

THOREAU MIDDLE SCHOOL 2019-2020 8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTIONS



Student First and Last Name _____

Student FCPS ID# _____

Last School (2018-2019) _____

Student is eligible for the following services:

___ Special Education

___ ESOL

___ 504 Plan

___ Level IV AAP

STEP 1: SELECT REQUIRED 8th GRADE COURSES

A. General Education vs. Honors

Please see teacher advisement on the reverse side of this form. Check the box to the right labeled "Honors" if you are requesting English 8 Honors.

		Gen.	Honors
112000/36	English 8		
235736	Civics		X
412536	Science 8		X
720033/34	Health & PE 8		

B. Choose one:

311200	Pre-Algebra
313000	Algebra 1
313036	Algebra 1 HN
314336	Geometry HN (prerequisite: Algebra 1 HN)

C. Please list your current 7th Grade Electives:

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

STEP 2: SELECT ELECTIVES COURSES (FULL YEAR AND/OR SEMESTER)

You may select: 2 full-year electives OR 1 full-year and 2 semester electives OR 4 semester electives.

Please rank in order all choices 1-8, even if you have chosen 1 or 2 full-year electives, as we may not be able to honor all requests.

FULL-YEAR ELECTIVES

Fine & Performing Arts – Music			World Languages		
923210	Band *		551000	Spanish 1	
928010	Chorus*		551500	Spanish 1B (prerequisite: Spanish 1A)	
923710	Orchestra*		511000	French 1	
			511500	French 1B (prerequisite: French 1A)	
Fine & Performing Arts – Theatre Arts					
139568	Advanced Theatre Arts Appreciation				

**Placement in advanced classes will be determined by audition and teacher recommendation*

SEMESTER ELECTIVES (HALF-YEAR)

Fine Arts – Visual Arts			Family & Consumer Sciences		
910532	Art Foundations		824432	Family & Consumer Sciences 8	
910632	3D Art		Business & Information Technology		
911532	Art Extensions (prerequisite: Art Foundations)		616032	Coding & Innovative Technologies	
Fine Arts – Theatre Arts			Technology & Engineering Education		
139067	Theatre Arts Appreciation		846432	Engineering Design & Modeling	
139065	Technical Theatre Arts Appreciation (prerequisite: TA Apprec.)		846332	Engineering Simulation & Fabrication (prerequisite: ED&M)	
139063	Speech & Theatre Arts (Eagle Morning News)**		846462	Technology Education	
Fine Arts – Music			Literary Arts		
924562	Guitar		110862	Creative Writing	
926032	Chorus		**Application required! It is located on our website & in Student Services		

STEP 3: PARENT REVIEW AND SIGNATURE

I UNDERSTAND THAT STAFFING IS BASED ON COURSE SELECTION AND THAT MY CHILD'S SELECTIONS REPRESENT A FIRM COMMITMENT. THE SCHOOL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE A STUDENT'S SELECTIONS BASED ON SCHEDULING NEEDS AND/OR CONFLICTS.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Student First and Last Name

Student FCPS ID#

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Planning for the 2019-2020 school year has begun. Over the next few weeks, we will work together to assist you and your child in the process of making educational decisions regarding course selections for the upcoming school year. This work will be critical to his or her success in middle school and beyond.

This week school counselors are speaking with students about course selections for 8th grade. On the back of this letter, you will find the 2019-2020 course selection form for you to complete together. To assist you in completing this form, you will find course advisements from your child's current English and mathematics teachers below. **While enrollment in honors classes continues to be open enrollment, it is our hope that you will use this information as a starting point for conversations as you make these important decisions.** Students are encouraged to select courses based on teacher feedback, progress in current courses, academic strengths, and personal interests.

Please complete this form with your student, and return it to his or her science teacher by Friday, February 22, 2019. During the month of February, Thoreau counselors review course selection sheets and meet with 7th grade students for academic advising sessions. During this time, they will discuss the student's course selections and answer any questions they may have.

The 2019-2020 Course Descriptions and Guide can be viewed on the Thoreau Middle School website:
<https://insys.fcps.edu/CourseCatOnline/#/frontPanel/501/nocourselist/0/0/1>

This guide lists the required and elective offerings for 7th and 8th grade students. It is very important to note the grade levels and pre-requisites that are indicated for each course. Each student must register for seven (7) classes: the required five (5) classes including mathematics, English, science, history, and Health & Physical education, and a choice of 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 enrichment, specialization, and exploration. **It is necessary to select all the electives in order of preference in case there is a conflict in scheduling.**

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's counselor with any questions about this process. We look forward to working with you!

Course	Advisement for 2019-2020	Notes
English 8		
Mathematics		

Current student programs:

ESOL:

Special Education: