



7TH & 8TH GRADE TRANSITION NIGHT

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7TH GRADE ELECTIVES

REQUIRED NON-CORE CLASSES (1)

- Physical Education

OPTION: TWO OF THE FOLLOWING (2)

- Beginning Spanish
- Band I or Band II
- Computer Science Discoveries II/Digital Tools
- Studio Art II
- M/J Chorus
- Intensive Reading/Math – Required if Level 1 on FSA



8TH GRADE ELECTIVES

REQUIRED NON-CORE CLASSES (1)

- Physical Education

OPTION: TWO OF THE FOLLOWING (2)

- Intermediate Spanish
- Band II or III (Must have Band I or Band II)
- Jazz Band (must have been invited by Mr. Carter)
- Emerging Technology in Business
- M/J Chorus
- Digital Art and Design (1 year)
- News Crew (chosen by application only, 22 student limit)
- Internship and Career Research (chosen by application only, 50 student limit)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- All students will take Physical Education unless a waiver is provided. Waivers can be found on the district website.
- Students cannot wear their school clothes to participate in Physical Education.
- Every student must have a PE uniform – Uniform will be available for purchase before the end of the school year. Communication will be sent home!
- Students must wear sneakers.
- Students are given adequate time to change at the beginning and end of class.

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Grade 6:	Fitness	Gymnastics / Dance
Grade 7:	Team Sports	Comprehensive PE
Grade 8:	Individual / Dual Sports	Comprehensive PE

COMPUTER SCIENCE DISCOVERIES II/DIGITAL TOOLS (7TH GRADE)

Computer Science Discoveries 2 introduces students to computer science as a vehicle for problem solving, communication, and personal expression. The course focuses on the visible aspects of computing and computer science and encourages students to see where computer science exists around them and how they can engage with it as a tool for exploration and expression. This course will include digital tools instruction and the opportunity to take exam for certificate associated with web development, internet communications, computer programming and logic and gaming.

- Web Development
- Internet Communication
- Computer Programming and Logic
- Gaming/Coding



BAND II, III & JAZZ BAND

- Band is a year long commitment
- Parent permission is required to participate in Band
- Students will perform during a winter and spring performance.
- Practice = Homework, students are expected to practice at least 20 minutes a day on their instrument
- Jazz Band, Solo & Ensemble, Contest, and other performance/learning opportunities will be available.
- A “Fair Share” fee will be due to help support band students throughout the school year in competitions and other activities.
- Instrument purchase/rental – *Information will be provided as soon as it is available.*



7th grade ONLY – *If a student did not take Band I in 6th grade and is interested in Band during 7th grade, an instrument try on instrument session will be provided at the end of this year by Mr. Carter. This will provide the instrument that is best suited for the student.*

STUDIO ART 2 (7TH GRADE) DIGITAL ART & DESIGN (8TH GRADE)

- **Studio Art 2 – 7th grade**

Students refine techniques used to create a variety of two-dimensional (2-D) artworks through developing skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage.

- **Digital Art & Design – 8th grade**

Students explore the fundamental concepts, terminology, techniques, and applications of digital imaging to create original work. Students produce digital still and/or animated images through the single or combined use of computers, digital cameras, digital video cameras, scanners, photo editing software, drawing and painting software, graphic tablets, printers, new media, and emerging technologies.

