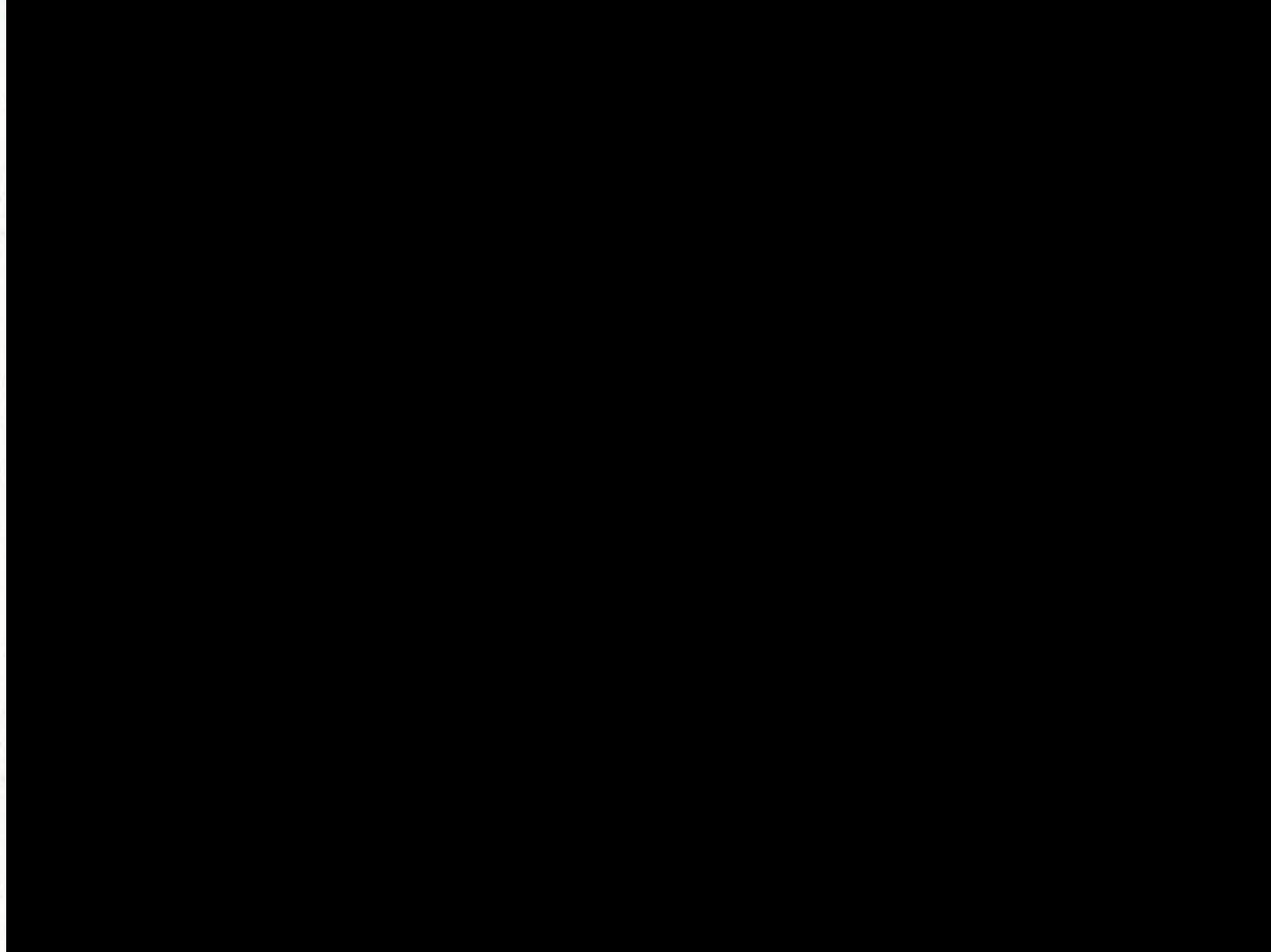


# ACADEMIC PLANNING FOR SEVENTH GRADE



# 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 Academic Planning/Graduation Requirements*
  - ▶ *Understanding high school credit classes*
  - ▶ *Elective Choices/Course Selection*
  - ▶ *Course Request Forms (CRF)*
  - ▶ *Gifted Services*



