ACADEMIC PLANNING FOR SEVENTH GRADE

Mr. Boykin Welcome Message

Goals/Overview for Academic Planning

This presentation will give you the information to make an informed decision regarding your child's 4-6 year academic plan.

The goals include:

- *Review Graduation Requirements/Academic Planning*
- *Understanding high school credit classes*
- *Elective Choices/Course Selection*
- *Course Request Forms/Google Doc*
- *Gifted Services*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2026

DIPLOMA TYPES

9TH GRADE CLASS OF 2018-2019 AND BEYOND

Discipline Area	Standard Unit of Credit Required	Verified Credits Required
English (reading and writing)	4	2
Mathematics	3	1
Science	3	1
History & Social Sciences	3	1
Health & Physical Education	2	
World Languages Fine Arts or Career & Technical Education	2	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	4	
Total	22	5

STANDARD DIPLOMA

- Must earn atleast 22 standard units of credits by passing required courses & electives
- Must earn 5 verified credits by passing end-of-course SOL tests & other assessments as approved by VDOE.

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English (reading & writing)	4	2
Mathematics	4	1
Science	4	1
History & Social Sciences	4	1
World Languages	3	
Health & Physical Education	2	
Fine Arts or Career & Technical Education	1	
Economics & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Total	26	5

ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

- Must earn atleast 26 standard units of credits by passing required courses & electives
- Must earn 5 verified credits by passing end-of-course SOL tests & other assessments as approved by VDOE.

High School Courses for Credit

- A High School credit is earned by taking and passing a High School level class
- Students may begin earning High School credits in 7th Grade
- High School level courses which may be taken in Middle School include:
  - High School World Languages beginning in 7th Grade
  - High School level math starting with Algebra I
  - World Geography (the 8th Grade Social Studies course)
  - Technology of Robotic Design (8th Grade only)
  - Investigating Computer Science (8th Grade only)

High School Courses for Credit

- You will have the option at the end of each year to decline the credit AND the grade so that it is not included on the High School transcript or in the GPA

- Students planning to pursue an IB Diploma at W&L need to start a language in 7th grade (Spanish, French, Chinese, or Latin)

- A verified credit is earned by passing the End of Course (EOC) SOL test. EOC SOLs are taken upon completion of certain High School credit core courses