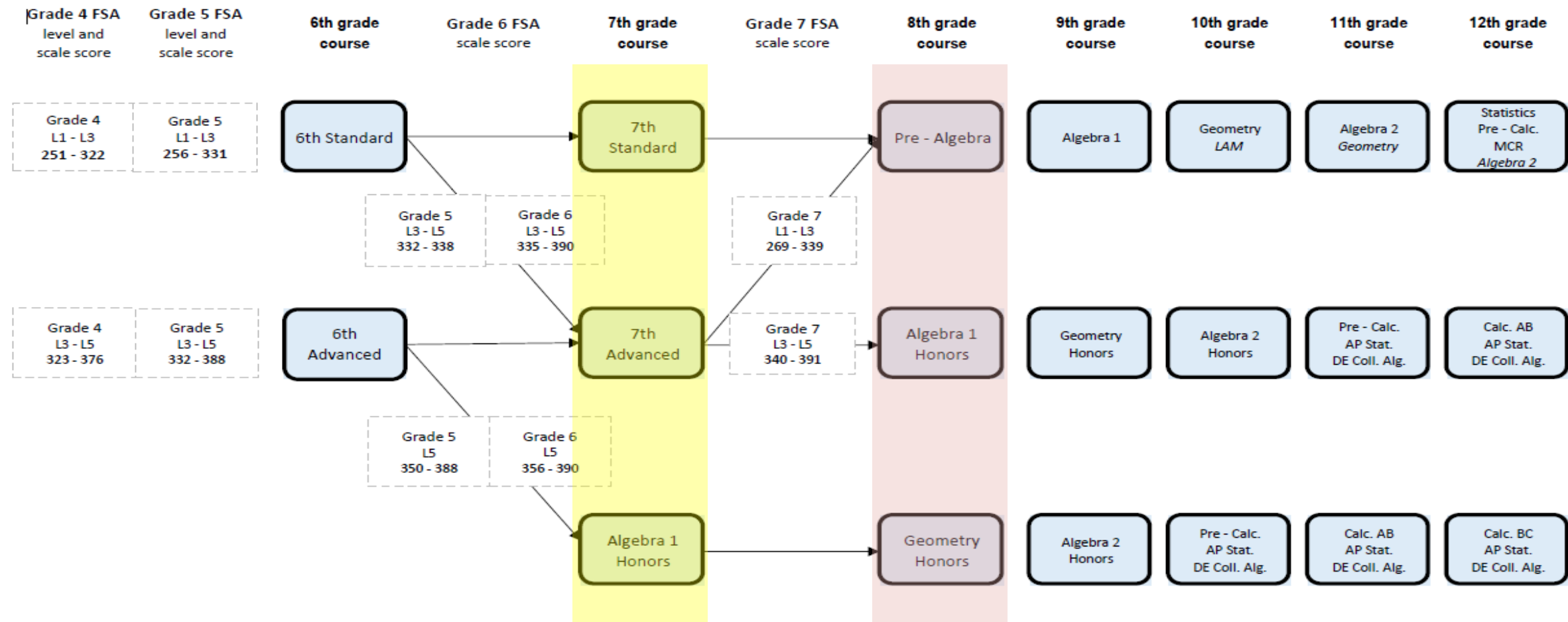


BEGINNING SPANISH/INTERMEDIATE SPANISH

- Course content for Beginning Spanish and Intermediate Spanish could be equivalent to high school Spanish I.
- Students who earn an A in these two courses and have shown mastery of the skills from Beginning Spanish and Intermediate Spanish have the opportunity to earn high school credit for Spanish I. These students will be eligible to enroll in Spanish 2 in the 9th grade.
- The Spanish I grade will be determined by the numerical average of the final grades for Beginning and Intermediate Spanish and will remain on the student's permanent high school transcript.



SJCSD Middle School Math Progression



Mathematics Scale Scores (240 - 393) for Each Achievement Level					
Assessment	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 5					
Mathematics	256 - 305	306 - 319	320 - 333	334 - 349	350 - 388
Grade 6					
Mathematics	260 - 309	310 - 324	325 - 338	339 - 355	356 - 390
Grade 7					
Mathematics	269 - 315	316 - 329	330 - 345	346 - 359	360 - 391
Grade 8					
Mathematics	273 - 321	322 - 336	337 - 352	353 - 364	365 - 393

