



Parent University Course Registration Information

Middle School Arts Magnet

Rising 7th/8th Grade

2026-27



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Students



News From The Nurse

Tdap and Meningococcal “Must Haves” for 7th Graders

Required proof of Tdap & Meningococcal before the start of 7th grade

How do I show proof of the Tdap & Meningococcal?

During summer : Options to share

proof with.

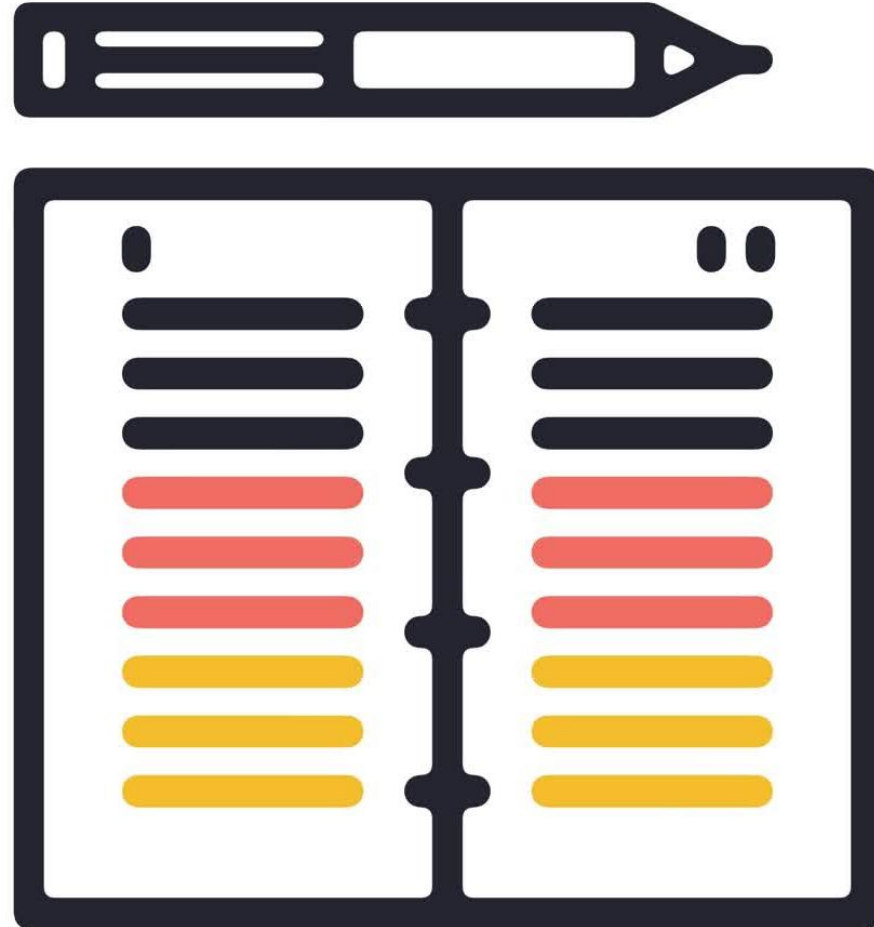
- 1) Scan and email to: jtomlinson@ycsd.york.va.us**
- 2) Bring a copy during summer to office**

Nurse Jayme Tomlinson

No charge at Peninsula Health Department

Agenda

- Program of Studies
- Course Requirements
- Sample Schedules
- Encore Options
- Registration, Special Programs
- Academic & Career Plan (ACP)
- Q&A



Program of Studies

**2025-26
PROGRAM OF
STUDIES**

Registration and Information Guide for Future Ready Graduates

Embrace Engage Empower

York County
SCHOOL DIVISION

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Select Language

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QUICK LINKS

- Calendars
- Careers
- Educational Technology
- Student Meals
- School Safety
- School Board
- Strategic Plan
- Student Registration Report It

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FIND WHAT'S TRENDING

- Emergency School Closures
- Emergency Remote Learning
- 2026-27 Student Calendar
- Superintendent Search
- 2025-26 Program of Studies**
- 2025-26 Student Calendar
- 2025-26 Student Handbook & Conduct Code
- YCSD App Upgrade
- Community Announcements

NEED TO KNOW

- Military Families
- Policy Manual**
- Program of Studies
- School Board Meetings
- Stay Connected
- Strategic Plan
- Student Handbook
- Student Records Request

LEARN ABOUT

- Budget
- Capital Projects
- EngagedIN YCSD
- Future Ready Graduates
- Virtual Learning Program
- YCSD-TV
- York County Council PTA
- York Foundation for Public Education

Required Courses

7th Grade

English 7 **or** Advanced English 7

Foundations of Algebra 7 (FOA 7)

Pre-Algebra 7

Algebra I (1.0 high school credit)

Life Science

US History II – 1865 to present day

Health/PE 7 **or** Dance Arts 7

Electives: 2 or 3 depending on math course

8th Grade

English 8 **or** Advanced English 8

Pre-Algebra 8

Algebra I (1.0 high school credit)

Advanced Geometry (1.0 high school weighted credit)

Physical Science

Civics & Economics

Health/PE 8 **or** Dance Arts 8

Electives: 2 or 3 depending on math course

High School Credit Courses

Course Options:

MATH: Algebra 1 & Advanced Geometry

World Languages: Spanish, French, German

Technology: Information Technology

- Final grades and credits/verified credits are recorded on student's high school transcript (GPA)
- High school curriculum = more rigorous; requires consistent, daily effort for success

