



# Carl Sandburg Middle School

**Transition to Middle School**

January 18, 2024

# Welcome Families!



Stratford Landing

Hybla Valley

Groveton

Waynewood

Hollin Meadows

Belle View

Bucknell

Fort Hunt

Riverside

# 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**



# Our Mission



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.

# 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 I HN)

- Science

- Special Education self contained, English Language Learner, World Language, Career and Technical Education (CTE), Fine and Performing Arts, AVID, and General Electives will have students from 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 7
2. US History
3. Math
4. Life Science
5. Health & Physical Education
6. Elective
7. Elective
8. Advisory

\* Typical student schedule

# Core Classes



## Standard/Honors Courses

English 7	OR	English 7 HN		
US History 7	OR	US History 7 HN		
Life Science	OR	Life Science HN		
Math 7	OR	Math 7 HN	OR	Algebra 1 HN

**\*Students that pass the IAAT with a 90% or higher and score a 500 or higher on the Math 7 SOL will be placed in Algebra 1 HN**

## AA Courses

English 7 AA		
US History 7 AA		
Life Science AA		
Math 7 HN	OR	Algebra 1 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.**



English 7 and 8 are reading and writing intensive courses that are structured by the Virginia Department of Education. With novels, short stories, and nonfiction texts, students will analyze texts, create writing products, and conduct research. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students both take a reading test to assess their mastery of grade-level skills in May of each year.

\*Standard and Honors classes are largely the same, but Honors classes are taught at a faster pace with extensions to lessons built in. For example, a standard and honors class might complete the same project, but the standard class might be given more time, and the classes might have different prompts.

# Social Studies



## Units of Study:

1. Post-Civil War Reconstruction
2. Expense of Expansion
3. The Gilded Age
4. Spanish-American War
5. World War I
6. 1920s
7. Great Depression
8. World War II
9. The Cold War
10. Civil Rights Movement

# Social Studies



## What is Historical Thinking?

Historians are detectives. They must use and decode sources from the past to tell the story of history.

## Why Will Students Think like a Historian?

The goal of history class is to not memorize dates and names, but instead it is intended to prepare students to tolerate complexity, adapt to new situations, and resist the first answer that comes to mind.



# Social Studies



## Honors courses are open enrollment

- \* Consider your student's strengths and interest in American History.
- \* Consider current teacher input to assist in deciding whether to enroll in the honors course.

## Please consider if the student:

- \* Will be able to move through content at a faster pace.
- \* Will be able to work independently or with a partner to dive deeper into content.
- \* Will thoroughly and genuinely enjoy the subject matter.

# Math

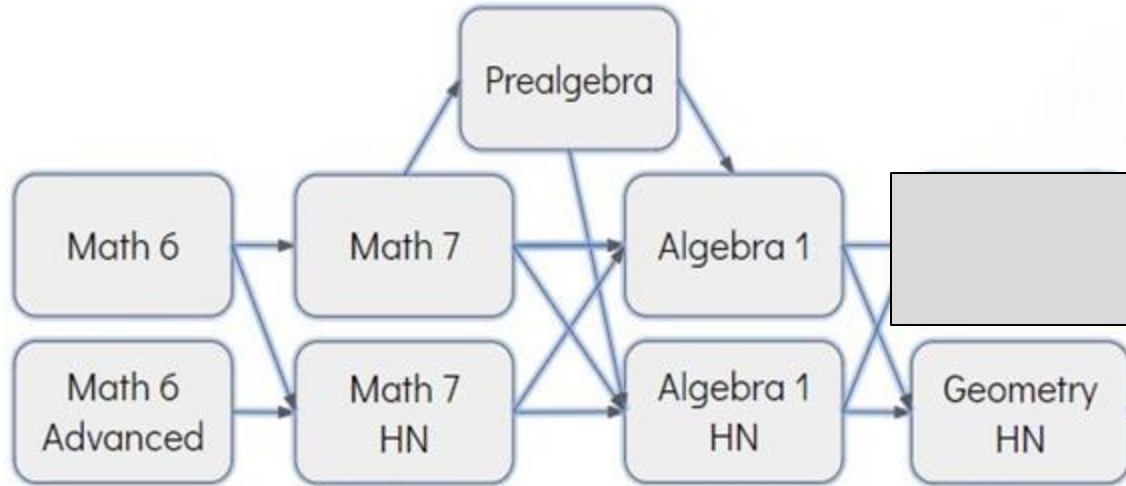


**Math 7** prepares students for Pre-Algebra in 8th grade, ensuring that students master topics related to Real Number operations, proportional reasoning, and basic algebraic operations. This is a natural progression for a students that are currently taking Math 6.

