

Course Selection Presentation for the 2021~2022 school year



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New Naming Conventions for Academic Classes

Middle School Rigor Level Descriptors

In middle school, core courses in English, Reading, and Mathematics are offered at three different levels designed to challenge students based on their learning ability and needs. In 8th-grade, Science and Social Studies are offered at Grade Level or Honors Level. We recently revised the rigor level descriptors to better align them with our high school rigor levels and improve communication with parents & guardians.

Accelerated Honors (formerly Accelerated)

- Students who can learn advanced content at an accelerated pace
- Rigorous curriculum that extends beyond grade level
- Collaborative & self-directed learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments

Honors (formerly Level 1)

- Students who can learn enriched content at a challenging pace
- Rigorous grade level curriculum
- Collaborative, guided, & self-directed learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments

Grade Level (formerly Level 2)

- Students who can learn at a continuous pace
- Courses provide essential skills & content knowledge aligned to grade level standards
- Collaborative & guided learning through a variety of instructional activities and assessments

Our teachers are committed to recommending the best instructional level for each student that challenges them intellectually and leads to success in the classroom. Recommendations are based on prior academic performance, ability, potential, and standardized test information.

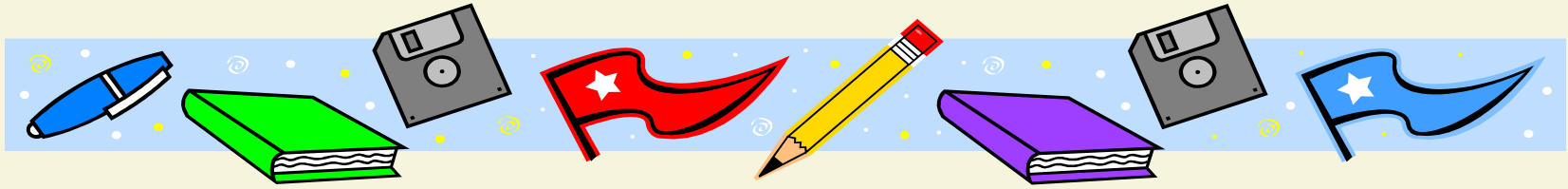


Courses where no student selection is necessary

- 7th Grade
- 7th Grade Health
- 7th Grade Phys Ed
- Art 7
- Computer Science 7
- Energy/Comm. Tech
- FCS 7
- 8th Grade
- 8th Grade Health
- 8th Grade Phys Ed

Academic Course Recommendation Process for 6th and 7th Grade Students in 2021-2022

- 6th Grade Academic Teachers in the areas of Reading, Math, and English will make recommendations for students for 7th Grade.
- 7th Grade Academic Teachers in the areas of Math, English, Science, Social Studies (History), and World Language (if applicable) will make recommendations for students for 8th Grade.
 - For both students/parents going to 7th and 8th grade, these academic recommendations will be able to be viewed online beginning February 14th.
 - If students/parents choose to follow these recommendations, then nothing further is required.
 - If students/parents would like to change courses from what was recommended, a Course Verification/Change Form must be submitted (See slide 24) to the guidance counselor.



6th Grade Parents

(for children who will be in
7th Grade in 2021~2022)

What classes do your children get to pick?



- Music
- Rising 7th grade students must select one music class.
 - Students may select to continue with their 6th grade performing music class (Band, Orchestra, Chorus).
 - Any student wanting to join a new performance class (Band, Orchestra, Chorus) next year needs to speak with the teacher of that class to make sure it will be a good fit.
 - Band- Ms. Knaster
 - Chorus- Mr. Hill
 - Orchestra- Mr. Celfo
 - If a student does not select a performing music, then they select Classroom Music.
 - Any student who is not continuing with their performing music from this school year is asked to communicate their intention with the performing music teacher.

What classes do your children get to pick?

