

This paper will help you select classes for the 2025-26 school year. This paper is only for reference. To select classes, all students will enter classes into SIS StudentVue in TA at school on Jan 24; staff members will help you. This paper does not need to be returned.

Required Courses: All students are required to take: Health & Physical Education, English, Civics, Science, and Mathematics. You may choose to take these classes at the General Education or Honors level. Select **one** Math class based on current placement and progress as math classes are sequential. Students must complete Algebra/Algebra HN before Geometry HN. Teacher input can help inform choices.

General Education

Honors

Level IV Advanced Academic Classes

- 720033/34 Health & PE 8
- 112000 English 8
- 235700 Civics 8
- 311200 Pre-Algebra **OR**
- 313000 Algebra 1
- 412500 Physical Science

- 112036 English 8 HN
- 235736 Civics 8 HN
- 313036 Algebra 1 HN **OR**
- 314336 Geometry HN
- 412536 Physical Science HN

If eligible, student will take English, Civics, and Science AA Courses and select a math course.

Please list your current elective classes: (You cannot repeat most semester classes)	1. _____	3. _____
	2. _____	4. _____

Students will be scheduled for 2 year-long electives, 1 year-long and 2 semester electives, or 4 semester electives. Elective placement is not guaranteed. Some students will be placed in academic elective classes based on progress, programming, or educational plan. All students will also pick back-up electives in case some classes are full or not offered based on enrollment. Year-long classes are not required.

Year-Long (YR) Elective Courses: Courses with an * require completion of a pre-requisite course. Part A Language in the 7th grade is a pre-requisite for Part B in the 8th grade. All languages carry a high school credit. Taking a language is not required. Fluent speakers can take the World Language Credit Exam next year. Music placement will be based on audition.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 139568 Adv Theatre Arts * | <input type="checkbox"/> 551100 Spanish Her Spkrs 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 923210 Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 511000 French 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 587000 Korean 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 923710 Orchestra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 511500 French 1 Part B * | <input type="checkbox"/> 587400 Korean 1 Part B * | <input type="checkbox"/> 926011 Soprano – Alto Chorus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 551000 Spanish 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 531000 Latin 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 926012 Tenor – Bass Chorus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 551500 Spanish 1 Part B * | <input type="checkbox"/> 911500 Art Extensions * | <input type="checkbox"/> 982808 AVID (<i>application required</i>) |

Semester (SM) Elective Courses: Courses with an * require completion of an intro/pre-requisite course.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 139063 Speech Arts Apprec & Broadcasting | <input type="checkbox"/> 846432 Engineering 1 Design & Modeling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 139065 Technical Theatre Arts Appreciation | <input type="checkbox"/> 846332 Engineering 2 Sim and Fabrication * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 139067 Theatre Arts Appreciation | <input type="checkbox"/> 846362 Engineering 3 Adv Design & Prototyping * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 140032 Musical Theatre Appr. | <input type="checkbox"/> 910532 Art Foundations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 616032 Coding & Innovative Tech | <input type="checkbox"/> 910632 3D Art Exploration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 616062 Coding & Innovative Tech 2 * | <input type="checkbox"/> 911562 Computers in Art |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 660932 Computer Solutions | <input type="checkbox"/> 980652 Leadership (<i>application required</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 826332 Family and Consumer Sciences 1 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 824432 Family and Consumer Sciences 2 | Library and Office Asst by application only |

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Planning for the next school year has officially begun! Over the next few weeks, we plan to work with you and your student to select classes for the next school year. We are eager to partner to set your student up for success in the next school year and beyond!

In January and February, Katherine Johnson Middle School counselors and teachers will work with your student regarding course selections for 8th grade. On the back of this letter, you will find a course selection sheet that you and your student can use as reference during the process. Students will select courses for next year in class on **January 24** by entering them directly into SIS StudentVue. If you or your student wants to make changes, you can do so by logging into SIS StudentVue. Please finalize course selections no later than **February 14**.

During the course selection process, you will have the ability to select the appropriate level of rigor for your student's core/required classes. KJMS offers General Education and Advanced Courses. Students who are eligible for Full Time Advanced Academic Services will automatically be enrolled in Advanced classes unless you select a combination of Honors and General Education classes. Any student who wants the increased rigor of an Advanced class can select one or more Honors classes. Should you need assistance, please be in touch with your student's teachers or KJMS counselor.

During the month of February, KJMS counselors will meet individually with all 7th grade students for an academic advising session. They will discuss the student's course selections and answer any questions they may have. Enrollment in honors classes is open to all students, and it is our hope that you will partner with your student's teachers to make these important decisions. Students are encouraged to select courses based on progress in their current courses, academic strengths, teacher feedback, personal interests, and commitments outside of school. Math classes are sequential, we will share details about prerequisites and considerations during Course Selection lessons. The FCPS Strategic Plan goal is to enroll 8th graders in Algebra or a more rigorous math class. We encourage you to include your math teacher or counselor in the decision-making process, especially if you feel your student would be more successful in Pre-Algebra in the 8th grade. We ask that course selections be entered into SIS by February 14, but do allow for adjustments to core classes based on end-of-the-year data collected in the Spring.

The course catalog is available on the KJMS website. It lists the required and elective offerings for 7th and 8th grade students. It is very important to note the grade levels and prerequisites that are indicated for each course. Enrollment is limited to courses listed on this course selection sheet. Each student will take five (5) required classes to include: Health & Physical Education, English, Civics, Science, and Mathematics. In addition, students will have either two (2) year-long elective classes, four (4) semester elective classes, OR a combination of one (1) year-long and two (2) semester elective classes. Electives offer opportunities for support, enrichment, specialization, and exploration. Every effort will be made to place students in their top choices or alternate choices, but **elective placement is not guaranteed** due to class conflicts, specialized academic programming, and enrollment and staffing constraints. To help ensure academic success, elective support classes in numeracy, literacy, and organization will be scheduled for students based on progress and program services. If your student receives ESOL or Special Education services, **an elective class may be part of service delivery**. Course Selection choices can be seen in SIS Student and ParentVue and will be finalized over the summer. **No changes will be made after the last day of school this year**. In addition, elective schedule changes are not made once school has begun. Please be in touch with staff at Katherine Johnson with any questions you may have. We look forward to working with you and a great school year!

Katherine Johnson Middle School Student Services and Administrative Teams