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Course Descriptions

Middle School Course Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8th Grade

Due: 2/28/25

Core Content Courses

The following courses are required each year of middle school. Students will be placed into the correct course for their respective grade-level. Math courses are based upon prior courses completed and individual student data. These courses will be appropriately assigned.

**8th Grade Courses** **Math Courses**

M/J Language Arts 3, Advanced M/J Grade 8 Math

M/J World History, Advanced H/S Algebra I Honors

H/S Pre-AP World History & Geography H/S Geometry Honors

M/J Comp. Science 3, Advanced

All students are **required** to take a physical education course per state statute unless the parent/guardian makes the choice to waive them out. Dance courses and M/J Comprehensive Physical Education fulfill these requirements.

PE Waiver Statement:

Senate Bill 610 requires the equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for one semester each year for students in grades 6-8. The physical education requirement shall be waived for a student who meets one of the following criteria: a) The student is enrolled or required to enroll in a remedial course, b) the parent requests the student enroll in another course from among those offered as options by the school district, or c) the student is participating in physical activities outside the school day, which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement.

**ONLY** sign below if you would prefer your child be **waived out of PE**

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**Parent Signature**

PE Requirement

Learning Lab

Summer eSchool

Any student that wishes to enroll in one online course through eSchool to take place of one of their electives in our Learning Lab please list the course and sign below . This will be considered as their 1st choice elective (email Mrs. Billiris, vbilliri@pasco.k12.fl.us).

**Online Course:**

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**Parent Signature**

If your child intends to take an online class over the summer (optional), they must enroll in Pasco eSchool in March and successfully complete the course by July 25th, 2025

Below please list the course(s) you intend to enroll in and sign below, indicating you are aware that your child is enrolling in a class outside of SRK8 and is responsible for completing the course and emailing credentials to Mrs. Billiris (vbilliri@pasco.k12.fl.us) by July 25th, 2025.

**Online Course(s):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent Signature**

\*\*Any student that did not successfully pass core content classes (Math, ELA, Social Studies, or Science) for 6th or 7th grade will automatically be scheduled into our Learning Lab to complete course recovery for 1 or more of their elective courses. If a student does not successfully maintain a passing semester grade in their current grade level for their core content classes, they will be removed from their elective choices and placed in the Learning Lab to complete course recovery. Upon completion of course recovery, we will do our best to schedule students into an elective they’ve requested, however, it is not guaranteed.

Elective Choice Selection Process

**Directions:** Middle School student schedules allow for 2 periods of electives. Students may choose a combination below of elective courses by choosing:

* 4 Semester Electives OR 2 Year-Long Electives

OR

* Combination of 1 year-long and 2 semester-long electives

Elective classes are offered on student choice by rating at least 6 elective choices (#1 being most preferred). If your child earns a Level 1 on their PM 3 FAST ELA, they may be assigned to an intensive reading course as one of their electives. Some electives require approval, audition, or the completion of an application. If you choose to apply or audition these will be considered as your TOP choice, but you still **MUST** pick 6 other elective choices**. You may not repeat a course you have already taken. If you do not choose alternate elective courses and your first-choice electives are full, your classes will be chosen for you. Selecting courses on the course card do not guarantee placement into the elective choice.**

**Make your choices wisely. We cannot honor schedule changes once the school year begins.**

**Parents MUST review the course card selections with their child and sign off prior to returning to the school on 2/28/25.**

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**Parent Signature REQUIRED Student Signature REQUIRED**

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Application/Audition Courses

Please check ALL courses you intend on auditioning/applying for. If you should be selected for the course(s), these will be considered your #1 requested elective.

**Fine Arts Leadership**

(Audition Required- see attached flyer) (Application Required- DUE by 2/28/25)

Please check which you will audition for: Please check which you will be applying for:

M/J Dance 1, 2, or 3\*\*  H/S Peers as Partners in Learning

M/J Musical Theatre 1, 2, or 3\*\* \*Pre-Req. completed M/J Peers as Partners in Learning

M/J Orchestra 2 or 3\*\*  H/S Leadership Skills Development Peer Couns.1/2

M/J Band 2\*\*- \*Pre-Req. for any Course 2 is completed Course 1 \*Pre-Req. completed M/J Peer Couns. and/or H/S Leadership Skills Devel.

M/J Peers as Partners in Learning  M/J Peer Couns. (Intro to Leadership)

(Application Required- DUE by 2/28/25)

M/J Journalism 1 or 2

\*Pre-Req. for any Course 2 is completed Course 1

\*\*May require additional fees. Classes are co-curricular and require mandatory out of school, evening attendance for performances that are part the student’s grade.

**Fine Arts**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Band 1\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J 2-D Studio Art 1\*\*

\*Pre-Req. completed semester of M/J Exploring 2D OR 3D Art

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ M/J Orchestra 1\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Instrumental Ensemble 1 or 2\*\* (Steel Drums)

**World Languages**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_H/S Spanish I

\*Pre-Req. must earn at least a Level 3 on ELA PM3 FAST

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_H/S Spanish II

\*Pre-Req. must earn at least a Level 3 on ELA PM3 FAST and completed H/S Spanish I

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_H/S Spanish III

\*Pre-Req. must earn at least a Level 3 on ELA PM3 FAST and completed H/S Spanish I

**Computer Science**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_H/S Discoveries Computer Science

\*Pre-Req. completed M/J Comp. Sci. Disc 1 or 2

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_H/S Principles of Computer Science

\*Pre-Req. completed Pre-Algebra and H/S Computer Science Discoveries

Yearlong Courses

Semester Courses

**Fine Arts**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Exploring 2D Art

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Exploring 3D Art

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Intro. to Dance Techniques

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Basic Theatre

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Acting 1

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Speech and Debate

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Creative Writing

**Computer Science**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Grade 8 Digital Discoveries

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Coding Fundamentals 1

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Coding Fundamentals 2

**Physical Education**

\_\_\_\_\_\_M/J Comprehensive Physical Education Gr. 7/8

**Rank your top 6 elective choices below (#1 being the most preferred)**

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