READING

OR

WORLD LANGUAGE

- Last formal year to learn skill-based reading strategies and practice important comprehension skills

- Pre-requisites of highly proficient to advanced on 5th and 6th grade Reading PSSAs and all As and Bs in English and Reading classes in grades 5 and 6
- French 1 and Spanish 1
- Taught on a high school level



7th GRADE READING EXPECTATIONS

Using grade level text a 7th grader is expected to:

- Determine/Analyze Central Idea and/or Theme as it develops; supporting ideas; provide an objective summary
- Acquire and use grade appropriate vocabulary and phrases
- Evaluate author's argument, reasoning, claims.
- Provide evidence from the text and draw inferences based on what is stated in the text
- Analyze nonfiction to determine the text structure and determine how it contributes to the meaning
- Analyze two authors' interpretations of same topic
- Read and comprehend nonfiction/informational texts
- Probe arguments in persuasive, informational, and literary text and observe how they build to a whole
- Determine the point of view in a story and how it influences the plot

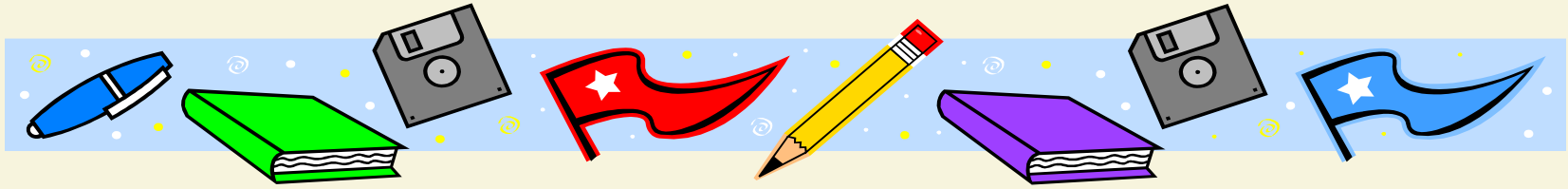
7th GRADE WORLD LANGUAGE EXPECTATIONS

- Be able to work independently when necessary.
- Be accepting and respectful of multi-cultural diversity.
- Be highly motivated and inquisitive about learning new things.
- Be very organized and demonstrate good study habits.
- Be willing to take risks and enjoy exploring and experimenting with new content.
- Complete homework, class work, projects, and other assigned tasks on time.
- Demonstrate accountability, dependability, and responsibility for learning with teacher as facilitator.
- Demonstrate with consistency a positive work ethic and attitude.
- Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- Exhibit self-advocacy skills and demonstrate good self-confidence.
- Exhibit the ability to think critically and to ask probing questions.
- Participate actively and enthusiastically in all classroom activities.
- Work collaboratively with others when working in pairs or small groups.
- Work diligently to achieve his/her goals.

FMS 7th Grade Unified Arts Possible Schedule

- 7th graders have Unified arts (specials) during 1st and 2nd period. We have a 6-day cycle for all classes. Some classes run every day of the cycle for part of the year and some for just 2 days in a cycle for the whole year. Special Classes that occur during UA: Study Skills, Strategies, Math Plus – all are 2 day/cycle classes and so take the place of PE, Music and/or Health.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1 st Period (all year)	PE	PE	Music	Music	Health	Health
2 nd Period (Q1)	FCS	FCS	FCS	FCS	FCS	FCS
2 nd Period (Q2)	Art	Art	Art	Art	Art	Art
2 nd Period (Q3)	Tech Ed	Tech Ed	Tech Ed	Tech Ed	Tech Ed	Tech Ed
2 nd Period (Q4)	Comp Sci	Comp Sci	Comp Sci	Comp Sci	Comp Sci	Comp Sci



7th Grade Parents

(for children who will be in
8th Grade in 2021~2022)

What classes do your children get to pick?

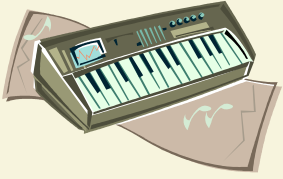
READING AND WRITING FOR LIFE

- Last formal year to learn skill-based reading strategies and practice important comprehension skills



OR WORLD LANGUAGE

- Pre-requisites of highly proficient to advanced on 6th and 7th grade Reading PSSAs and all As and Bs in English and Reading classes in grades 6 and 7
- French 1, German 1, Italian 1, Latin 1 or Spanish 1
- French 2 or Spanish 2 if you have taken the first year of the language and you are recommended to go to the next level



What classes do your children get to pick?



