

Course Registration

Rising 8th grade

2026-27

Meet our Team

Mrs. Duff
Principal

Mr. Brown
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Noell
School Counseling
Coordinator

Mrs. Pope
Counseling Secretary

Registration Guide

- Promotion Policy
- Schedule Change Policy
- Description of courses
- Policies and procedures to review
- Registration Guide (available online through RCPS website)
  - https://www.rcps.us/parents-students/course-registration-guide

Registration Timeline

- November 17-21 – Teacher Recommendations entered in Synergy
- December 4, 8, 9 – Registration Presentations
  - Students will view recommended courses
  - Students will choose electives for 8th grade
  - Take form home to review with parents and bring back signed form next day
- December 5, 10-12 – Mrs. Noell will meet with each student individually to review elective selections and enter them into Synergy.
- January – Course Request Verifications will be sent home for final review
- February – Scheduling begins, no more changes can be made
- July – Schedules will be made available to students and parents in StudentVue/ ParentVue
  - No schedule changes made until after the first 2 weeks of school

Course Offerings

- **English 8**
  - Regular or Advanced
- **Math 8**
  - Math 8 regular, Pre-Algebra 8, Advanced Algebra 1
  - Advanced Geometry (doing well in Adv Algebra 1)
- **Physical Science 8**
  - Regular or Advanced
- **Civics/Economics**
  - Regular or Advanced
- Teachers made recommendations based on current grades, attendance, and understanding of content in middle school course. Parent can make necessary adjustments on form that goes home in January.

8th Grade Elective Options

- Semester electives
  - Fit Active for Life (Semester)
  - Keyboarding
  - Computer Solutions
  - Art 8 (Semester)
  - Teen Living
  - Intro to Photography
  - Problem Solving Methods
  - Intro to Robotics

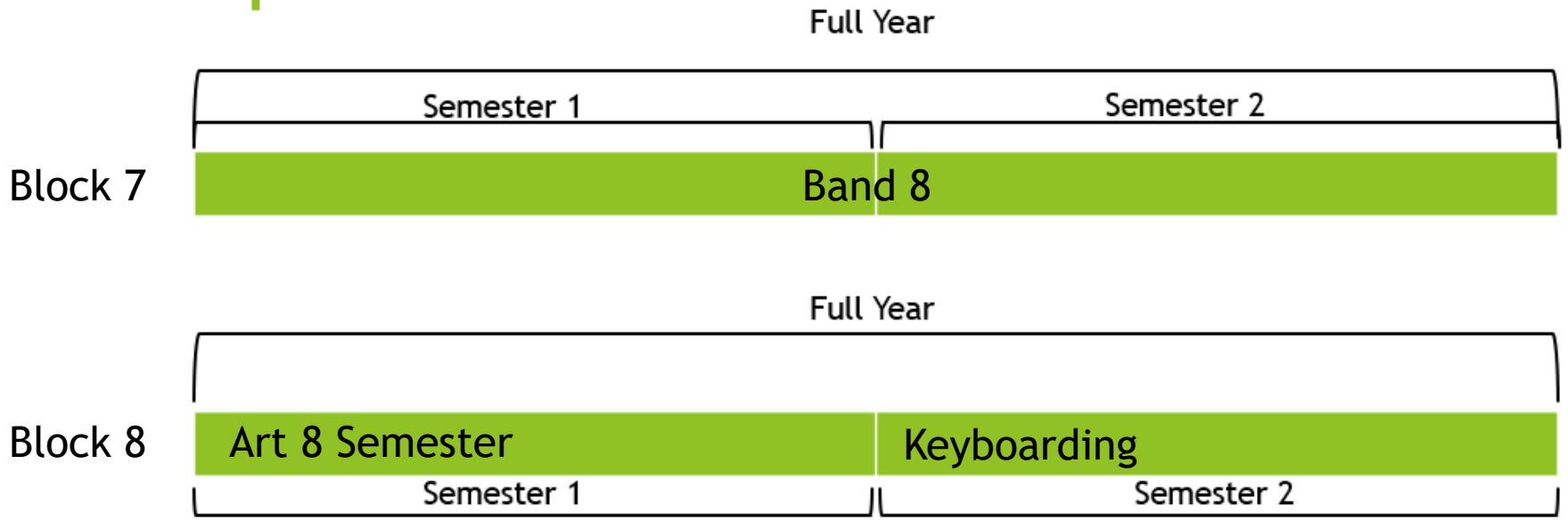
- Full year electives
  - Spanish 1*
  - French 1*
  - Latin 1*
  - Band 8
  - Choir 8
  - Fit Active for Life (FY)
  - Art 8 (FY)