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Class of 2028

# DIPLOMA TYPES

## 9<sup>TH</sup> 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 at least 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.
- Electives must include 2 sequential courses for CTE requirement

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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 at least 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.
- Electives must include 2 sequential courses for CTE requirement

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- High School level courses which may be taken in Middle School include:
  - High School World Languages beginning in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - High School level math starting with Algebra I
  - World Geography (the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies course)
  - Technology of Robotic Design (8<sup>th</sup> Grade only)
  - Computer Programming MS (Coding)

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade (Spanish, French, Chinese, or Latin) \*\*ASL is not recognized by IB

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

# HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL PROGRAM OPTIONS

- ***Arlington Technical High School***

- Application required
  - No neighborhood boundary zones or specific application requirements
- STEM oriented, project based learning curriculum
- Dual enrollment courses → opportunity to graduate with high school and college credits

- ***Washington & Liberty High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Program***


- IB coursework begins in 11th grade. However, pre-IB coursework begins for 9th graders.
- Application requirements:
  - Strong A's & B's in all subjects
  - Successful completion of Algebra I by end of 8th grade
  - Successful completion of 2 years of World Language beginning in 7th grade (does not include American Sign Language I or II)
- Can earn IB diploma and/or certificate through program, which is recognized internationally

- ***Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology***

- Requirements: Algebra I Intensified or higher in 8th grade, must be enrolled in the highest level of 8th grade coursework and 3.5 or higher GPA
- Application required
- Admission is based on merit lottery