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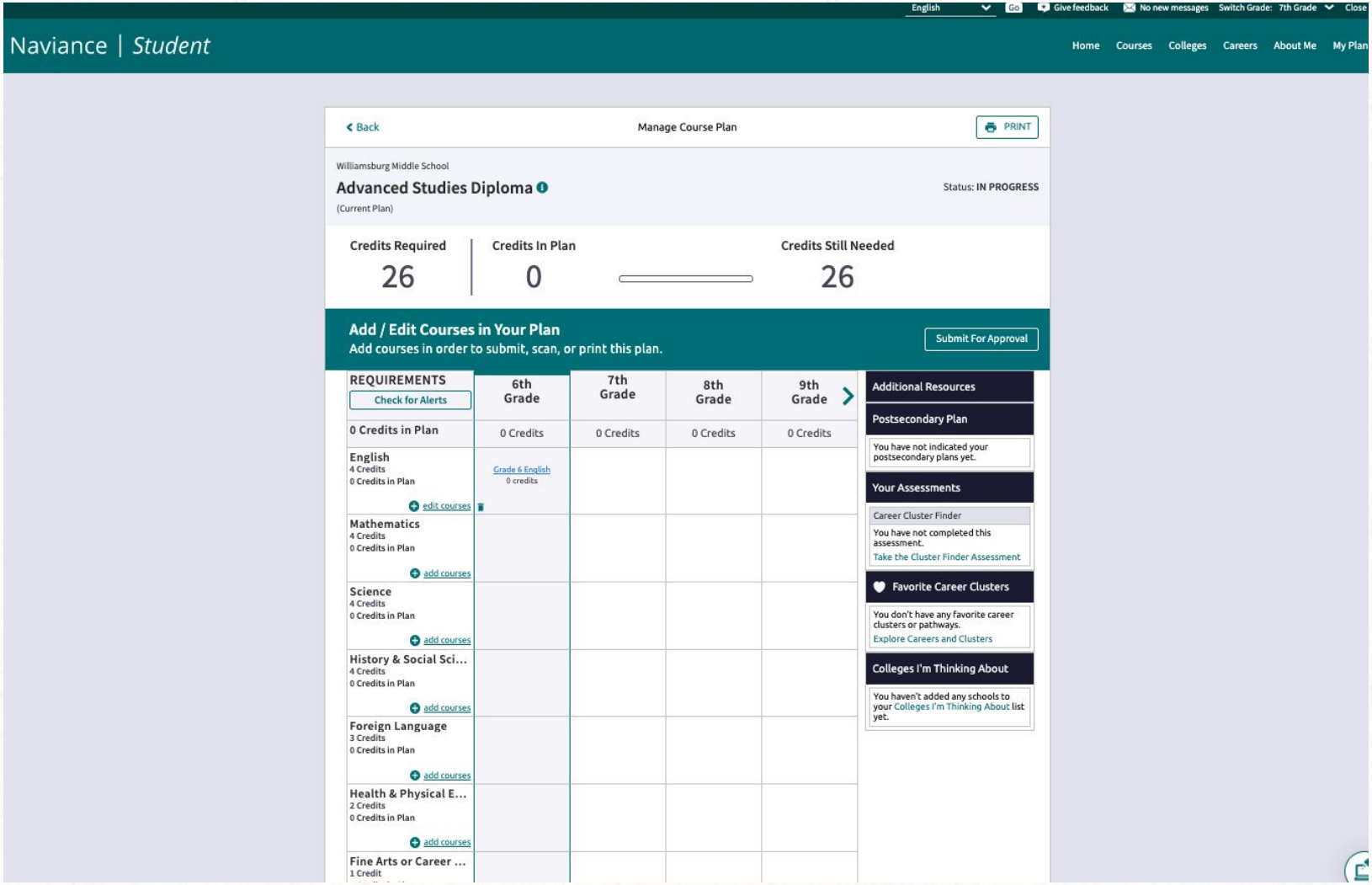
Academic Planning and Career Exploration

