8TH Grade Course Request
2026-2027 School Year

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Select the appropriate classes for each section by marking an "X" in the box. This is a course request and not a course selection sheet. Requests made on this form are not guaranteed. Turn in the completed form to the Homeroom Teacher.

Core Classes: English and Social Studies

Make one selection in this section.

Selection	English	Social Studies
☐	English 8	U.S. History 8
☐	Honors English 8	U.S. Honors History 8
☐	Honors English 8	Pre-AP (Advanced Placement) World History & Geography*

Core Classes: Mathematics

Make one selection in this section.

Selection	Mathematics
☐	Math Pre-Algebra
☐	Honors Algebra 1 *
☐	Honors Geometry*

Core Classes: Science

Make one selection in this section.

Selection	Science
☐	Earth Science
☐	Honors Physical Science *
☐	Honors Biology *

Core Class: Bible

Students will be automatically placed in a gender-specific Bible class.

Core Course	Prerequisites
Honors English 8	Strong reading and writing skills are required. MAP assessment data, teacher recommendation, and an A average in English 7 are all considered.
Honors U.S. History 8	Strong reading and writing skills are required, along with teacher recommendation and an A average in Social Studies 7 and English 7.
Pre-AP (Advanced Placement) World History & Geography	Strong reading and writing skills are required. MAP assessment data, teacher recommendations, and an A average in Social Studies 7 and English 7 are all considered. This is an **advanced high school course** with additional reading and writing designed to prepare students for AP-level studies. May require a writing sample.
Algebra I (Honors) ***High School Level Course***	**Course completion required: Pre-Algebra.** MAP assessment data, placement test for new students, teacher recommendation, and A/B average in Honors Pre-Algebra are required. This is an **advanced high school course** that requires independent studies.
Geometry (Honors) ***High School Level Course***	**Course completion required: Algebra I.** MAP assessment data, teacher recommendation and/or A/B average in Honors Algebra I are required. This is an **advanced high school course.**
Physical Science (Honors) ***High School Level Course***	Strong reading and writing skills are required, along with an A/B average in previous science coursework, teacher recommendation, and successful completion of Pre-Algebra. This course pairs with Algebra I and is an **advanced high school course** that requires independent studies.
Honors Biology (Honors) ***High School Level Course***	Strong reading and writing skills are required, along with an A/B average in previous honors science coursework, teacher recommendation, and successful completion of Algebra I and Physical Science. This is an **advanced high school course** that requires independent studies.

Honors Courses are awarded an additional partial point, which goes towards their weighted GPA. Honors Courses are higher-level, and higher critical thinking, problem-solving, independent learning, and homework time should be expected in these courses. Due to the accelerated pace and rigor of these classes, students should demonstrate a level of maturity.

** Denotes a high school course that counts toward graduation GPA.*

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Elective Courses

Students will take TWO electives. Rank your top 4 choices (1–4). *(1 = first choice)*
Students must enroll in a PE course unless they are part of an organized team sport after school. *PE opt out form is required if not selecting PE.*

Performing/ Visual Arts	STEM & Academics	Physical Education	World Language
__ Art (portfolio required)	__ Consumer Science	__ PE Boys	Level I __ Spanish I (speakers) *
__ Band Honors	__ Engineering	__ PE Girls	__ Spanish I (non-speakers) *
__ Jazz Band Honors *	__ Math Enrichment		Level II: *Course completion required: Spanish I* __ Spanish II (speakers) *
__ Choir	__ Study Hall		__ Spanish II (non-speakers) *
__ Drama			

Elective Course	Prerequisites
Jazz Band Honors	**High school** course that counts towards graduation GPA. Students will be required to audition for this course and concurrently be enrolled in MS Band or Choir.
Spanish I and II	Two years of a foreign language are required for graduation. This is a **high school** course that counts toward the graduation GPA. Spanish II: Course completion required: Spanish I
Art Elective	Art Portfolio: Three to five art drawings of any art medium needs to be submitted directly to Mrs. Caballero by May 1st unless the student is currently enrolled in the art program. aldys.caballero@floridachristian.org.
PE	PE OPT OUT WAIVER: Physical education is required in grades 6, 7, and 8. A parent/guardian may request a waiver for their student to opt out of the requirement. This option should be utilized at the parent's request only. The student's parent indicates in writing to the school that the student is participating in physical activities such as a club sport, league, dance company, martial art, or FCS MS sports outside the school day, which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement. If completing the outside physical activity through an FCS sport, the student will need to be an active participant of a sport season. Fill out the digital form through this link, ONLY IF REQUESTING TO OPT OUT OF THE PE REQUIREMENT: https://tinyurl.com/mwcmt827

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Important Information

High School Credit Courses Available in Middle School: The following courses may be earned in middle school and count toward high school graduation requirements and GPA.

Department	High School Credit Courses
Social Studies	Pre-AP World History & Geography
Mathematics	Honors Algebra I; Honors Geometry
Science	Honors Physical Science; Honors Biology
Fine Arts	HS Jazz Band Honors
World Language	Spanish I & Spanish II