



# **Langston Hughes Middle School Rising 8th Grade Curriculum Night**

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## Administrative Team



Principal

Associate  
Principal

Director of  
Student  
Services

Assistant  
Principal  
Grade 8

Assistant  
Principal  
Grade 7

Dean of  
Students

Dr. Mizell

Ms.  
Duncan-Hudspeth

Ms. Brooks

Mr. Braxton

Ms. Kirk

Ms.  
Mohrbacher

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## Student Services Team



<b>School Counselors</b> Each grade level has two counselors. Your counselor will be listed on your class schedule.	Karen Bach Mark Blocker Angel Evins Lea Fadden
<b>Social Worker</b>	Brianna Smalls
<b>Psychologist</b>	Melissa Norris
<b>Registrar</b>	Cristina Hannon
<b>Family Liaisons</b>	Maya Skaff Janessa Valentine
<b>Director of Student Services</b>	Marissa Brooks



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## Get Connected and Stay Connected!



### Schoology

Each class will have a Schoology page where teachers post assignments, due dates, and class materials.



### ParentVUE and StudentVUE (SIS)

All parents/guardians must have an active account to monitor **grades** and **attendance**. Report card grades should never be a surprise, as progress can be monitored throughout the year.



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## Middle School Class Schedule



- A middle school schedule contains **eight class periods**.

- All students take these **five** classes:

- English
- Social Studies
- Science
- Math
- Health & Physical Education

Sample Schedule	
1. English	5. Health & PE
2. Social Studies	6. Elective Slot 1
3. Science	7. Elective Slot 2
4. Math	8. Flex

- Students have two class periods for electives.
- Flex is an advisory period automatically assigned to all students.

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## Core Content Options



### English, Social Studies, & Science

- General Education
- Honors
- Advanced Academics (Level IV only)
- Special Education (varies based on I.E.P.)
- ESOL (varies based on W.I.D.A. level)

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## What is new in 8th grade?



- Students have more opportunities to earn **high school credits**.
- **Increased academic expectations** to prepare students for high school.
- **Advanced elective course** options are available.
- Students should earn **15 service learning hours** by the end of 8th grade.

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## 8th Grade Standardized Assessments



### Integrated Reading and Writing (I.R.W.)

- Students take in April.
- One assessment includes:
  - Reading Passage
  - Multiple Choice Questions
  - Essay

### Standards of Learning (S.O.L.)

- Students take during 1st block in May.
- One test per content:
  1. Reading
  2. Mathematics
  3. Science



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## Educational Programs



- **Special Education**
  - Continuum of services that align with students' I.E.P.s.
- **ESOL (Multilingual Learners)**
  - Courses support students with a home language other than English.
  - Placements are based on W.I.D.A. scores.
- **Literacy Support Courses**
  - Students may be placed in a literacy support course based on their reading test data. Parents/guardians are notified over the summer.

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## International Baccalaureate



**All students** in grades 7–10 at Langston Hughes and South Lakes participate.

**Students interested in IB should take:**

- **Algebra** and a **World Language** by the end of 8th grade.
- Honors or AAP classes are the best preparation for the IB Diploma classes in high school.

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## Advanced Courses



- **Honors courses** open to all students:
  - Honors English 8
  - Honors Science 8
  - Honors Civics 8
  - Algebra 1 Honors
  - Honors Geometry (Prerequisite: Algebra 1)
- **AAP (Advanced Academics)**
  - Students who are identified as level IV are automatically enrolled in AAP English, AAP Science, and AAP Civics.

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## Honors Course Considerations



### **When considering an honors class, as yourself:**

- Are you passionate about the subject?
- Are you good at the subject?
- Are you willing to do more work and get help from teachers, as needed?