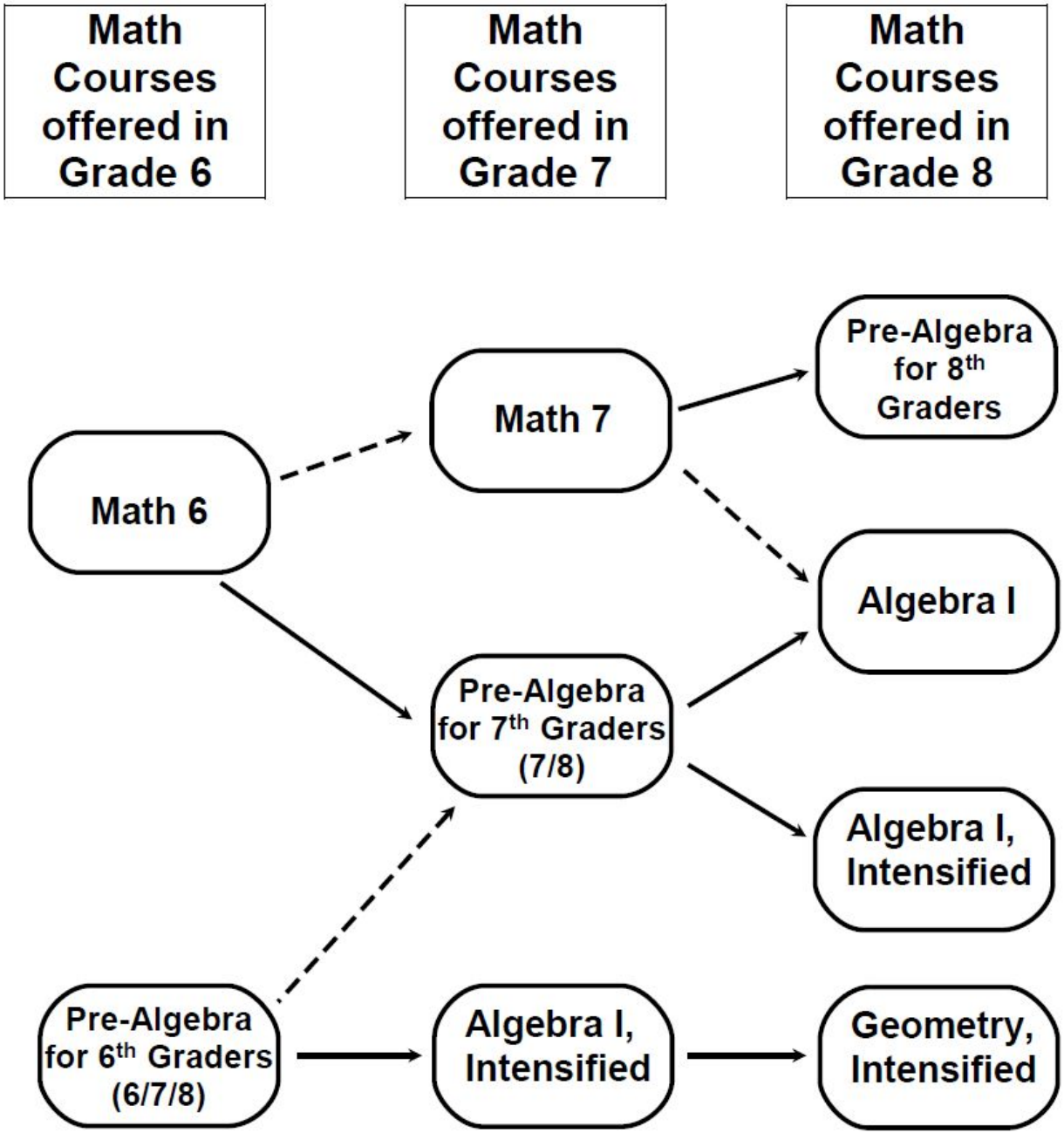


WMS COURSES AND COURSE SELECTION

7th Grade Classes

- Seventh graders take **four** core subjects:
  - Grade 7 English
  - Grade 7 Life Science
  - Grade 7 History, Civics, and Economics 1865 to Present
  - Math (teacher will make recommendations at end of the year)
    - Math 7
    - Pre-Algebra for 7th Graders
    - Intensified Algebra I
- All students will take Grade 7 PE/Health

Suggested APS Middle School Mathematics Pathways



WOLF TIME

- 30 min block for intervention in reading, writing, and math
- Students choose enrichment activities
- Flex teachers available for support/makeup work

7th Grade Bell Schedule

	7th	
0	7:50 – 8:10	TA
1 2	8:13 - 9:36	
3 4	9:39 - 11:02	
WT	11:05 - 11:38	Wolf Time
5	11:41 - 12:23	
L	12:23 - 12:58	Lunch
6 7	1:01 - 2:24	
A Day TA/1/3/WT/5/L/7 B Day TA/2/4/WT/5/L/6		

CHOOSING CLASSES - ELECTIVES

Students will have **3** elective periods

One period will be Grade 7 Health and PE
Two periods for elective classes of their choice

Elective Options:

- 2 Year long classes

or

- 1 Year long class and
  2 semester classes

or

- 4 Semester classes

Videos of Elective Teachers talking about each course will be available to students on their grade level School Counseling Canvas Course

CHOOSING CLASSES - ELECTIVES con't

Scenario 1

Elective PD 1	Semester Choice 1	Semester Choice 2
Elective PD 2	Semester Choice 3	Semester Choice 4

Scenario 2

Elective PD 1	Yearlong Choice	
Elective PD 2	Semester Choice 1	Semester Choice 2

Scenario 3

Elective PD 1	Yearlong Choice 1
Elective PD 2	Yearlong Choice 2

World Languages

Language classes meet all year and earn high school credit

World Languages offered to 7th graders:

