

Middle School Course Registration: Frequently Asked Questions And AAP Opportunities In Middle School

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Before we get started...

This presentation is being recorded. The recording and slides will be posted on our McNair AAP Website later this week.

Spanish translation is available.

We will take **general** questions at the end of this presentation.

QUESTION

**How do
electives
work?**

**There are
3 options:**

Typical 7th Grade Schedule

1. English
2. Math
3. History
4. Science
5. Health/PE
6. Elective
7. Elective

1.

Full Year	
Full Year	

2.

Full Year	
Fall Semester	Spring Semester

3.

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
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QUESTION

What are my
7th graders'
language
course options?

7th Grade - Full Year Language Electives

Chinese 1 Part A
Japanese 1 Part A
French 1 Part A
Spanish 1 Part A

Students who wish to take Chinese or Japanese in middle school **MUST** start in 7th grade. French and Spanish students have 2 options.

8th Grade - Full Year Language Electives

Chinese 1 Part B French 1 Part B
Japanese 1 Part B Spanish 1 Part B

French 1
Spanish 1

7th Grade
French/Spanish
1 Part A



8th Grade
French/Spanish
1 Part B



8th Grade
French 1 or
Spanish 1

QUESTION

**Which classes
are high school
credit and count
towards high
school GPA?**

Math Classes

Algebra 1
Algebra 1 HN
Geometry HN
Algebra II HN

Language Classes

Chinese 1 Part A + Chinese 1 Part B
Japanese 1 Part A + Japanese 1 Part B
Spanish 1 Part A + Spanish 1 Part B
French 1 Part A + French 1 Part B

Student must complete both Part A and Part B to receive 1 high school language credit.

Spanish 1
French 1

Japanese Immersion 1 + Japanese Immersion 2
(for students previously enrolled in elementary school immersion program)

QUESTION

What is the difference between honors and standard courses?

Honors courses are offered to all students as an opportunity to challenge themselves and go deeper into one of the core subjects of English, History, Math, or Science. Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers and parents if they are interested in taking an honors course. Students should have a strong interest and ability in the area of study.

QUESTION

**Who can take
Algebra 1
Math 7 HN in
7th grade?**

Mrs. Janofsky will address this question in her portion of the presentation and we will answer questions at that time.

Advanced Academic Programs Opportunities in Middle School (AAP)

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Two **Goals** of the Advanced Academic Programs

FCPS AAP strives to develop the talents of all students and provide challenge through:

- **Talent development**
- **Differentiation** to meet the needs of **advanced learners**.

Talent Development

What does Talent Development look like in Fairfax County Public Schools?

- Instructional opportunities to use AAP curriculum and strategies.
- Working with students to identify and explore areas of interest.
- Attention to underrepresented groups through the Young Scholars Model.

Differentiation to Meet the Needs of Advanced Learners

What does Differentiating for Advanced Learners mean in Fairfax County Public Schools?

- Meeting students' needs to go beyond grade level standards by name and need.
- Ensuring access to differentiated curriculum and environment including increased depth and complexity, different pacing, and less scaffolding.
- Ensuring time to work with similar academic peer group to ensure peer-to-peer feedback to promote growth.
- Academic advising and complementary supports for success through implementation of the Young Scholars model.

Advanced Academic Programs

Levels of Service

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Grades 7-8

Advanced Academic Programs Overview

Young Scholars Model - All K-12 Students

Elementary School: K-6	Middle School	High School
Access to Rigor (Level I)	IB Middle Years Program – Grades 6 -10 (selected schools)	
Subject Specific Advanced Differentiation (Level II)	Honors Courses in areas of Academic Strength/Interest Grades 7-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Courses • Advanced Placement (AP) • International Baccalaureate (IB) • Dual Enrollment Courses
Part-Time Services (Level III) Grades 3-6		
Full-Time Services - Grades 3-8 (Level IV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology 	

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Grades 7-8

**Honors Courses
in areas of
academic strength
or interest**

Honors classes provide opportunities for students who want to be challenged in one or more subjects:

- English
- Science
- Social Studies
- Mathematics

Students may choose to enroll in 1, 2, 3, or 4 Honors classes.

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Grades 7-8

Acceleration in Mathematics Courses in Middle School

Any student in 7th grade may select Math 7 Honors. This course is one year above grade level. Students will learn 8th grade content.

7th grade students who want to take **Algebra I Honors** must meet criteria set by the FCPS math office. Criteria:

- Complete Adv Math 6 in 6th grade
- 500+ on 7th grade SOL
- 91% on Iowa Algebra Aptitude Test

Carson MS Informs families of math placement over the summer

- Algebra I courses are open to **all** students in 8th grade

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Full-Time services Level IV

Some advanced learners need a full-time advanced academic program, including differentiated instruction in all 4 content areas and access to a peer group with similar academic needs.

Students eligible for full-time AAP services receive:

- Advanced Language Arts, science, and social studies curriculum, and
- Math curriculum at least one year above grade level. (Math 7 honors or Algebra 1 honors)

[Carson MS Academic Advising/Course Registration Website](#)

[Carson Rising 7th Grade Registration Information - helpful elective videos!](#)

[Video: How to enter course requests into google form](#)

[SAMPLE Course Selections Sheet](#)

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Important Dates

DATES

Friday, January 20th - parent-signed and completed course selection form returned to school

Friday, February 10th - all course selection Google forms submitted to Carson MS by this date; students will submit Google forms during weekly FOCUS lessons with counselors

Questions?

Please use the chat to ask general questions. We will answer as many as we can until our session ends.

Specific questions about your child's schedule should be saved for a later time.



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