

Switzerland Point Middle School



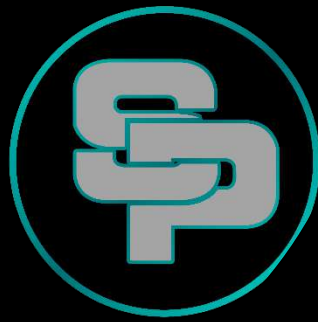
**Rising 7th / 8th grade
2020-2021**

The future begins here!



INTRODUCTIONS

Sandra Brunet – Principal
Wayne Beck – Asst. Principal
Earl Brown – Asst. Principal

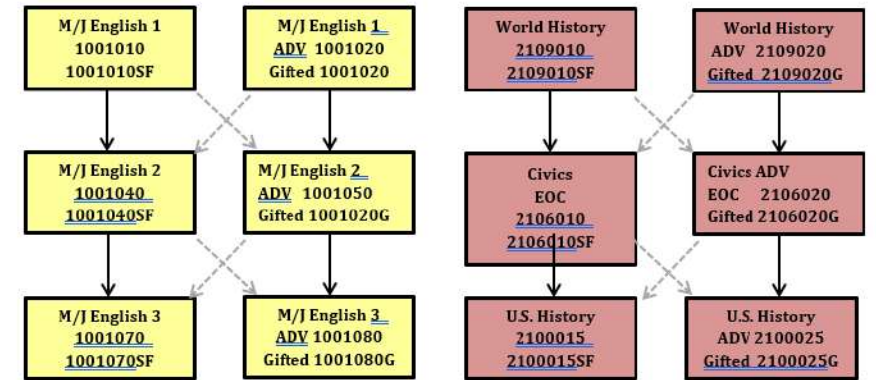


BEST Standards

<i>Most Aggressive</i> Transition Timeline in Florida's History				
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<i>Begins for ELA and Math</i>	Continues for ELA and Math	Continues for ELA and Math	
STANDARDS	Current ELA and Math	<i>New K-2 ELA</i> Current 3-12 ELA Current K-12 Math	<i>New ELA and Math</i>	
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ADOPTION PROCESS	<i>K-12 ELA</i>	<i>K-12 Math</i>	<i>K-12 Social Studies</i>	
CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION	Current ELA and Math*	<i>New K-2 ELA</i> Current 3-12 ELA* Current K-12 Math*	<i>New ELA and Math</i>	
STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS	Current ELA and Math	Current ELA and Math	<i>New ELA and Math</i>	

* Recommended since current statewide assessments still in place, but this is a district decision.