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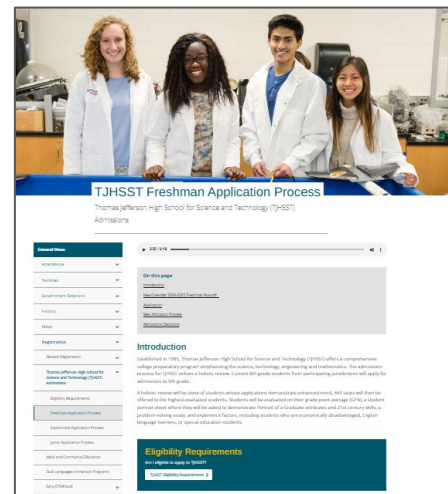
## Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology



### Applicant Requirements

- **Honors** Algebra 1
- **Honors or A.A.P.** Physical Science
- **Honors or A.A.P.** in English or Civics
- **3.5 G.P.A.** in core academic subjects (Includes World Language when it is for high school credit.)

Review the T.J.H.S.S.T. Admissions website for more information and details.



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## Mathematics Courses



What did you take in 7th grade?	Math 7	Math 7 Honors	Algebra 1 Honors*
Math course options for 8th grade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pre-Algebra (Math 8 SOL)</b></li> <li>● <b>Algebra 1* (Algebra SOL)</b></li> <li>● <b>Algebra 1 Honors * (Algebra SOL)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Algebra 1* (Algebra SOL)</b></li> <li>● <b>Algebra 1 Honors* (Algebra SOL)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Geometry Honors* (Geometry SOL)</b></p> <p><i>(Must complete Algebra 1 first.)</i></p>

\* High school credit courses; will appear on your high school transcript. Honors high school courses include a .5 bump on your GPA.

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## World Language Courses



- All 8th grade World Language courses are full year, **high school credit** courses (\*).
  - The final grade will be on your high school transcript and be calculated in your **GPA** (Grade Point Average).
- Taking a World Language course is like taking another core class; expect more homework and rigor.
- Take a World Language class in 8th grade if you are interested in the IB Diploma.

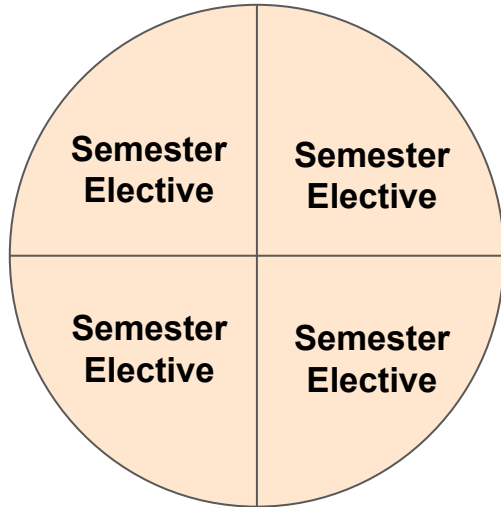
	Spanish	Spanish Immersion	French	German	Japanese
7th Grade	Spanish 1A	Spanish Immersion 1*	French 1A		
8th Grade	Spanish 1B* or Spanish 1*	Spanish Immersion 2*	French 1 B* or French 1*	German 1* at South Lakes until 2:55 p.m.	Japanese 1* at South Lakes until 2:55 p.m.