- Music
- Rising 8th grade students may select one music class.
 - Students may select to continue with their 7th grade performing music class (Band, Orchestra, Chorus).
 - If not currently (in 7th grade) in a performing music, students will be given each of the courses below. Each of the courses meets 2-days per 6-day cycle for a quarter.
 - Design for the Real World, Intro to Internet and Web Design, Digital Media Creator, and Teen Impact
 - Any student who is not continuing with their performing music from this school year is asked to communicate their intention with the performing music teacher. Students in this situation will be given the courses listed above in the previous bullet.
 - Band~ Ms. Knaster
 - Chorus~ Mr. Hill
 - Orchestra~ Mr. Celfo



What classes do your children get to pick?

- Unified Arts~Choose two Arts and Humanities Electives (6~day electives)
 - Art in Two Dimensions
 - Art in Three Dimensions
 - Family, Food, Finance
 - Popular Music
 - Guitar



What classes do your children get to pick?

- Unified Arts~Choose two Technology Education Electives (6~day electives)
 - Junior Entrepreneur
 - Culture, Cuisine, Connections
 - Transportation Engineering and Design
 - Sustainable Design
 - Innovative Coding



FMS 8th Grade Unified Arts Possible Schedule

- 8th graders have Unified arts (specials) during 7th and 8th period. Some classes run every day of the cycle for part of the year and some for just 2 days in a cycle for the whole year. Special Classes that occur during UA: *Study Skills, Strategies, Math Plus* – all are 2 day/cycle classes and so take the place of PE, Music and/or Health.

<p><u>Unified Arts Preferences</u></p> <p>Choose 2 8501 Art in Two Dimensions (AH) 8502 Art in Three Dimensions (AH) 8609 Family, Food, Finance (AH) 8801 Popular Music (AH) 8802 Guitar (AH)</p> <p>Choose 2 8606 Junior Entrepreneur (Tech) 8608 Culture, Cuisine, Connections (Tech) 8701 Transportation Engineering and Design (Tech) 8702 Sustainable Design (Tech) 8703 Innovative Coding (Tech)</p> <p>6-days, each class meets for one quarter</p> <p>All of the above are quarter long courses. Students are required to select two Arts and Humanities (AH) classes and two Technology (Tech) courses.</p>	<p>World Language or select Reading and Writing for Life</p> <p>8402 Italian 1: _____ *</p> <p>8403 German 1: _____</p> <p>8404 Latin 1: _____ *</p> <p>8401 French 1: _____ *</p> <p>8406 French 2: _____ * (French 1 prerequisite)</p> <p>8400 Spanish 1: _____ *</p> <p>8405 Spanish 2: _____ * (Spanish 1 prerequisite)</p> <p>8101 Reading/Writing for Life</p> <p>* Students scheduled into Reading Plus or Reading & Writing for Life <u>will not be scheduled in a world language.</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Required</p> <p>8800 Health 8- (2 days for the full year) 8910 PE 8- (2 days for the full year) AND Performing Music (2 days for the full year) 8810 Chorus 8 8820 Band 8 8830 Orchestra 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Required 8800 Health 8- (2 days for the full year) 8910 PE 8- (2 days for the full year) AND 2-days, one course each quarter Students assigned 4 courses if not in Music 8605 Teen Impact (AH) 8607 Intro to Internet and Web Design (Tech) 8700 Design for the Real World (Tech) 8704 Digital Media Creator (Tech)</p>
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**WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE WHEN YOUR
CHILD AND YOU LOG-ON TO THE
PARENT PORTAL AND MAKE
COURSE SELECTIONS**



Current 6th Graders (next year's 7th graders)

Welcome to the J. R. Fugett Middle School Class Registration System for 2021-2022 School Year

View course requests

World Language/Reading

Before proceeding, please click the 'View Course Requests' link at the top of the page to see if your child was recommended for Reading by his/her teacher. If so, then no further action is needed. If Reading wasn't recommended, please select French I, Spanish I or Reading by clicking on the pencil to the right.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course →



7th Grade Music

Please click on the pencil to the right to select your music choice.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course →



Cyber World Language

If you are a full-time cyber student and would like to take a World Language, please click on the pencil on the right and select the appropriate course.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course →



Cyber Art/Music

Full-time cyber students may take either music or art. Please click on the pencil on the right and select your choice.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course →



Additional Requests

Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group.

Requires at least 0 credit hours.