*\*\* Please visit the websites for each school for more information\*\**





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# 7th Grade Classes

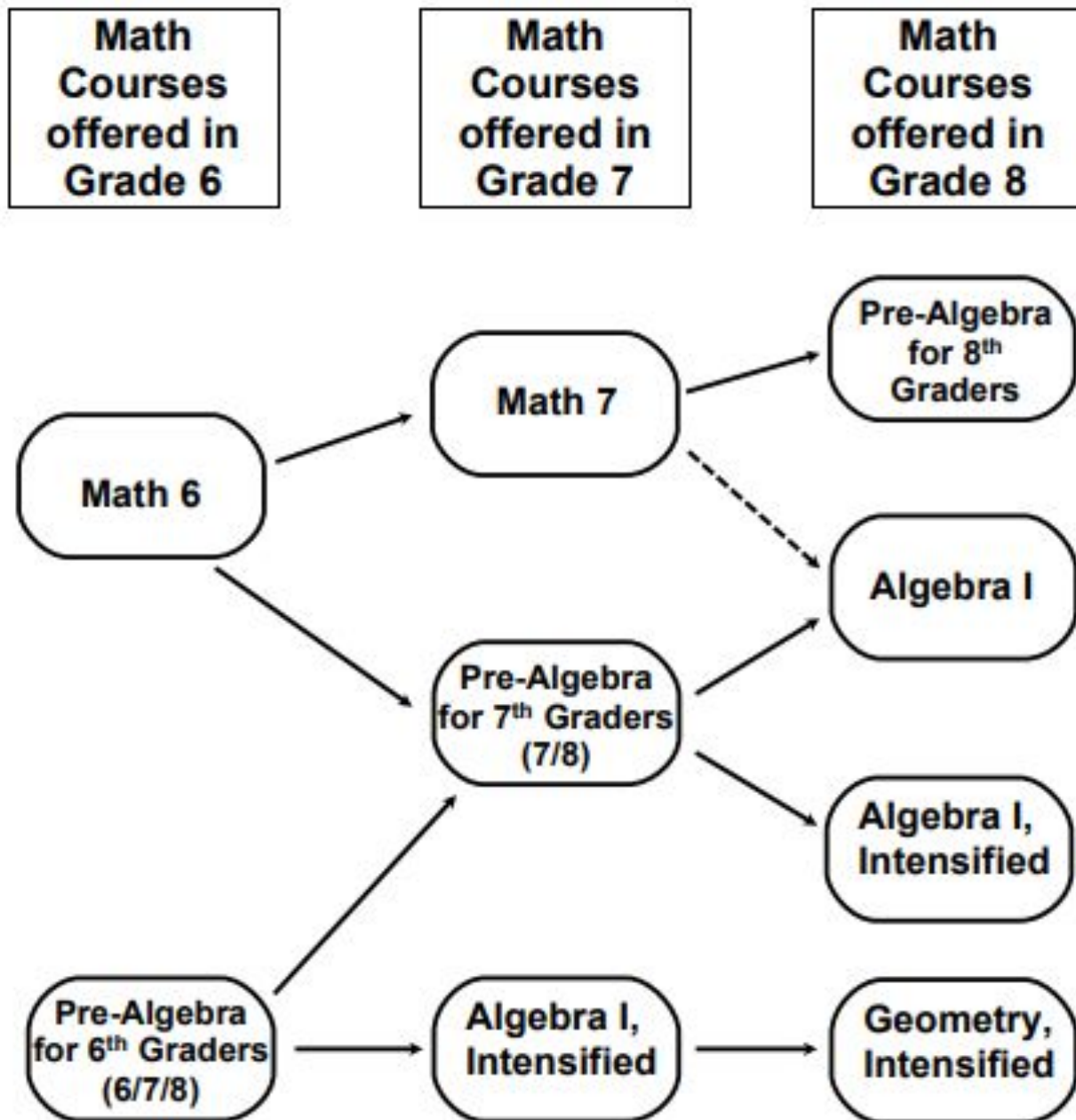
- Seventh graders take **four** core subjects:
  - Grade 7 English or Grade 7 English Intensified
  - Grade 7 Life Science or Grade 7 Life Science Intensified
  - Civics and Economics or Civics and Economics Intensified
  - Math
    - Math 7
    - Pre-Algebra for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders
    - Intensified Algebra I



\*Students will receive their recommended math course from the APS Math Office in the summer. This placement is based on several end of year data points.

- 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

**Bell Schedules are not posted online for safety and security.**

# 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

# Full Year Elective Classes

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

- World Languages \*\*HS Credit
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Band
- MS Yearbook \*\* *Application required*
- Computer Programming (Coding) \*\* HS Credit



# World Languages

Language classes meet all year and earn high school credit

World Languages offered to 7<sup>th</sup> graders:

- French I
- Latin I
- Spanish I
- Spanish for Fluent Speakers I (teacher recommendation required)
- Chinese I
- American Sign Language I
- Arabic I



# 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
- Guitar
- Beginning Keyboarding Piano

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Course Request Forms (CRFs)

# Course Request Forms

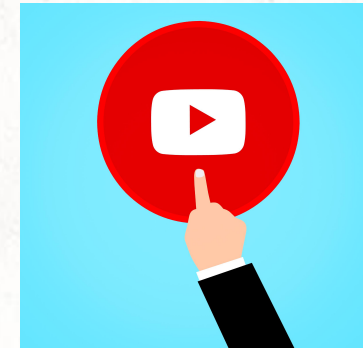
Please fill these forms out with your student

Course request forms will be posted online after student academic planning presentations

Students will receive their CRFs after they have had their academic planning lesson with their grade level counselors.

# 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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# WMS Special Education

The WMS continuum of services:

- Includes the Integrated Co-taught Classroom
- The Special Education Classroom
- The countywide programs of Interlude and Functional Life Skills
- Is decided by an IEP team

# FINAL THOUGHTS



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 2022-2023](#)

Course Request Forms (CRFs) are due to be submitted

**NO LATER than Feb 24th, 2023**



QUESTIONS?

Thank You For  
Coming!



# Exit Ticket