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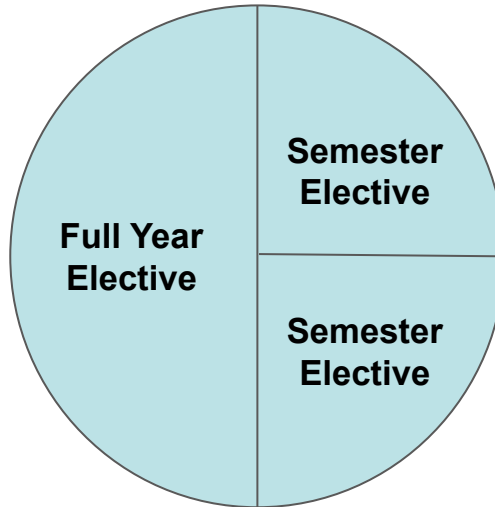
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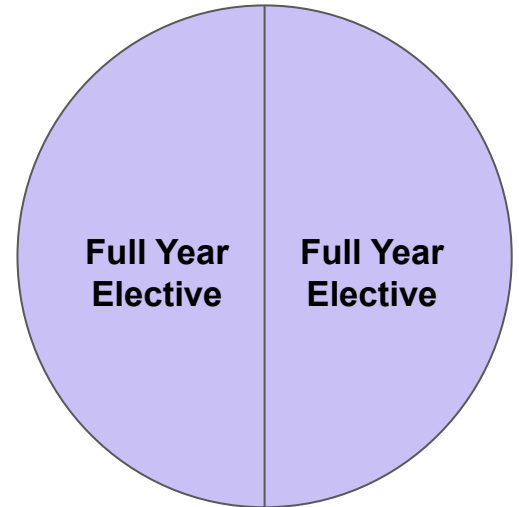
**Option A**



**Option B**



**Option C**



**Students have two periods in their schedule for electives.  
Students may be placed in a reading or math elective based on their SOL scores.**



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## LHMS Course Information



- [FCPS Course Catalog](#)
- [Elective Course Descriptions](#)
- Curriculum Menus

**Langston Hughes Middle School**  
Required Classes

*All students will take one class from each of the these five categories.*

*Click each tile to learn more about the curriculum and course options.*

English

Math

Science

Social Studies

Health & PE

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Electives

*Click each tile to learn more about the course.*

3-D Art

Art Extensions

Art Foundations

AVID

Band

Chorus

Coding 1 & 2

Computers In Art

Computer Solutions

Creative Writing

Engineering 1,2,3

Family & Consumer Sci 1 & 2

Literacy Support

Media Communication

Music Exploration

Orchestra

Strategies for Success

Technical Theater

Theater Arts & Adv Theater

World Languages

Yoga

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## Standard Diploma



### Standard Credit 22 required

A standard credit is earned by passing a course.

### Verified Credit 5 required

A verified credit is earned by passing a course AND the associated SOL or other end-of-course assessment task.

[Click here for more FCPS Graduation Requirement Information](#)

### Standard Diploma Course Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-51)

Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics <sup>1</sup>	3	1
Laboratory Science <sup>2, 5</sup>	3	1
History and Social Sciences <sup>3, 5</sup>	3	1
Health and Physical Education	2	
World Language, Fine Arts or Career and Technical Ed <sup>6</sup>	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives <sup>4</sup>	4	
AP, HN, or IB Course or Career and Technical Education Credential <sup>7</sup>		
First Aid/CPR/AED Training <sup>8</sup>		
Total Credits <sup>9, 10</sup>	22	5

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## Advanced Diploma



### Standard Credit 26 required

A standard credit is earned by passing a course.

### Verified Credit 5 required

A verified credit is earned by passing a course AND the associated SOL or other end-of-course assessment task.

### What makes an Advanced Diploma different?

- 4 credits for all core classes
- World Language requirement
- Additional course credits

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### Advanced Studies Diploma Course Requirements (8 VAC 20-131-50)

Subject Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Mathematics <sup>1</sup>	4	1
Laboratory Science <sup>2</sup>	4	1
History and Social Sciences <sup>3</sup>	4	1
World Language <sup>4</sup>	3	
Health and Physical Education	2	
Fine Arts or Career and Technical Ed	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives <sup>5</sup>	3	
AP, HN, or IB Course or Career and Technical Education Credential <sup>6</sup>		
First Aid/CPR/AED Training <sup>7</sup>		
Total Credits <sup>8,9</sup>	26	5

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## Questions or Concerns?

**Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We believe that a strong partnership between school and home is integral to student success.**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Types of Questions</b>	<b>Email</b>
Principal	Herman Mizell	General questions	hsmizell@fcps.edu
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