



**SECONDARY  
SCHOOL**



**Parent Coffee**

**Rising 7 & 8  
Academic Advising**

**January 24 - 8:30 AM**

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# Learning Target

Today I will learn about the course selection process in order to help my child pick classes that best suit their learning needs.



# Required Classes

- **4 core classes:**  
English, Social Studies, Math, & Science
- **Health & PE**
- **Elective options**
  - 2 year long;
  - 1 year long & 2 semester;
  - 4 semester classes

# Sample Student Schedule

## 7th Grade Sample

1. English 7
2. Math 7
3. History 7 HN
4. Advisory & RAISE
5. Science 7
6. Intro to Foreign Lang (S1) /  
Computer Solutions (S2)
7. Chorus
8. Health & PE 7

## 8th Grade Sample

1. English 8 HN
2. Pre Algebra
3. Civics 8 HN
4. Advisory & RAISE
5. Science 8 HN
6. Spanish 1
7. Chorus
8. Health & PE 8

# Blue/Gold Schedule

BLUE		CLASSROOM	GOLD	
1	8:00-9:28		2	8:00-9:28
Break	9:28-9:43		Break	9:28-9:43
3	9:43-11:39 A Lunch 10:30-11:00 B Lunch 11:09-11:39		4	9:43-11:39 Raise 9:50-10:30* A Lunch 10:30-11:00 Advisory 11:05-11:39*  Advisory 10:35-11:09* B Lunch 11:09-11:39
5	11:46-1:12		6	11:46-1:12
7	1:19-2:45		8	1:19-2:45

We follow a Blue/Gold day rotation. Half of your classes are on a Blue Day and the other half are on a Gold Day.

# Honors Courses

Honors courses provide:

- Increased pace, depth, and complexity
- Connections between subjects and themes

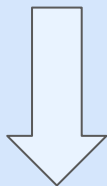
Students in honors courses:

- Academically mature
- Motivated
- Appreciate rigor
- Work diligently through increased challenge

If you're unsure if an honors course is the right fit, please have a conversation with your child's current teacher.

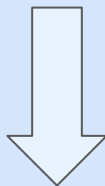
# 7th Grade Math (Typical Progression)

Currently in Math 6



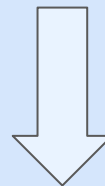
Math 7

Currently in  
Advanced Math



Math 7 HN

Meets required percent on  
IAAT (Iowa) test and scores  
Passed Advanced on SOL

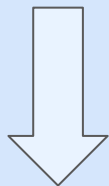


Algebra 1 HN  
(HS credit course)



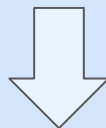
# 8th Grade Math (Typical Progression)

Currently in Math 7



Pre-Algebra

Currently in Math 7 HN



Algebra 1  
or  
Algebra 1 HN  
(both are HS  
credit courses)

Currently in Algebra 1 HN



Geometry HN  
(HS credit course)

# World Languages (WL)

French      Spanish      Latin      German

- High School credit course
- Option: Intro to Foreign Language in 7th grade, then start level 1 language in 8th or 9th grade
- Advanced Math skills correlate to learning a language; strong academic skills needed to start WL in 7th grade

# Music

Band

Orchestra

Chorus

- Year long commitment
- Group/team mentality
- Placement based on auditions at the end of the year

# Thomas Jefferson (TJ) Admissions

- Applications available during 8th grade year for 9th grade admission
- 8th grade year: Need to be enrolled in Algebra 1 HN & Science HN
- [Learn more about TJ](#)

# Course Selection Sheet

## Completed requests should include:

- 4 core classes (English, Social Studies, Math, & Science)
- 1 Health & PE (1 each semester)
- 2, 3, or 4 electives
- Rank 12 Alternate Electives

*Counselors meet with students to discuss selections*

# Sample Course Selection Sheet

This is completed correctly.

This student wants full year chorus along with semester Engineering 1 and Intro to Foreign Lang

6 alternates would be added in StudentVUE (numbers 3-8)

Students will have 2 elective periods that may be comprised of 2 full-year courses, 1 full-year and 2 semester courses, or 4 semester courses.