STANDARD MATH PROGRESSION

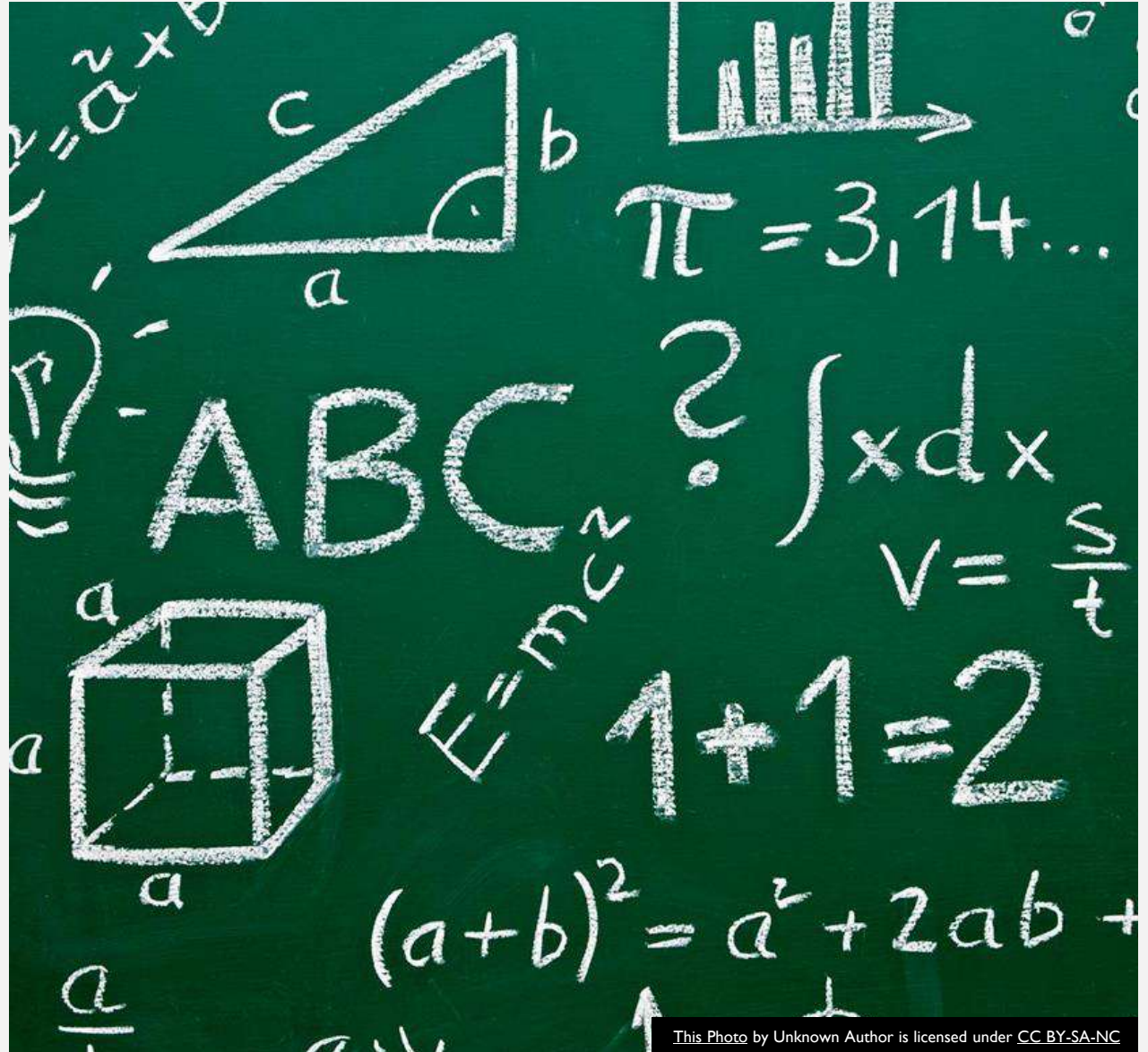
	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
	Math 2	Math 3	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra 2 Liberal Arts Math 2	Advanced Topics in Math DE College Algebra AP Statistics Probability/Statistics Math for College Readiness Math For College Success

ADVANCED MATH PROGRESSION

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
	Math 2 Advanced	Algebra I Honors*	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/ Statistics	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/ Statistics AP Calculus AB
	Algebra I Honors	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/ Statistics	AP Calculus AB AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/ Statistics	AP Calculus BC AP Statistics DE College Algebra DE Upper Level Math

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra I and Geometry students must take and pass the state End of Course exam, (EOC). The EOC is 30% of the student's final grade.
- Algebra I students must pass the EOC to receive credit for Algebra I.
- Both Algebra I and Geometry are high school graduation requirements.
- A total of 4 high school math credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students must take a math course each year.



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STANDARD SCIENCE PROGRESSION