- French I
- Latin I
- Spanish I
- Spanish I, Intensified (teacher recommendation required)
- Spanish for Fluent Speakers (placement test required)
- Chinese I
- American Sign Language
- Arabic (may not be offered based on interest level)

Full Year Elective Classes

Seventh grade exploratory courses that are offered for a YEAR include:

- World Languages
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Band
- MS Yearbook

Semester Elective Classes

Seventh grade exploratory courses that are offered for a SEMESTER include:

- Visual Arts I
- Theatre Arts
- Digital Input Technologies
- Inventions and Innovations
- Teen Living
- New Media Journalism

Course Request Forms (CRFs)

Course Request Forms: Old Form...New Way to Submit Elective Choices

Middle School: Williamsburg

Arlington Public Schools
2021 -2022
Grade 7 Course Request
Form

This Course Request Form (CRF) allows a student and his/her family to make course selections for the following year. All Grade 7 students are required to take the following core courses: English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Health and Physical Education. Additional core courses may also be required based upon the specific program in which the student is enrolled. Descriptions of all courses can be found in the Middle School Program of Studies.

Make your course selections using the Google CRF linked on the back side of this form.

Course Requests are due February 22nd 2021

Grade 7 Program

- Grade 7 TA (10207)
- Grade 7 English (11110/10029)
- Grade 7 History, Civics, and Economics 1865 to Present (12355/10037)
- Grade 7 Life Science (14115/10019)
- Grade 7 Health and Physical Education (17120)
- Math (Students will be recommended by their math teachers for a specific math course prior to the end of the school year. A letter noting the recommended course will be sent home to families before the final assignment is made.)

English Language Development (ELD) Program
Students enrolled in the ELD Program are grouped by English language proficiency into ELD 1, ELD 2, ELD 3, and ELD 4. Recommendations for math courses are made by staff. Parents/Guardians will be notified of the recommendations before the final assignment is made.

ELD 1	ELD 2	ELD 3	ELD 4
• ELD 1 English (10786) • ELD 1 Reading (10787) • ELD 1 Science (10780) • ELD 1 US History, Civ & Econ to 1865 (10800) or ELD 1 US History, Civ & Econ1865 to Present (10801) • Health & Physical Education 7 (17120) • Math (TBD)	• ELD 2 English (10790) • ELD 2 Reading (10791) • ELD 2 Science (10781) • ELD 2 US History, Civ & Econ to 1865 (10800) or ELD 2 US History, Civ & Econ 1865 to Present (10801) • Health & Physical Education 7 (17120) • Math (TBD)	• ELD 3 English (10796) • ELD 3 Reading (10794) • US History, Civ & Econ 1865 to present (general education) (12355) • Life Science (general education)(14115) • Health & Physical Education 7 (17120) • Math (TBD)	• ELD 4 English (10799) • ELD 4 Reading (10797) • US History, Civ & Econ 1865 to present (general education) (12355) • Life Science (general education)(14115) • Health & Physical Education 7 (17120) • Math (TBD)

This form is updated annually by the APS Department of Instruction and distributed though school Counseling Offices.
Please see your school counselor or the Program of Studies for additional course information.

Over for Elective Offering

Grade 7 Middle School Course Request Form (cont'd)

While all Grade 7 students are required to take a core curriculum, student also have the opportunity to select electives. Please note that elective offerings vary by school, in some cases because of specific programs offered by individual schools. Using the Google Form link at the bottom, please select your child's top 6 choices, paying close attention to the instructions listed at the top. Elective course offering depends on the sufficient student enrollment. Therefore, please indicate alternate choices (in the inset box) to help counselors meet the needs and interests of all student.

You will be asked to rank the electives in order of preference 1- 6. Scheduling decisions will be based on ranking of electives if conflicts arise.