An opportunity when students are ready--- not a race



Standards of Learning (SOL)

7TH GRADE

English Reading

Math

- Foundations of Algebra (FOA) 7
- Pre-Algebra 7
- Algebra I

8TH GRADE

English Reading

English Integrated Reading & Writing (IRW)

Math

- Pre-Algebra 8
- Algebra I
- Adv. Geometry

Science

Civics & Economics

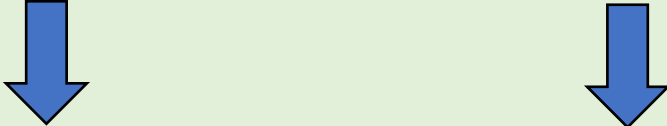

English Placement

Grade Level English or Advanced English

- *Suggested grade of “A” or “B” average in current English course*
- *75% percentile or above on MAP testing*
- *Scores on SOL’s also will be a consideration*



Math Course Options & Sequence

6 th Grade	Foundations of Algebra 6 (FOA 6) 		Pre-Algebra 6 
7 th Grade	Foundations of Algebra 7	Pre-Algebra 7	Algebra I
8 th Grade	Pre-Algebra 8	Algebra I	Adv. Geometry

Career Investigations

Virginia's Profile of a Graduate helps students become "Life Ready"

- "Life Ready" - Content Knowledge, Workplace Skills, Community and Civic Responsibility, & Career Planning
 - Career Investigations course will complete the career planning requirement
- Students **MUST** complete this elective in middle school
- Students enrolled in the "Wheel" electives in 6th grade have fulfilled this requirement.

Sample Schedule 1

Block	A-Day	B-Day
1 8:05-9:31AM	Math - FOA 7 or Pre-Algebra 7	Math - FOA 7 or Pre-Algebra 7
2 9:34-11:07AM	PE/Life Fitness	Elective
3 11:10-1:10PM (Lunch)	Science	Social Studies
4 1:13-2:45PM	Elective	English

Sample Schedule 2

Block	A-Day	B-Day
1 8:05-9:31AM	Algebra 1 or Adv. Geometry	Elective
2 9:34-11:07AM	Elective	English or Adv. English
3 11:10-1:10PM (Lunch)	PE/Life Fitness	Elective (World Language)
4 1:13-2:45PM	Science	Social Studies




Electives





World Languages –
High School Credit

Languages Offered

- French
 - Spanish
 - German
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- High School Credit Courses
 - Yearlong
 - Introduces students to:
 - Grammar
 - Culture
 - Introductory reading and writing
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World Language Readiness

Is my student ready for a high school credit world language?

- A's & B's in English and all other core courses
- Strong work & study habits, motivation, self-discipline
- Independent learning skills

World Language II

- Students who have completed level 1 of a World Language and wish to move onto level II should consistently score 80% on classroom assessments



Success in High School Credit Course

In class:

- Needs a systematic means of checking work & redoing anything missed – diagnostic tool!
- Ask questions
- Self-monitor learning & make a habit of seeking extra help
- Growth mindset vs a fixed mindset – how does the student respond to a challenge?

At home:

- Complete the homework the same day as the class
- Dig deep – use independent strategies first, then human resources
- Consistent review the “off” night – correct recently graded & missed assignments, watch videos, make flash cards for vocabulary, use teacher websites & resources



NEW: IT Fundamentals - 8th grade students

What is IT Fundamentals?

Learn essential technical and professional skills, prepare for advanced IT courses in high school while building a strong foundation for careers in technology, cybersecurity, and computer science.

- Explore topics like digital technology, networking basics, troubleshooting, and webpage/game design
- Discuss ethical issues related to computers and the internet

Why take this course?

- Earn credits toward graduation earlier
 - Discover IT career pathways
 - Build skills for future certifications in Cybersecurity and Computer Information Systems (CIS)
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Art, CTE, & General Topic Courses

Art

Drawing & Painting
Intro to Art
Sculpture & Crafts
Visual Arts 7 or 8

CTE

Career Investigations
Family & Con Sciences II/III
Computer Sci Discoveries
Engineering Design/Problem Solving
IT Fundamentals (HS credit)

CTE cont.

Intro to
Programming/Game
Design
Inventions & Innovations
Make It Your Business

General

Criminal Justice
Digital Journalism –
(yearlong)
Middle School Public
Speaking
Yearbook (yearlong by
approval)



Music

Band

- Beginning
- Intermediate
- Advanced

Chorus

Musical Stage Production



Magnet Electives

Dance Arts 7 - 8

Theatre Arts 7 - 8

Music Technology (semester)

Scenic Design & Set Build (semester)





Registration Process

- 100% electronic
- SchoolLinks
- Contact Us with questions or changes

Special Programs

- International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme
- School of the Arts – Bruton High School
- YCSD Honor's Program
 - Advanced English 8
 - Algebra 1 or higher-level math
 - High school credit World Language:
- Governor's School Science & Technology

Considerations for applying:

- *Adv. English 8*
- *World Language &*
- *Algebra I or Adv. Geometry*



Academic & Career Plan

Fluid document - six-year academic plan starting 7th grade year

Captures

- Coursework
- Career Planning
- Special High School Programs
- Post-Secondary Plans
- Parents & students review each year





Questions

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