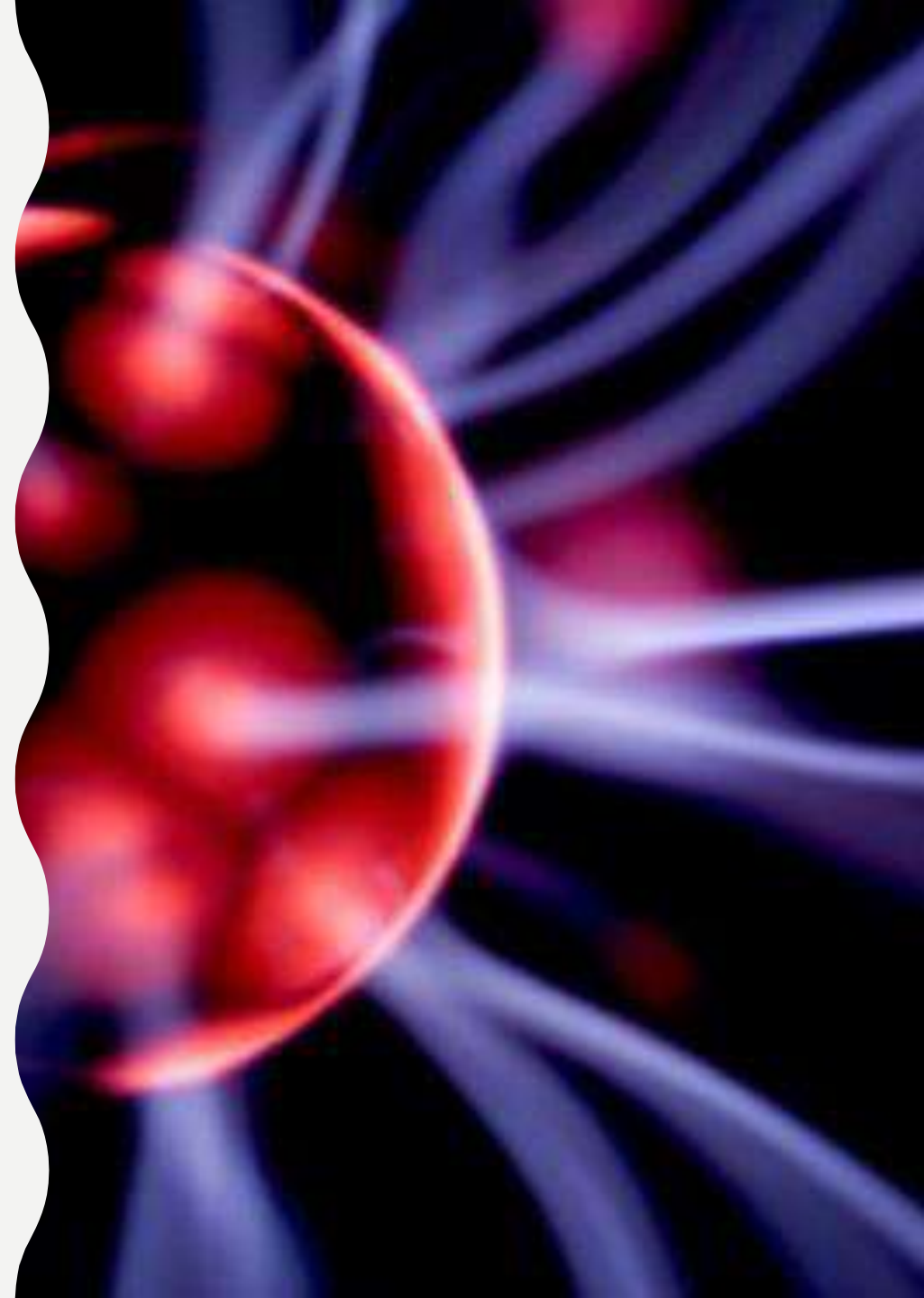
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Standard	Science 2	Science 3	Physical Science	Biology	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science Anatomy

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Advanced	Science 3 Adv	Physical Science Honors Biology Honors	Physical Science Honors Biology Honors Chemistry Honors	Chemistry Honors Physics Honors Marine Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	Anatomy Honors Chemistry Honors Marine Honors Physics Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C
Highly Advanced	Physical Science Honors	Biology Honors	Chemistry Honors	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

- Grade of an “A” in 7th grade advanced science
- *Concurrent enrollment in Algebra I Honors or Geometry*
- A Level 5 or high Level 4 on both the Math and Reading FSA
- Invitations for enrollment in Physical Science Honors will be sent to students during the summer.



LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSION

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	Language Arts 2	Language Arts 3	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4 Florida College Prep
Advanced/ Highly Advanced	Language Arts 2 Advanced	Language Arts 3 Advanced	English 1 Honors	English 2 Honors	English 3 Honors AP English Language and Composition DE Compositions I	English 4 Honors AP English Literature and Language Arts DE Composition 2

SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRESSION

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	Civics	US History	World Cultural Geography	World History	US History	Government Economics
Advanced	Civics Advanced	US History Advanced	World Cultural Geography	World History Honors	US History Honors	Government Honors Economics Honors
Highly Advanced	Civics Advanced	US History Advanced	AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP US History	AP US Government and Politics AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Middle school Civics students and high school US History students must take the state EOC. The EOC will count as 30% of the student's final grade.
- A total of 3 high school social studies credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students will take a social studies course each year.



CALCULATING HIGH SCHOOL GPA

Letter Grades	Numeric Grades	Descriptor	High School GPA Unweighted
A	90-100	outstanding	4
B	80-89	above average	3
C	70-79	average	2
D	60-69	lowest acceptable	1
F	0-59	failure	0

- Honors courses add $\frac{1}{2}$ point to the grade. For example an A increases from a 4.0 to a 4.5.
- AP and DE courses add an additional 1 point to the grade. For example an A increases from a 4.0 to a 5.0.

COURSE OPTION VERIFICATION-7TH GRADE

Rising 7th grade Electives and Course Information

Core Courses:

Students are automatically placed in appropriate core courses (Standard, Advanced and Gifted) based on a review of previous grades, standardized testing and in some cases, teacher and guidance recommendations, in accordance with the district's pupil progression plan. Gifted and ESE services are also provided to students who are appropriately staffed in those programs. *Verification forms will be sent home with recommended CORE classes at the end of April.*

Elective Courses: Your child will have (3) non-core courses.

Elective options may change based on availability and student interest. Please see course descriptions below:

 X **Physical Education**

All 7th & 8th grade students are enrolled in Phys. – Students that elect to not to take PE MUST submit a waiver prior to the start of the school year.

Please rank electives in order of preference (1 - most preferred to 3 - least preferred):

 Beginning Spanish(year) –

 Computer Science II/Digital Tools(year)

 Band II(year) – MUST have taken Band I in 6th grade

 Band I(year) – if not taken in 6th grade

 Studio Art II(year) – Must have taken Studio Art I in 6th grade

 M/J Chorus I

COURSE OPTION VERIFICATION-8TH GRADE

Core Courses:

Students are automatically placed in appropriate core courses (Standard, Advanced and Gifted) based on a review of previous grades, standardized testing and in some cases, teacher and guidance recommendations, in accordance with the district's pupil progression plan. Gifted and ESE services are also provided to students who are appropriately staffed in those programs. *Verification forms will be sent home with recommended CORE classes at the end of April.*

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 Emerging Technology in Business(year) -

 Band III(year) – MUST have taken Band II in 7th grade

 Jazz Band(year) – invitation only by Mr. Carter

 Digital Art & Design(year)

 M/J Chorus I(semester)

 News Crew(year) - (Course is application based. Course limited to 22 students. Applications due by Feb. 28)

 Internship and Career Research – semester (Course is application based. Course limited to 50 students. Applications due by Feb. 28.)

ELECTIVE NON-COURSE FORM

- ✓ Included in your packet
- ✓ Parent letter and elective choice forms - **Due February 28**
- ✓ Teachers are providing input and made recommendations for core academic courses
- ✓ Student course verification forms will be sent home in April with directions on how and when to return
- ✓ PE is a standard elective for all students
- ✓ Choice electives need to be ranked

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7 Period Day – 3 min passing period between classes
- Class Length – 45 min periods - M,T,H, F
- Wednesday Schedule – 40 min periods
- Lunch – 30 min daily
 - Middle school students will have lunch together!
 - Students will choose their own seating during lunch time
 - PRIDE behaviors will continue to be the expectation.
Should students need redirection, we will continue the guidelines in the Code of Conduct.
- Students report to homeroom each day by 8:25 am for important morning announcements (Warning bell rings – 8:20am.)

