



Carl Sandburg Middle School

January 30, 2024

Meet the Sandburg Counselors



Mr. Wilson



Mrs. Majors



Ms. Espichan



Mrs. Clemons



Mrs. Wilkerson

Meet the Sandburg Administrators



Mr. Underhill
Principal



Mrs. Weaver
Director of Student
Services



Mrs. Pluntke
Assistant Principal



Ms. Porter
Assistant Principal



Ms. Moses
Assistant Principal



Mr. Barrow
Assistant Principal



Dr. Williams
Dean of Students



Mr. Aversa
Dean of Students



Welcome from Principal Underhill

House Model Vision



Create a **dynamic** and **collaborative** middle school model experience that is **responsive** to the needs of all learners and **supports** them as they **thrive** intellectually & social-emotionally.



Our Mission



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Honors



Please encourage your students to select at least one honors class in a core subject area of strength. By taking an honors class, your student will be provided more rigor and have increased independence.

House Model



- **Core Interdisciplinary Model (On Team)**
 - English
 - Social Studies
 - Mathematics (except Algebra 1 HN & Geometry I HN)
 - Science
- Special Education Self Contained, English Language Learner Courses, World Language, CTE, Fine and Performing Arts, AVID, and General Electives will have students across all teams

House Members



- Teachers
 - English
 - Social Studies
 - Math
 - Science
 - Special Education
 - English Learner
- Itinerant Members of the Team (May Rotate IN/OUT)
- Social Worker / Psychologist
- Reading
- Some EL Teachers will be split across 2
- SRC (Self Contained SE)
- Admin (Principal, Assistant Principal and Dean)
- Counselor

Sample Bell Schedule



7th Grade Teams Sparks and Dominators (B Lunch)

	ODD DAY	EVEN DAY	
730-900	Block 1 (90 Minutes)	Block 2 (90 Minutes)	730-900
905-1035	Block 3 (90 Minutes)	Block 4 (90 Minutes)	905-1035
1040-1105	Advisory (25 Minutes)	Advisory (25 Minutes)	1040-1105
1110-1140	Lunch (30 Minutes)	Lunch (30 Minutes)	1110-1140
1140-1155	PDT (15 Minutes)	PDT (15 Minutes)	1140-1155
1155-1240	Block 5 (45 Minutes)	Block 5 (45 Minutes)	1155-1240
1245-215	Block 7 (90 Minutes)	Block 6 (90 Minutes)	1245-215

Student Schedule



1. English 8
2. Civics 8
3. Math
4. Physical Science
5. Health & Physical Education
6. Elective
7. Elective
8. Advisory

* Typical student schedule

Core Classes



Standard/Honors Courses

English 8	OR	English 8 HN				
Civics 8	OR	Civics 8 HN				
Physical Science	OR	Physical Science HN				
Pre-Algebra	OR	Algebra 1	OR	Algebra 1 HN	OR	Geometry HN

AA Courses

English 8 AA		
Civics 8 AA		
Physical Science AA		
Algebra 1 HN	OR	Geometry HN

***Students must be found level 4 eligible to take AA courses. Students that are level 4 eligible take English AA, History AA, and Science AA courses.**

Special Programs



- **Advanced Academics**
- **Spanish Immersion**
- **Special Education**
- **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**

English Electives



Creative Writing-This course focuses on building skills and expertise as writers. Instruction will focus on the writing of poetry, short stories, plays, etc.

Magazine & Yearbook-Students learn basic publication and journalism skills. Magazine focuses on Literary Magazine Layout. Yearbook focuses on designing the school yearbook.

Media Communication/Sandburg News Show-Through this course, students will apply communication skills using different types of media. Students will earn the tools for working in front of and behind the cameras.



PE Elective



World Languages



Fine & Performing Arts



FACS/CTE

GENERAL ELECTIVES



AVID-For rising 8th grade students that have already applied and been accepted. This course is designed to support motivated, capable students in pursuing a rigorous course of high school study leading to acceptance to and success in a four-year college or university. Through a variety of instructional techniques, students develop skills in higher-level thinking, writing across the curriculum, and reading strategies for accessing challenging course material. In addition, students participate in college, career, and cultural exploration activities, including field trips.

Career Investigations (NEW)-This course is designed to help students identify and demonstrate the workplace skills that employers desire in their future employees. Students analyze their personal assets; explore career clusters, career pathways, or occupations; and draft an Academic and Career Plan based on their academic and career interests

Leadership-For students interest in initiating, organizing, and participating in school sponsored events to promote service learning, improve school climate, and foster a sense of community

Electives



2 yr long electives

You'll pick 2 electives

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Elective 1	Year long elective	
Elective 2	Year long elective	

1 yr long/2 half year

You'll pick 3 electives
1 full year/2 half year

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Elective 1	Year long elective	
Elective 2	Half-year elective	Half-year elective

4 half year electives

You'll pick 4 half year electives

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Elective 1	Half-year elective	Half-year elective
Elective 2	Half-year elective	Half-year elective

Course Selection Timelines



Feb 29-March 1

Rising 8 pre-advising presentations through Social Studies

March 4-12

Rising 8 academic advising through PE

March 15

Deadline for course requests to be entered into SIS

March 15

Deadline for course change requests


SIS StudentVue/ParentVue



ParentVUE Account Access

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Login






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Username:


Password:

Login

More Options 

 Activate Account  Forgot Password  Change Username  Change Password

 iPhone App  Android App  Mobile App URL
<https://sisparent.fcps.edu/pvue>

English 

You can change
the language here



SIS StudentVue/ParentVue



Fairfax County PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Home My Account Help Logout

Select Child [Redacted] Good afternoon, [Redacted]

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COURSE REQUEST

Counselor: Frederick Pfeister

2018-2019 School Year, Grade: 12

Select Course Requests

Ln	Request	Course Title	Course ID	Elective	Credit	Comment
1	English	AP English Lit/Com	119561		1.000	
2	Marketing	Entrepreneurship 2	509415	Yes	1.000	
3	Mathematics	AP Statistics	319204		1.000	
4	Mathematics	Matrix Algebra	319600		0.500	
5	Mathematics	Multivar Calculus	317860		0.500	
6	Science	AP Environment Sci	427004	Yes	1.000	
7	Science	Astronomy	425000	Yes	1.000	
8	Social Studies	AP US & Comp Govt	244569		1.000	
					7.000	

Alternative Elective Requests (in preference order)

100%

Important Information



For more information about our course offerings, please visit our academic advising website:

<https://sandburgms.fcps.edu/academicadvising>

Important Information



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