Point (\$10 each)

Students are in dressing room and warm-up with 7th & 8th graders, but then grade levels are split.

ICT Essentials 1

- Legislation that 75% of MS students will earn a digital tools certification each year. Why? Estimated that there will be 2 million computer science jobs that need to be filled by 2020.
- Bartram is starting a new IT Academy with an emphasis on programming.
- Course Standards:
 - Identify **computer components and their functions**.
 - Demonstrate **knowledge of different operating systems**.
 - Demonstrate an understanding of **Internet safety and ethics**.
 - Demonstrate **proficiency using the Internet to locate information**.
 - Demonstrate proficiency in using **word processing software**.
 - Demonstrate proficiency in using **presentation software**.
 - Demonstrate proficiency in using **graphics software**.
 - Demonstrate **appropriate use of email**.

Spanish

- MS Beginning Spanish = 1st semester of HS Spanish 1
- MS Intermediate Spanish = 2nd sem of HS Spanish 1

MS Beg & Int Spanish **are equivalent to** HS Spanish 1

If both MS courses are taken, the final grades can be averaged and placed on the transcript for HS Spanish 1. Parents must chose this option before the winter break.

8th grade – MS Advanced Spanish

Students then take Spanish 2 in HS as a 9th grader.

If HS credit not chosen, students can take Spanish 1 in 9th grade.

Virtual Option

- Students take a virtual course through St. Johns Virtual (franchise of FL Virtual) in lieu of a traditional classroom setting.
- Students report to the ISD room during the assigned period to work on virtual course.
- Adult supervision is provided, but no assistance with the course.
- Student is responsible for completing the course on time.

Support for Level 1 or 2

- Students scoring Level 1 or 2 on 2016 FSA ELA will take Intensive Reading blocked with Science and World History. (Extra 55mins of class)
- Lang Arts 1 paired with Writing 1 for 90 minutes of Language Arts each day.
- Students scoring Level 1 or 2 on 2016 FSA Math will take Intensive Math blocked with Math 2 for 90 minutes of math every day.

Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Services...Students with an IEP

To help students who are mainstreamed and will earn a regular diploma in high school, we will offer the following:

- Reading support with ESE through Language Arts blocked with Writing 1 & Standard Language Arts
- Math support with ESE Co-Teacher in Math 1 blocked w/Intensive Math
- Math support facilitation with ESE teacher in Math 1
- Consultation



Gifted Services

- EP written at end of 5th grade and is good through middle school. EP will be rewritten in May of 8th grade year for high school.
- Gifted students take all 3 advanced classes – Language Arts, Science & Social Studies - UNLESS you tell us in writing to place in standard Language Arts, Science, or Social Studies.
- Language Arts, Science & Social Studies teachers have gifted endorsement or are obtaining the endorsement.
- Students are placed together in 2 sections.

Students entering 9th gr 2014-2015

Standard Diploma

4 credits in English

4 credits in Math
Must have Algebra &
Geometry

3 credits in Science
Must have Biology

3 credits in Soc Studies
World, US, Gov & Econ

1 credit in Fine &
Performing Arts,
Speech & Debate or
Practical Arts

1 credit in HOPE*

8 elective credits

1 online course

Scholar Diploma

In addition to Standard Diploma...

Pass the ELA Grade 11 statewide assessment (FSA)

Earn 1 credit in Alg 2 and pass EOC

Pass Geometry EOC

Earn 1 credit in Statistics or equally rigorous course

Pass the Biology EOC

Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics

Earn 1 credit in a course equally as rigorous to
chemistry or physics

Pass the US History EOC

Earn 2 credits in the same World Language

Earn at least 1 credit in Advanced Placement, IB, AICE
or Dual Enrollment. Takes exam and earns the
minimum score to earn college credit.

*HOPE=Health Opportunities through Physical Education

REQUIRED Vaccination

- To enter 6th grade starting in 2014-2015 students MUST have proof of 2 Varicella Disease vaccinations (chicken pox) or document that they have had Varicella Disease.
- Documentation MUST be on a FL 680 Form – Certificate of Immunization. (Blue form)
- The certificate must be signed, dated & stamped.
- Students will NOT be allowed to attend classes in August until we receive an updated FL 680 Form.

Vaccinations continued.....

Check with your child's current school to determine if vaccination requirement is already met.

If the school states this requirement is already documented in the computer under immunizations, then your child is good to go for 6th grade.

If the school states this requirement is not documented, then contact your child's physician for an appointment.

The elementary school can enter the documentation once received, so your child is good to go for 6th grade.

Always keep a copy of your child's shot records for your personal files.

Dress Code

- Swiss Point students follow the District Dress Code on pages 12 & 13 of the District Code of Conduct (found on our school website)
- Shorts, skirts & dresses must be no shorter than 4" above the knee even if tights are worn.
- No holes in jeans 4" above the knee
- No low cut shirts
- No Spandex or yoga pants
- No sleeveless shirts or dresses

Backpacks & Phones

- Large backpacks can be carried to and from school, but **MUST** be stored in their locker during the day.
- **ONLY** drawstring bags can be carried to classes.
- Phones **MUST** be turned off and put away during the day. They may not be used until off campus.

6th grade camp

- 2 day camp - \$65, which includes locker, lunch & snack.
- Registration MUST be received by Friday, May 1st
- Thursday & Friday, July 28th & 29th
- 7:40am to 2pm – drop-off begins at 7:10am

Beyond The Bell

- Extended Day from 2-6pm; 1-6pm on Wednesdays
- Housed in the Media Center
- Certified teacher(s) from 3-6pm to assist with homework
- 2 Options available
 - Daily usage
 - 10 payments of \$240
 - \$75 registration fee
 - Occasional usage (Punch card)
 - 20 visits for \$340
 - \$35 registration fee

Raider Rap

- Please log onto the Swiss Point MS website and sign up to receive the weekly electronic Raider Rap.
- <http://www-raider.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>
- A summer Raider Rap will be sent to explain Summer Reading Assignment, Supplies, Bus route information, etc.

Individual questions/concerns

Counselors are available

- Wednesday, Feb. 24th
- 1:30-3:30pm
- Guidance office

Questions