COMMUNICATION

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- Website – most updated info
 - Newsletter/School messenger
 - On-going communication with parents regarding updates remainder of school year
 - Summer letter with information listed below

Transition Opportunities

- Back to School orientation - August (stay tuned)
- Curriculum Chat Nights – Scheduled for September





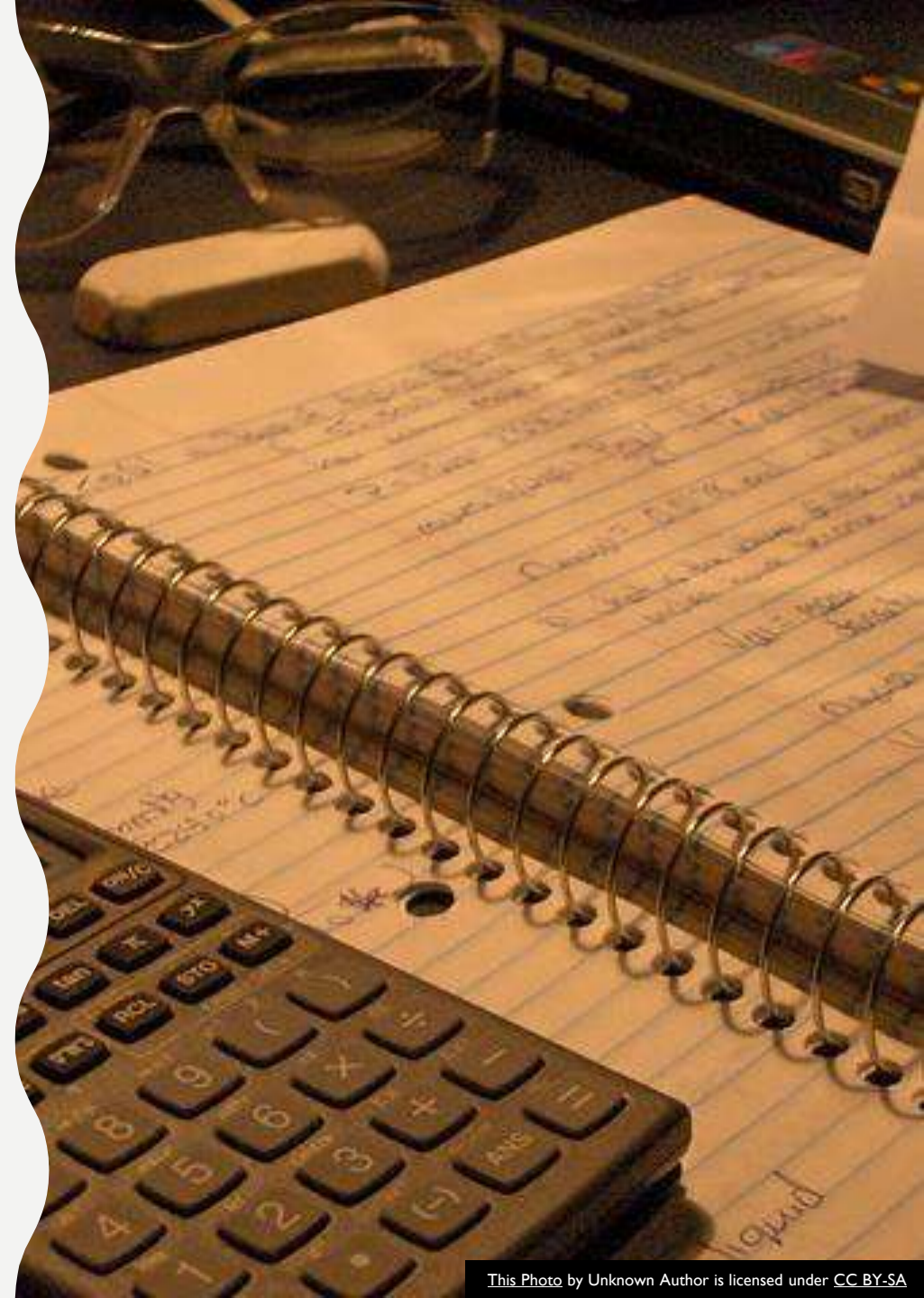
HOW DO I STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE LEARNING?

- Schoology will REMAIN the main source of learning communication.
- Online textbooks are available for all core classes and are available through Schoology.
- Usernames and passwords are the same for all accounts
- Students will use Schoology to view upcoming activities, tests, and important class information.
- Home Access Center (HAC) allows parents and students to view grades online. Students use the same username and password for all of their textbooks and HAC.
- Organization is the key to success! Planners will be available for 7th and 8th graders during Meet and Greet.
- It will be the responsibility of the students to choose the best way to stay organized, using a planner or only Schoology.
- Parents will want to check their child's planner and Schoology on a daily basis to assist the child in the development of organizational skills