## FULL YEAR ELECTIVES:

### English Electives

☐ 116160 Yearbook/Literacy Arts

### Family & Consumer Sciences

5 ☐ 824500 Family & Consumer Science

### General

☐ 980650 SGA Leadership Devel\*\*

☐ 980716 Partnership/Peer Helping\*\*

### Performing Arts

☐ 923210 Beginning Band

☐ 923310 Intermediate Band\*\*

☐ 923410 Advanced Band\*\*

☐ 923710 Beginning Orchestra

☐ 923810 Intermediate Orchestra\*\*

☐ 923910 Advanced Orchestra\*\*

→ ☒ 926010 Chorus

☐ 928910 Advanced Chorus\*\*

### World Language

☐ 511000 French 10

☐ 521000 German 10

☐ 531000 Latin 10

☐ 551000 Spanish 10

☐ 551067 Spanish Immersion 10

☐ 551100 Spanish for Fluent Spkrs 10

## SEMESTER ELECTIVES:

Rank all semester electives and number in order of your preference (1, 2, 3, etc.) 1 = your first choice, 12 = your last choice

### Business & Information Technology

3 ☐ 660932 Computer Solutions

4 ☐ 616032 Coding & Innovative Technologies 1 (Prereq. Comp. Sol.)

### English Electives

10 ☐ 110862 Creative Writing

11 ☐ 110732 Reading/Literacy 7

☐ 116168 Newspaper Journalism

☐ 139062 Media Communications

### Family & Consumer Sciences

6 ☐ 826332 Family & Consumer Science 1

8 ☐ 824432 Family & Consumer Science 2

### Performing Arts

☐ 926032 Chorus

☐ 925562 Piano Lab

### Performing Arts cont.

9 ☐ 139065 Technical Theatre Appreciation

☐ 139067 Theatre Arts Appreciation (Drama)

☐ 140032 Musical Theatre Appreciation

### Technology & Engineering Education

→ 1 ☐ 846432 Engineering 1: Design & Modeling

8 ☐ 846332 Engineering 2: Simulation & Fabrication (Prereq. Eng 1)

### Visual Arts

7 ☐ 910532 Art Foundations

8 ☐ 910632 3D Art Exploration

☐ 911532 Art Extensions (Prereq. Art Foundations)

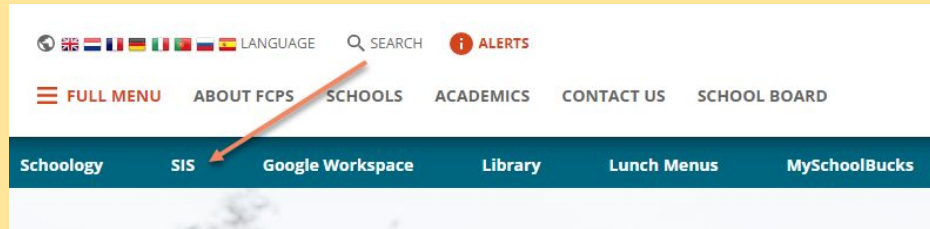
☐ 911562 Computers in Art

### World Language

→ 2 ☐ 570032 Introduction to Foreign Language

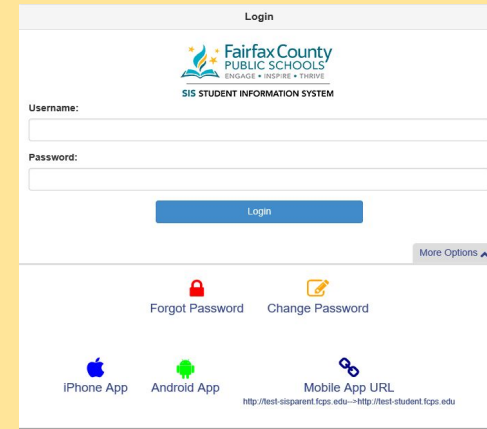
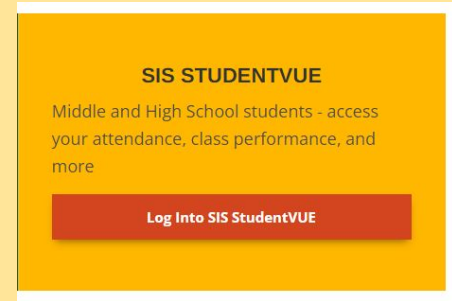
# Login to StudentVUE to Check Your Child's Requests

1. Visit the FCPS homepage and find the SIS link



2. Type your child's Student ID & password

3. Click "Course Requests" on left menu



# Academic Advising Timeline

January 22nd	Rising 7 Curriculum Night
January 22nd	Electives Fair (RMS Students)
January 25th	Course Selection Sheets due
January 29 - February 2	MS Counselor visit Elementary
February	Individual Meetings (RMS Students)
Late May	Course verifications mailed home
May - August	Transition activities



# Questions

Raise your hand and we will bring the microphone to you!



