



Carl Sandburg Middle School

Transition to
Middle School
January 16, 2025

Welcome Families!



Stratford
Landing

Hybla Valley

Groveton

Waynewood

Hollin Meadows

Belle View

Bucknell

Fort Hunt

Riverside



Welcome from Principal Underhill

Meet the Sandburg Administrators



Mr. Underhill
Principal



Ms. Weaver
Director of Student
Services



Mr. Steventon
Assistant Principal
School Improvement



Ms. Diglio
Assistant Principal
Systems of Support



Ms. Wade
Assistant Principal
School Improvement



Ms. Kleeschulte Richard
Assistant Principal



Ms. Moses
Assistant Principal



Mr. Barrow
Assistant Principal



Dr. Williams
Dean of Students



Ms. Espinoza
Dean of Students



Ms. Perry
Dean of Students

Student Services Team



Ms. Weaver
Director of Student Services



Mr. Wilson
School Counselor



Ms. Clemons
School Counselor



Ms. Majors
School Counselor



Ms. Wilkerson
School Counselor



Ms. Espichan
School Counselor



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.

House Model



- **Core Interdisciplinary Model (On House)**
 - 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 houses.

All Students Take 7 Classes



1. English 7
2. US History
3. Math
4. Life Science
5. Health & Physical Education
6. Elective
7. Elective

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.

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



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. Seventh and 8th 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

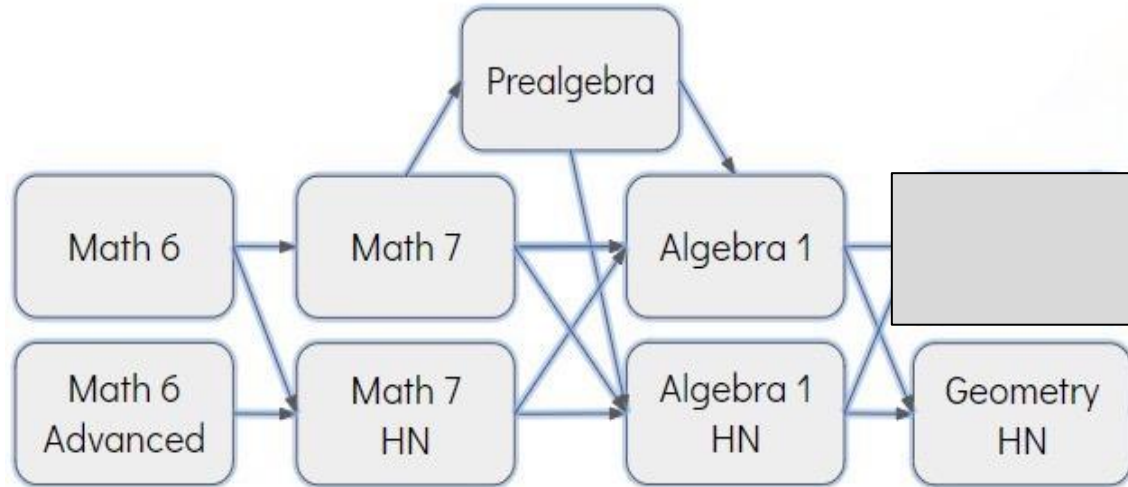


Math 7 prepares students for Pre-Algebra in 8th grade, ensuring that students master topics related to Real Number operations, proportional reasoning, and basic algebraic operations. This is a natural progression for a students that are currently taking Math 6.

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 8th 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



7th grade is life science (entry level biology)

Courses:

- Life Science: General Education
- Life Science: Honors
- Life Science: Advanced Academics (Level 4 only)

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

Science-MWEE Trip



In 7th grade, students will get to go on a field trip to a local lake and explore how water quality impacts our watershed, The Chesapeake Bay.

Students will get hands on scientific experience and use this data to create a proposal on how to reduce our school's impact on the watershed.

TJ Admission Requirements



TJHSST Eligibility Requirements

*Visit 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)

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
- Family & Consumer Science 1 & 2
- Outdoor Adventure
- Creative Writing
- News Show
- Career Investigations
- Leadership Development
- Career Investigations (NEW offering)

Electives



Year-Long Options

- World languages-Spanish, French, German (NEW offering)
- Journalism
- Yearbook
- Advanced Theatre Arts *
- 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
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



Jan 21-Feb 7

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

March 7

Deadline for course change requests


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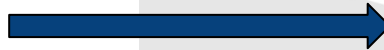
More Options 

 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



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COURSE REQUEST
Counselor: Frederick Pfister

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	509416	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	426000	Yes	1.000	
8	Social Studies	AP US & Comp Govt	244569		1.000	
					7.000	

Alternate Elective Requests (in preference order)

110%

Important Information



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

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

Special Programs



- **Advanced Academics**
- **Spanish Immersion**
- **Special Education**
- **Multilingual Learners (formerly ESOL)**

Important Information



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