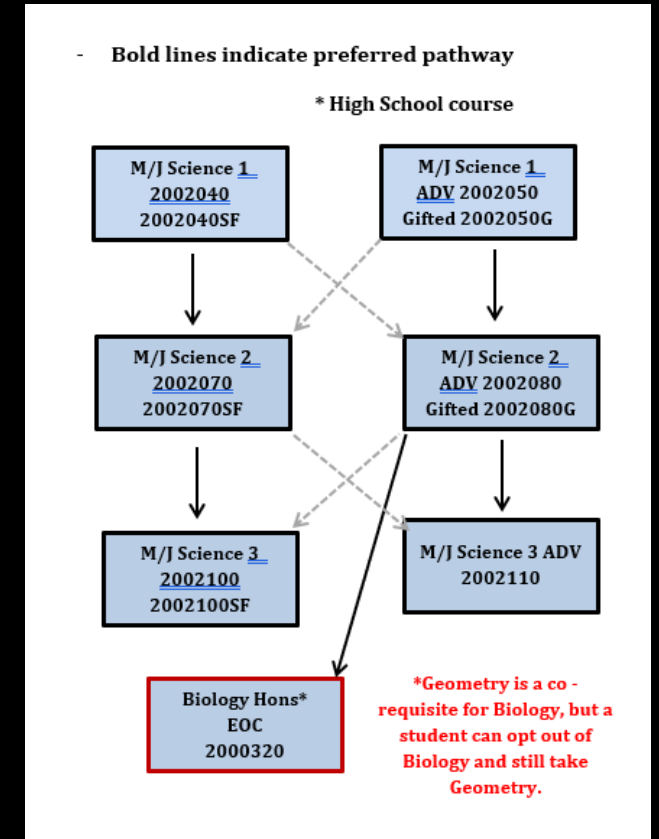
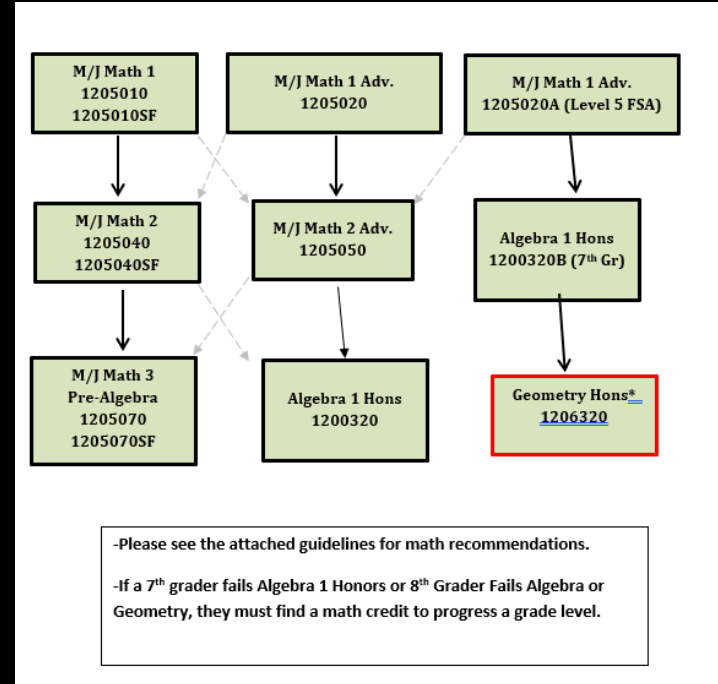
Course Progression- ELA/ History



Advanced Course Placement Criteria

The following criteria represent consensus of all middle school and district administrators:

- Grades - A grade of C or better in the previous honors or advanced course, or students earning a grade of A in the previous standard course
OR
- FSA - Level 4 or 5 in appropriate area and not less than a Level 3 in any area
 - ❖ On Mathematics FSA for placement in honors or advanced mathematics.
 - ❖ On Reading FSA for placement in honors or advanced English, social studies, science, or foreign language.OR
- In the case of extenuating circumstances, petition may be made on a case-by-case basis to the principal (or designee) for review of criteria to ensure proper course placement.



Course Progression – Math/ Science

Selection Process



DISTRICT GUIDANCE

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SCHOOL GUIDANCE

- Teacher Recommendations:**
- Class grade
 - Work ethic
 - Potential for success

PARENT GUIDANCE

- What are your child's interests/strengths?
- What is the right blend for your child?
- Extra curricular activities?
- Talk to your child