HOMework

- Homework is to be expected for students in middle school.
- Your child will be able to access all homework via Schoology.
- Homework could be classwork that needs to be completed.
- Expect students to have homework MOST nights.
- There is also a calendar that will show when each assignment and upcoming activity is for the student for all their classes
- *If your child says he/she has no homework:*

TRUST BUT VERIFY

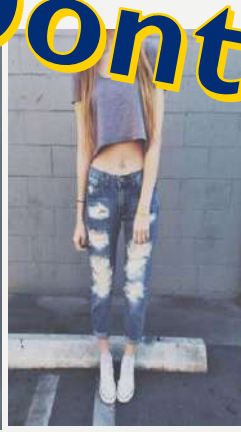


BACKPACKS

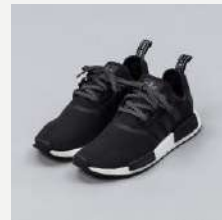
- Backpacks may be carried between classes – please stress the importance of load capacity with your child.
- No rolling backpacks are allowed without a doctor's note – these cause a trip hazard during hall change.
- Backpacks **MUST** remain on back of chair while in classrooms. If a student has to be reminded to pick up their backpack, steps will be taken to help the student remember, such as a limited time without backpack in classroom! This is a safety concern!
- Although string backpacks OR smaller backpacks are suggested, it will be the students responsibility to organize their locker and backpack in order to be on time to class!



Dont's



Do's



DRESS CODE

- Shorts & Skirts can't be shorter than fingertip length
- Leggings may be worn with a shirt that is fingertip length
- No tank tops or sleeveless shirts smaller than 3" wide
- No shirts that reveal midriffs or open backs
- No lace or sheer shirts with tanks underneath
- No shirts off the shoulder that show straps
- No holes, rips, or tears in jeans showing skin
- No backless shoes

SUPPLIES

- The 7th and 8th grade supply list will be posted on the MCA website during the summer.
- Supplemental supply requirements will be posted on each teacher's Schoology page, if necessary.
- There will be additional fees for Band, Art, and the purchase of PE uniforms.



TECHNOLOGY DEVICES/CELLPHONES

- The cell phone will be the student and parent/guardian's responsibility at all times. The school is not responsible for investigating lost, damaged, or stolen cell phones. If a student needs to communicate with a parent, he/she must do so through the front office.

APPROPRIATE DEVICE USAGE

- Before warning bell (8:20 am)
- After arriving at bus or PPU during dismissal
- During middle school lunches **only** except for phone FREE Friday!
- Only one earbud should be worn at any time on school property.

INAPPROPRIATE DEVICE USAGE

- Pictures, videos and phone calls are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** during the school hours
- During class time **UNLESS** given permission by the classroom teacher.
- During passing period **AND** during dismissal while transitioning to bus or PPU



POLICIES AND OTHER INFORMATION

- Your child has options for re-test.
- We expect students to do their best the first time on an assessment, however, we recognize students learn at different rates and in different ways. To ensure ALL students have the opportunity to learn, re-test options are given to students.
- Students who score below proficiency on a summative assignment (test, project, research paper) can participate in grade recovery. Students coordinate with the teacher for this retake opportunity. Students are only allowed to retake the test one time.
- Promotion requires that academic requirements are met in the following core classes:

Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies

ALL STUDENTS CAN AND WILL LEARN!