**Math 7 Honors** is a Pre-Algebra class which is a natural progression for students taking advanced Math in Elementary School. This course prepares students for Algebra 1 Honors in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a challenging class, where students apply their Math skills to solve multistep equations and inequalities, dig deeper into functions, and work with complex numbers.

**Algebra 1 Honors** is a High School level class which requires students to be able to keep up with challenging topics in a fast-paced learning environment. Students may be offered enrollment if they earn at least a 90% in the IOWA test AND pass advance on the Math 7 SOL.

# Math Pathway



**\*Sandburg MS does not offer standard Geometry at this time.**

# Science



7<sup>th</sup> grade is life science (entry level biology)

Courses: Life Science, Life Science HN

There is no SOL for 7<sup>th</sup> grade science. The students will take a science SOL in 8<sup>th</sup> grade that covers 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Information.

# TJ Admission Requirements



## TJHSST Eligibility Requirements

[\\*Visit FCPS.edu](http://FCPS.edu) for more information

- **Math Course:** Must be enrolled or have completed Algebra I Honors (full year)
- **Science Course:** Must be enrolled in Science Honors
- **Other Courses:** Must be in at least **one** of the following:
  - English Honors
  - Social Studies Honors
  - Young Scholars
- **GPA:** Must have a 3.5 or higher GPA in all core academic courses (Math, Science, Social Studies, English, and HS Credit World Language)

# Special Programs



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

# Electives



## Semester (half year) Options

- Engineering 1 & 2
- Coding 1 & 2
- Computer solutions
- Art Foundations
- Art Extensions\*
- 3D Art \*
- Computers in Art \*
- Theatre Arts
- Technical Theatre
- Advanced Theatre Arts \*
- Family & Consumer Science 1 & 2
- Creative Writing
- News Show
- Career Investigations

# Electives



## Year-Long Options

- World languages-Spanish, French, German (NEW offering)
- Journalism
- Yearbook
- Leadership Development
- Career Investigations (NEW offering)
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)-application required
- Band, Orchestra, Guitar and Choir



# Electives



## 2 yr long electives

You'll pick 2 electives

	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Elective 1</b>	Year long elective	
<b>Elective 2</b>	Year long elective	

## 1 yr long/2 half year

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

	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Elective 1</b>	Year long elective	
<b>Elective 2</b>	Half-year elective	Half-year elective

## 4 half year electives

You'll pick 4 half year electives

	Semester 1	Semester 2
<b>Elective 1</b>	Half-year elective	Half-year elective
<b>Elective 2</b>	Half-year elective	Half-year elective

# Course Selection Timelines



**Feb 5-23  
schools**

**Rising 7 pre-advising and academic advising with students at elementary**

**March 15**

**Deadline for course requests to be entered into SIS**

**March 15**

**Deadline for course change requests**

# SIS StudentVue/ParentVue



## ParentVUE Account Access

A screenshot of the ParentVue login interface. At the top, it says "Login" and "Fairfax County PUBLIC SCHOOLS SIS STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM". Below this are fields for "Username:" and "Password:", followed by a blue "Login" button. A "More Options" dropdown menu is visible, containing links for "Activate Account", "Forgot Password", "Change Username", and "Change Password". At the bottom, there are icons for "iPhone App", "Android App", and "Mobile App URL" with the URL "https://parent.fcps.edu/vue". A language selector at the bottom left shows "English" with a dropdown arrow.

You can change  
the language here



# SIS StudentVue/ParentVue



Fairfax County PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
111 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT YEARS

Home My Account Help Logout

Select Child [Redacted] Good afternoon, [Redacted]

**Navigation**

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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
	English	AP English Lit/Com	119561		1.000	
2	Marketing	Entrepreneurship 2	909415	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	

Alternate Elective Requests (in preference order)

11/10/18

# 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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