State Exams

SEVENTH GRADE

- Civics EOC
- Algebra 1 EOC *or* FSA Math 7
- FSA ELA 7

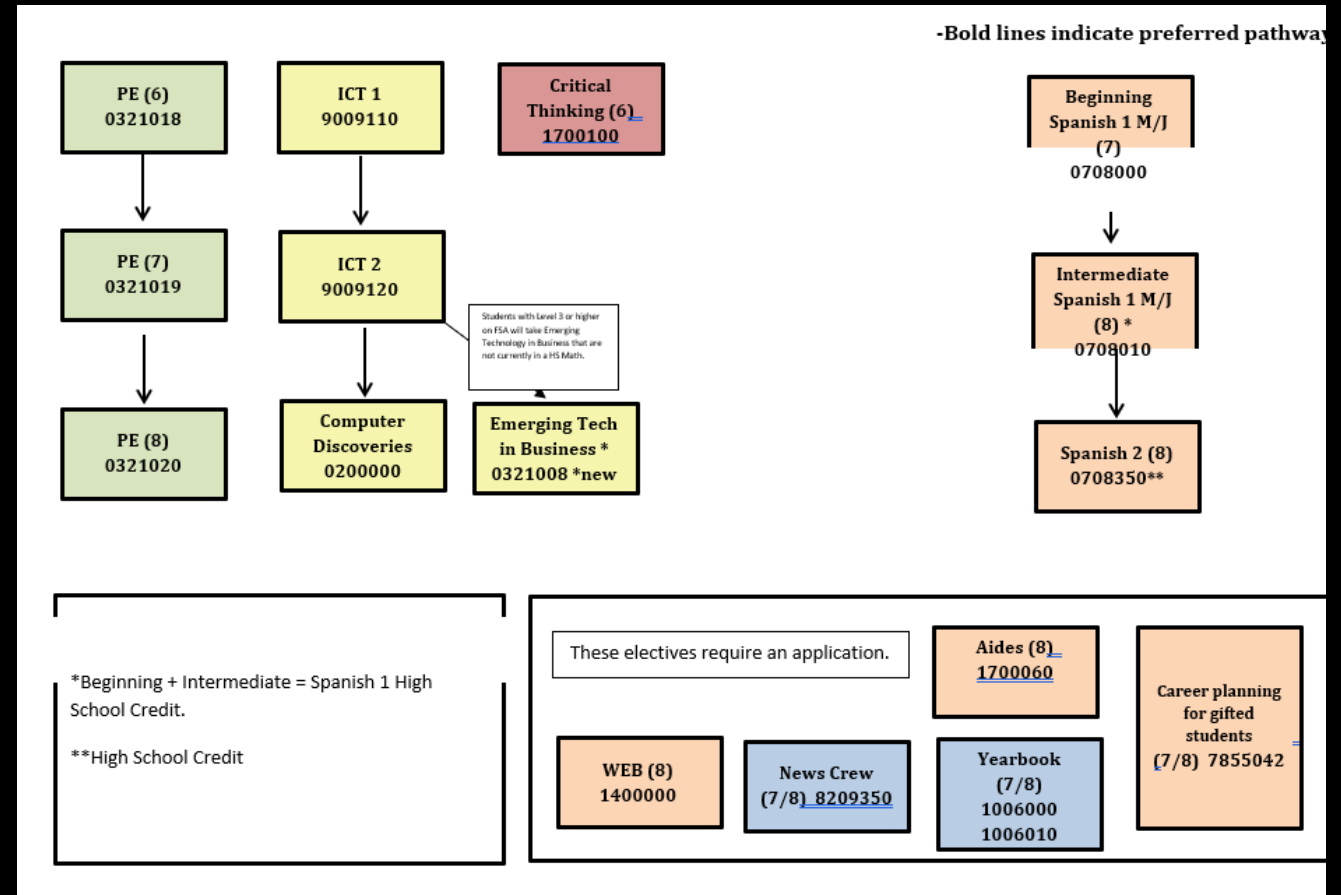
EIGHTH GRADE

- Algebra 1 EOC *or* FSA Math 8 *or* Geometry EOC
- FSA ELA 8
- Biology EOC *or* SSA Science 8

Course Progression Electives



7 th Grade	8 th Grade
Theater 1 / 2	Theater 1 / 2
	Guitar 1
Band / Jazz Band	Band / Jazz Band
News Crew	News Crew
Art 2D 1 / 2	Art 2D 1 / 2 Art 3D (recommendation only)
ICT 2	ETB or CSD
Yearbook	Yearbook
M/J Spanish 1 / 2	M/J Spanish 1/ 2
Career Planning for Gifted Students*	Career Planning for Gifted Students*
	** WEB
	** Aides





Seventh Grade Elective Sheet

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Student Name:	Student Signature:
Parent Name:	Parent Signature:
	Parent phone number:

All Seventh Grade Students will take the following classes:

- English Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Civics
- Physical Education

Please note:

- Some students will be required to take Intensive Math and/or Intensive Reading depending on FSA scores that will be released over the summer. Intensive classes take precedence over elective choices.
- *Yearbook, Career Planning for Gifted Students, and News Crew require a separate application form available online. There is limited space open; completing an application does not guarantee a seat. Pay attention to **DEADLINE ON APPLICATION FORM**.
- **Spanish is open to students with a level 4 or 5 FSA score in ELA.** When combined with the second level of Middle School Spanish the following year, these classes may count as the Spanish 1 credit at the high school level.
- Some electives do require fees. For example, Band requires a fair share plus the cost of instrument rental. Payments are usually made in installments throughout the course of the year for band.
- Initial placement in advanced classes is based on teacher recommendations and scores. Final placement in advanced classes is also pending FSA scores released over the summer.

Please indicate your top 4 choices below. Mark 1 next to your first choice, 2 next to your second choice etc. Please circle the appropriate level.

Rank	Course	Fair Shares	Level 1 (I have never taken this class before)	Level 2 (I have taken a year in this class)
	Band/Jazz Band	\$15/month + instrumental rental	Band 1	Placement by Whalen/Partin
	ICT	\$0	ICT 1	ICT 2
	Guitar	\$30	Guitar 1	
	Drama 1		Drama 1	
	2D Art	\$10	2D Art 1	2D Art 2
	Spanish	\$0	Beginning Spanish 1	
	Yearbook *	\$0	Yearbook 1	
	News Crew*	\$0	News Crew	
	Career Planning for Gifted Students*	\$0	Career Planning	

NOTE: We will do our best to accommodate your elective choices, but placement is not guaranteed.



Eighth Grade Elective Sheet

Student Name:	Student Signature:
Parent Name:	Parent Signature:
	Parent phone number:

All Eighth Grade Students will take the following classes:

- English Language Arts
 - Math
 - Science
 - U.S. History
 - Physical Education
- Some students will be required to take Intensive Math and/or Intensive Reading depending on FSA scores that will be released over the summer. Intensive classes take precedence over elective choices.
- *WEB, Career Planning for Gifted Students, Student Aide and News Crew require a separate application form available online. You may only apply for only 2 of the listed electives that require an application. This does not guarantee a seat. Pay attention to **DEADLINE ON APPLICATION FORM**.
- **Spanish is open to students with a level 4 or 5 FSA score in ELA.** When combined with the second level of Spanish the following year these classes may count as the Spanish 1 credit at the high school level. For students that choose to take Beginning Spanish as an 8th grader, the course will not be applied toward a high school language credit.
- Some electives do require fees. For example, Band requires a \$150 fair share yearly fee plus the cost of instrument rental.
- Initial placement in advanced classes is based on teacher recommendation and scores. Final placement in advanced classes is pending FSA scores released over the summer.

Please indicate your top 4 choices below. Mark 1 next to your first choice, then mark 2 next to your second choice, etc. Please circle the appropriate level.

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Rank	Course	Fair Shares	Level 1 (I have never taken this class before)	Level 2 (I have taken a year in this class)	Level 3 (I have taken two years in this class)
	ICT	\$0	ICT 1	ICT 2	Computer Discoveries OR Emerging Technology in Business**
	Band/Jazz Band	\$15/month + other fees	Band 1	Placement by Partin/Whalen	Placement by Partin/Whalen
	Guitar	\$30	Guitar 1	Guitar 2	
	Drama	\$0, unless in advanced	Drama 1	Drama 2	Drama 3 *Placement by audition only, please contact Ms. Glenn (see school website)
	2D Art	\$10	2D Art 1	2D Art 2	2D Art - Digital OR 3D Ceramics (circle one)
	Spanish	\$0	Beginning Spanish	Intermediate Spanish	Spanish 2 - Online only
	Yearbook	\$0		Yearbook 2, must have taken Yearbook 1	
	News Crew*	\$0	News Crew 1	News Crew 2	
	Career planning for Gifted students*	\$0	Career Planning	Career Planning	
	WEB (Leadership)*	\$0	WEB		
	Student Aide*	\$0	Student Aide		

****Students with FSA Level 3 or higher will be placed in Emerging Technology in Business. This is a high school credit-eligible class. Those with FSA level 2 or below will be placed in Computer Discoveries. You must have taken 2 years of ICT prior.**

Art

2D Studio 1 – Foundation Level – Open 6th – 8th Grade

Drawing
Painting
Printmaking
Collage
Ceramics

2D Studio 2 – Intermediate Level – Open to 7th & 8th graders who have passed Studio 1

Projects and techniques are different from and more advanced than Studio 1.

Drawing
Painting
Printmaking
Collage
Ceramics

Digital Art – Advanced Level – Open to 8th graders who have passed Studio 1 & 2

Adobe Illustrator & Photoshop
Graphic Design
Photography
Digital Painting
Video/Animation





Drama

7th and 8th Grade will be eligible for Drama 1 or Drama 2 or can audition for Advanced Drama.



Advanced Drama Auditions

Do you love performing? Then Advanced Drama is the place for you!

Please prepare a one minute monologue for your audition.