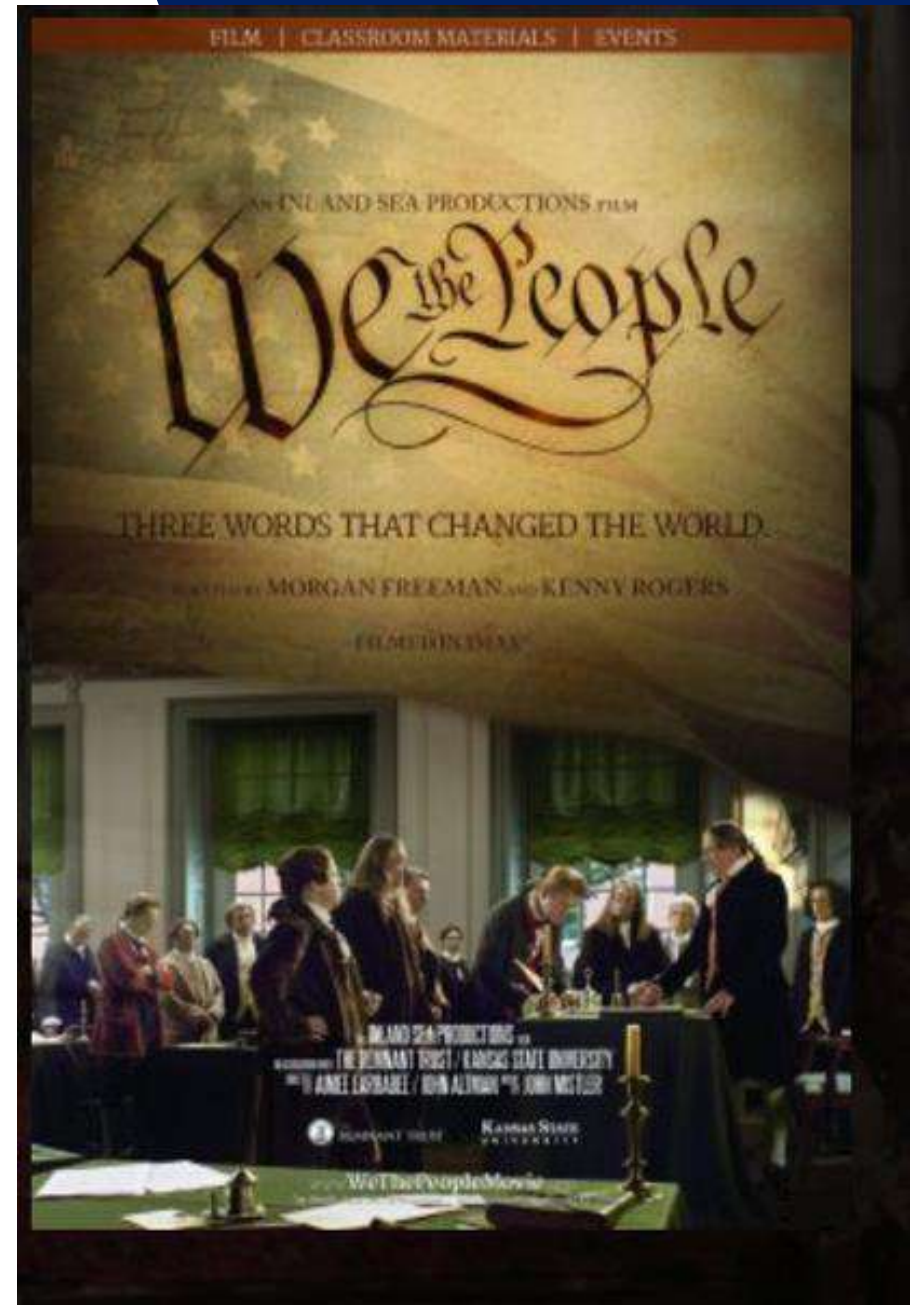


- Students are given time built into their schedule in order to receive extra assistance in all CORE classes, enrichment opportunities, and if time permits, a retest opportunity.
- This time is built to ensure extra time is given to students that may need it for learning.
- Re-test or grade recovery is scheduled between the student and teacher and typically is scheduled before or after school.

7TH GRADE FIELD STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

IMAX Field Study: We the People

- November 24, 2020 (tentative)
- During the school day (9 AM-11 AM)
- Enough space for all 7th grade students to attend!
- Cost: \$12 (last year's cost)
- Cost includes: film ticket, drink+ concession, bus



7th grade Tallahassee Field Study:

A Learning Experience

- March 2021 (actual date TBD)
6am departure - 8:30pm return
- FL old and new capitol tours
- FL Supreme Court
- Museum of Florida History
- Estimated cost (\$120)
- More details will be shared through Civics class in August.
- Trip Sponsor: Mrs. Brown, 7th grade Civics



APPLICATION PROCESS(8TH GRADE)

- 8th grade students interested in applying for an internship OR News Crew, must complete the application process using the google forms.
- Google form can be found on our website under the Parent information tab on the “Middle School Transition Information” page.
- All applications MUST be completed (all required docs submitted) by February 28.
- If students DO NOT have access to a computer, they must see Mrs. Didomenico to get a hard copy.
- <https://forms.gle/w6kwiKTl5GWeCpDg7>

8TH GRADE FIELD STUDY OPPORTUNITY



LEADING THE CHARGE OF LIFELONG LEARNING!

Q & A