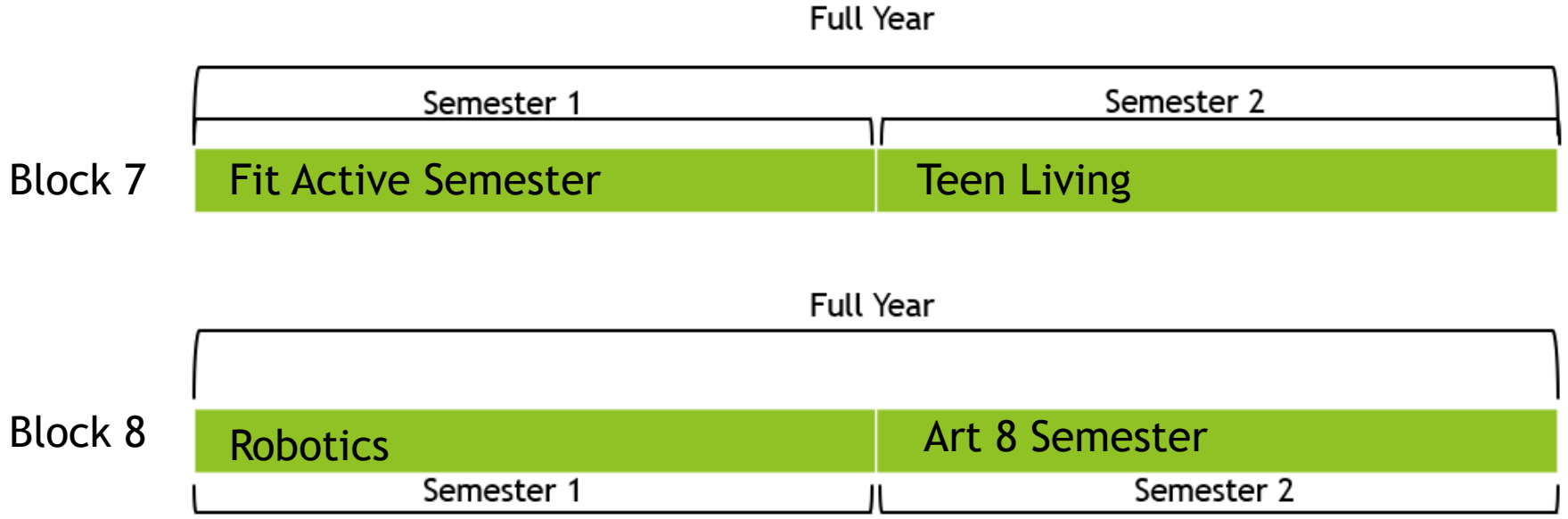
*These courses are taken for high school credit.

You can choose 2 Full Year electives,
OR 1 FY elective + 2 semester electives,
OR 4 semester electives.

Descriptions of electives can be found in the Registration Guide:
https://www.rcps.us/Page/1600

Examples


Full Year
Semester 1
Semester 2
Block 7
Band 8
Full Year
Block 8
Art 8 Semester
Keyboarding
Semester 1
Semester 2


Full Year
Semester 1
Semester 2
Block 7
Fit Active Semester
Teen Living
Full Year
Block 8
Robotics
Art 8 Semester
Semester 1
Semester 2

Elective choices

- Write 1 next to your TOP elective choice.
  - **If it is FULL YEAR:**
    - Put a 2 next to your 2nd choice elective – can be Full Year or Semester.
      - If SEMESTER, put a 3 next to another SEMESTER elective
      - If FULL YEAR, continue selecting electives in similar order (2 semester or 1 full year) until #7
  - **If it is SEMESTER:**
    - Put a 2 next to your 2nd choice elective – MUST BE SEMESTER.
    - Put a 3 next to your 3rd choice elective – can be Full Year or Semester.
      - If FULL YEAR, continue selecting electives in similar order (2 semester or 1 full year) until #7
      - If SEMESTER, you MUST select another SEMESTER elective (#4)
        - Continue selecting your electives in similar order until #7

Reminders

- Review elective form with a parent/guardian.
- Choose your 7 electives on the form (#1-7)
  - Pick an elective YOU want to take; not something your friend is taking. This is about you exploring something you might enjoy!
- Make any changes to course recommendations on form.
- Get parent signature on form.
- Bring back form by the next day.
- Meet with Mrs. Noell sometime the week of Dec 5-12 to review electives.