Requesting 0 credit hours.

Requesting 0 additional credit hours.

Click the edit button to request a course →




NOTE: Classes may not be requested for this grade from the PowerSchool Admin Portal.

Current 6th Graders (next year's 7th graders)

World Language/Reading

Before proceeding, please click the 'View Course Requests' link at the top of the page to see if your child was recommended for Reading by his/her teacher. If so, then no further action is needed. If Reading wasn't recommended, please select French I, Spanish I or Reading by clicking on the pencil to the right.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name ▲	Number	Course Description	Credits	 Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	French 1 7th gr	7201		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading Through Time-Level 1	7011		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading Through Time-Level 2	7012		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish 1 7th gr	7202		0		

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✓ You may select up to 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Cancel

Okay

Current 7th Graders (next year's 8th graders)

Welcome to the J. R. Fugett Middle School Class Registration System for 2021-2022 School Year

Please read the descriptions for each section prior to making your selections. CYBER STUDENTS should select only courses whose numbers begin with the letter 'C' with the exception of the 'Performing Ensemble' section. Non-cyber students should pick courses that do not begin with the letter 'C'.

View course requests

8th Grade World Language/Reading

Before proceeding, please click the 'View Course Requests' link at the top of the page to see if your child was recommended for Reading by his/her teacher. If so, then no further action is needed. If Reading wasn't recommended, please select a World Language or Reading by clicking on the pencil to the right. CYBER STUDENTS - Please select the appropriate level of language using the courses whose number begins with the letter 'C'.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course ⇒



8th Grade Music/Tech Ed Courses Option

Students who are not Cyber - Please click on the pencil to your right to select your Performing Music/Tech Ed courses choice. If you are not selecting a Performing Music option, you must select the 'Tech Ed Courses Option'.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course ⇒



8th Gr Cyber Performing Ensemble

If you are a cyber student and would like to participate in a Performing Ensemble (Band, Chorus, Orchestra), please click the pencil on the right and select your choice.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course ⇒



8th Grade Arts & Humanities Electives







Please click on the pencil to the right to select 2 choices. We will do our best to schedule these electives; however, no electives are guaranteed. CYBER STUDENTS - Please select two courses whose course numbers begin with the letter 'C'.

Number of requests to generate : 1

Click the edit button to request a course ⇒



Current 7th Graders (next year's 8th graders)

8th Grade Arts & Humanities Alternate Elective Please select one course as an alternate to your Arts & Humanities elective choices. This will be used if your original choices are unavailable. Please DO NOT select the same course as your elective choices. CYBER STUDENTS - Please select one course as an alternate whose number begins with the letter 'C'. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	
8th Grade Technology Electives Please click on the pencil to the right to select 2 choices. We will do our best to schedule these electives; however, no electives are guaranteed. CYBER STUDENTS - Please select two courses whose course numbers begin with the letter 'C'. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	
8th Grade Technology Alternate Elective Please select one course as an alternate to your Technology elective choices. This will be used if your original choices are unavailable. Please DO NOT select the same course as your elective choices. CYBER STUDENTS - Please select one course as an alternate whose number begins with the letter 'C'. Number of requests to generate : 1	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	
Additional Requests Requests that are currently not associated with any requirement group. Requires at least 0 credit hours. Requesting 0 credit hours. Requesting 0 additional credit hours.	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	  





NOTE: Classes may not be requested for this grade from the PowerSchool Admin Portal.

[Close Preview Window](#)

Current 7th Graders (next year's 8th graders)



8th Grade World Language/Reading

Please click on the pencil to the right to select your World Language or Reading Choice.


	Course Name	Number ▲	Course Description	Credits	 Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading and Writing for Life	8101		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish 1	8400		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	French 1	8401		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Italian 1	8402		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	German 1	8403		0		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Latin 1	8404		0		
	Spanish 2	8405		0		 Prerequisites have not been met
	French 2	8406		0		 Prerequisites have not been met

8th Grade Music/Tech Ed Courses Option

Please click on the pencil to your right to select your Performing Music/Tech Ed courses choice. If you are not selecting an option, you must select the 'Tech Ed Courses Option'.

	Course Name	Number ▲	Course Description	Credits	 Prerequisite
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tech Ed Courses Option	8705		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chorus 8	8810		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Band 8	8820		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orchestra 8	8830		0	

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 You may select 1 course. You have selected 0 course(s).