Courses offered as semester:	Courses offered as a year only:	
o Inventions and Innovations (18433) o Teen Living (18207) o Digital Input Technologies (16617) o Theatre Arts (11392) o Visual Arts I (19041) o New Media Journalism (11204)	o Arabic I (15800)◆ o Chinese I (15615)◆ o French I (15110)◆ o Latin I (15310)◆ o Spanish I (15510)◆ o Spanish I Intensified (15516)◆ o Spanish for Fluent Speakers I (15517) Placement test required◆ ◆ These courses offer 1 H.S. credit	o MS Yearbook (11209) o Chorus (19261) FULL YEAR o Orchestra (19243) o Band (19232/19201/19228)* *Band is grouped by instrument vs level.

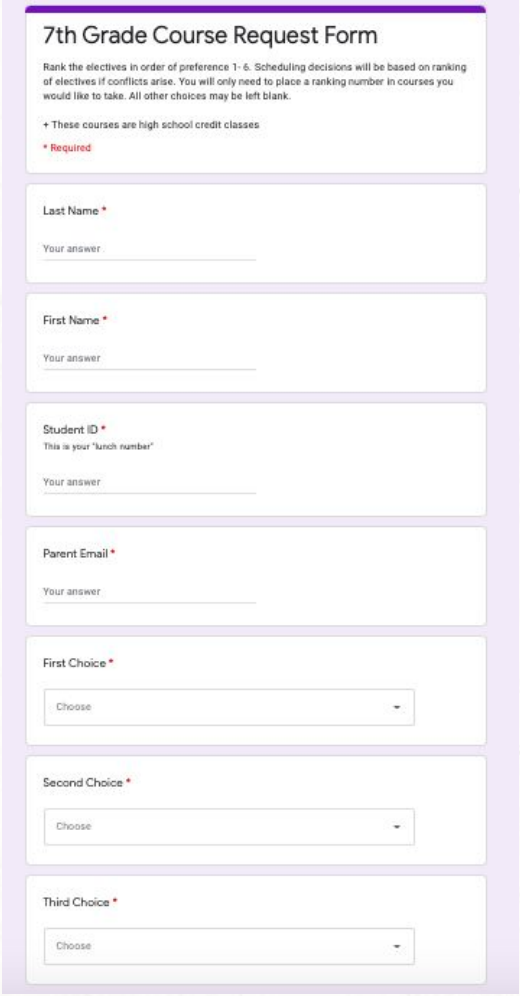
For Information and Office Use Only	
ACT II Classes (offered after school)	**By Teacher recommendation only:**
o Exploratory Arts o Technical Education: Inventions & Innovations o Family & Consumer Science: Teen Living o Beginning Chorus o Theater Arts – Drama o Jazz Band *Actual sign-ups will occur at the beginning of each semester	o Reading Strategies 7 o Math Strategies 7 o Instructional Studies

Please use this Google Form to choose classes. Submitting an email with form submission will serve as the Parent Signature. Please fill the form out with your student.

Submitting CRF Via Google Form

1. Course Request Forms will still be available to view and read via PDF in the same format (see previous slide)
2. Submission of course choices will be done virtual with a Google Form found on the CRF.
3. Students must be logged in to their APS account to submit form.

7th Grade CRF Google Form



GIFTED SERVICES

- **Cluster Groups (Differentiation Within Classroom) vs Pull-Out Sessions**

- **Critical and Creative Thinking Skills**

- **Enrichment Opportunities**
  - Brain Stretchers at lunchtime
  - Book Clubs
  - Extracurriculars (i.e. Girls Who Code, Math Olympiads, Chess, Robotics, Inked, Model UN, etc)
  - Act II Courses (Nurture Talent Development)

https://williamsburg.apsva.us/gifted-services-williamsburg/

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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The WMS Middle School Program Of Studies (POS) can be found on the WMS and APS website

(hyperlink is below):

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES 2020-2021

Course Request Google Forms (CRFs) are due to be submitted

NO LATER than **Feb 22nd, 2021**

QUESTIONS?

Thank You For Coming!