For more info, contact Ms. Ginn
chelsye.ginn@stjohns.k12.fl.us

April 8, 2020 | 3 PM to 5 PM |
SPMS Auditorium



Band



ICT

- Some students will have ICT 2 already on your schedule. If you already have this, this is because SPMS has the school goal of every student leaving middle school with exposure to a HS level course.
- Entry into ICT 2 will provide students the background needed to move into ETB and receive High School credit while in middle school.





Gifted Career Planning Elective

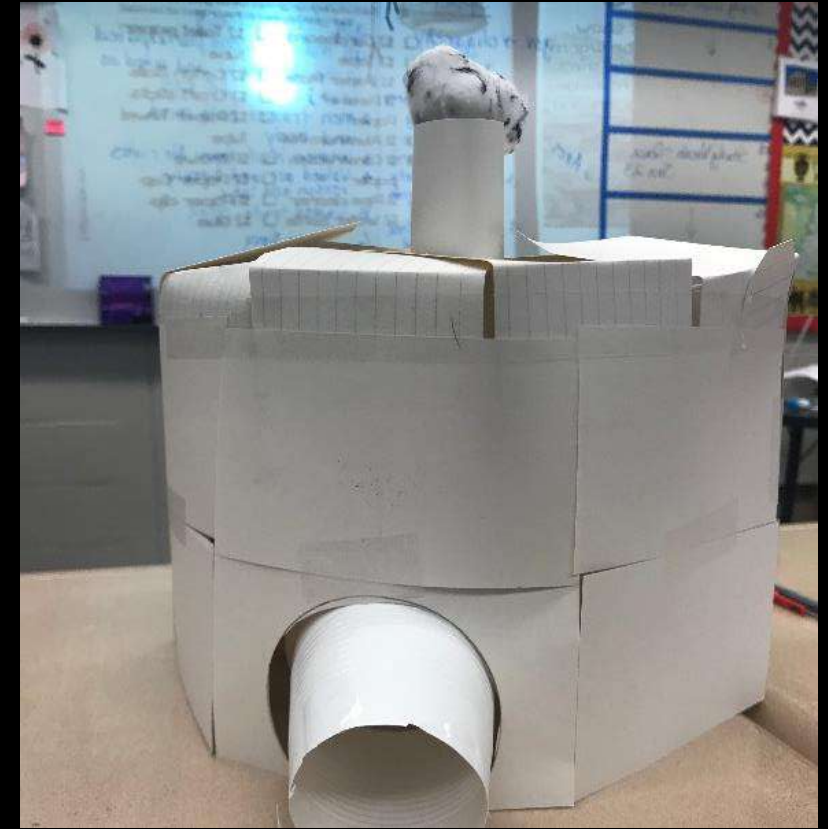
LEARNING GOAL:

Creativity
Communication
Citizenship
Critical Thinking
Character
Collaboration

DESIRED EFFECT:

Socially and emotionally healthy students
Empathetic citizens
Problem-solvers
Divergent thinkers
Explorers and Risk Takers





Gifted Career Planning Elective

Support for Varying Needs



Intensive classes for Reading and / or math



Teachers and students supported by coaches



Individualized attention to skill deficits



Small class size



Utilize programs such as iReady



Media Center



Our goal is to promote a lifelong love of reading and to encourage inquiry-based learning by providing SPMS students with opportunities, resources, and access to state-of-the-art technologies in order to increase critical thinking and collaboration.

Highlights:

- Author Visits.
- Highest SSYRA middle school participation in St. Johns County.
- Makerspace and Makerspace Weekly challenges .
- Monthly Reading Promotions (Blind Date with a Book).
- Collaborative Research lessons.
- Highest book circulation in St. Johns County Schools.
- Access to E books and digital audio books.
- Plans for full use laptop lab and research station for the 2020-2021 school year.



THINGS TO KNOW

- **IMMUNIZATIONS**
To enter 7th Grade, students must have a Tdap vaccination
 - Proof must be on the FL 680 Form – Certificate of immunization (contact Nurse Kelly Brown with questions).
 - Students cannot attend class in August without a completed vaccination form
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- **TRAVEL TIME!** **8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip**
 - 5 days
 - Visit The Capitol, the White House, Memorials, George Washington's house, Smithsonian Museum, and more!
 - Cost under \$1,000
 - Sign-ups and information in August