Current 7th Graders (next year's 8th graders)

Click the edit button to request a course.

8th Grade Arts & Humanities Electives

Please click on the pencil to the right to select 2 choices. We will do our best to schedule these electives guaranteed.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number ▲	Course Description	Credits	☰ Prereq
<input type="checkbox"/>	Art in Two Dimensions	8501		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Art in Three Dimensions	8502		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family, Food, Finance	8609		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Popular Music	8801		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guitar	8802		0	

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! You may select 2 courses. You have selected 0 course(s).

8th Grade Technology Electives

Please click on the pencil to the right to select 2 choices. We will do our best to schedule these electives guaranteed.

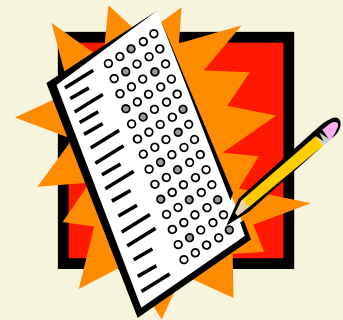
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number ▲	Course Description	Credits	☰ Prereq
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jr. Entrepreneur	8606		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Culture, Cuisine, Connections	8608		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation Engineering and Design	8701		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Design	8702		0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Innovative Coding	8703		0	

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! You may select 2 courses. You have selected 0 course(s).

Academic Recommendations

- Review the information contained in the Course Description Guides found on Fugett's website
- Ask your child's teachers if you have questions regarding next year's classes
- There is still much more data (such as 6th and 7th grade PSSA results and final grades,) that will be looked at prior to schedules and levels being finalized.



Academic Recommendations

- In the Parent Portal students and parents can only sign-up for the music, unified arts, and world language or reading classes.
- A parent or student cannot change the recommended level for academic classes in Parent Portal; the parent must complete a Verification Override Form.
- If a student is currently in Reading Plus and/or a learning support Reading class he/she should not sign-up for a world language or the Reading and Writing for Life course (8th Grade).

Course Verification/Change Form

• Student's Name : _____ Current School: _____
• School Counselor: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____
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Recommended Course/level to be changed: Parent/Student Selected Course/Level to be added:

• Course Name/Level: _____ Course Name/Level: _____
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• Course Name/Level: _____ Course Name/Level: _____
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• Course Name/Level: _____ Course Name/Level: _____
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• I request that my child be placed in the courses I have selected and listed above. I have discussed the selections with my child's teacher and understand why my child did not meet the criteria for the particular courses. However, after careful consideration of these criteria, I still believe that the courses we have selected represent the appropriate placement for my child.
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• I understand and accept full responsibility to provide my child with any support or remediation that may be needed to ensure his/her success in this course.
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• I fully understand that a request to reverse this waiver and place my child in the class originally recommended by the teacher is not guaranteed. Placement in the original teacher recommended course after my request is approved is based upon availability, considering predetermined class sizes. If the original teacher recommended course has reached the maximum capacity, my child will remain in the course I requested.
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• I fully understand that waiving into this course does not guarantee placement in this course.
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• I understand that this agreement does not allow a student to skip prior coursework needed to fulfill a course prerequisite.
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• Student signature: _____ Date: _____
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• Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Middle School Course Selection Timeline

2021-2022 Secondary Course Selection Timeline

Date	Event
December 11 th	20-21 CS Guides New Information/Changes Submitted
January 7 th	Draft CS Guides for Final Review to Admin and Dept Chairs
Week of January 11th	CS Guides released online
Middle to late January	<u>CS grade level meetings</u>
January 21st	CS Night for High Schools
January 27 th	CS Night for Spanish Speaking Families
February 1 – 12	Teacher recommendation window
February 14 – 25	Student and parent course selection week
February 16	MS 101 Parent Information Night
March 8 – 12	First Verification Window/Tallies
March 15-19	Second Verification Window/Tallies
March 25	Final Elective and Level Changes

** Course level waiver recommendations require administrative approval beyond this date **

When can current 6th and 7th graders' parents and guardians go online to the Parent Portal to view teachers' recommendations and make their course selections?

- From February 14th through February 25th.

