



2023-2024
8TH Grade Course Request

Student Name: _____

Please note the following course restrictions: Additional information under the “Course Selection Tips” section.

*** Pre-requisite or placement exam to take this course**

**** Students must enroll in a PE course unless they are part of an organized team sport after school**

***** High School course with pre-requisite: counts towards graduation GPA**

+ 2 yrs of a foreign language is required for graduation, High School course that counts towards graduation GPA

CORE CLASSES

Select one of each of the core classes.

English

_____ English 8

_____ Honors English 8*

Social Studies

_____ U.S. History 8

_____ U.S. Honors History 8*

Bible

_____ Girls Bible 8

_____ Boys Bible 8

Mathematics

_____ Math Prealgebra

_____ Honors Math Algebra 1***

_____ Honors Math Geometry ***

Science

_____ Earth Science

_____ Honors Physical Science ***

_____ Honors Biology ***

ELECTIVES

Select 4 Electives from the lists below, ranking them in order of preference.

1 being your first choice and 4 being your last choice.

- _____ MS Art 8*
- _____ MS Automation and Robotics with Competition
- _____ MS Band 8 Honors
- _____ MS Choir 8
- _____ MS Consumer Science 8
- _____ MS Drama 8
- _____ PE Boys**
- _____ PE Girls**
- _____ Spanish I (speakers)
- _____ Spanish II (speakers)
- _____ Spanish I (non-speakers)
- _____ Spanish II (non-speakers)

Course Selection Tips

Course	*Pre-Requisites
Honors English 8	MAP assessment data, grades in previous coursework, and teacher recommendation and/or A/B average in Honors English 7 are all considered. <i>Strong</i> reading and writing skills needed.
Honors U.S. History 8	<i>Strong</i> reading and writing skills needed. Grades in previous Social Studies coursework and teacher recommendation are all considered. This course requires additional reading and writing.
Algebra I (Honors) <i>High School Level Course</i>	MAP assessment data, teacher recommendation and/or <u>A/B average in Honors Pre-Algebra</u> are all considered. Courses completion required: Prealgebra.
Geometry (Honors) <i>High School Level Course</i>	MAP assessment data, teacher recommendation and/or <u>A/B average in Algebra I</u> are all considered. Courses completion required: Algebra I.
Physical Science (Honors) <i>High School Level Course</i>	MAP assessment data, grades in previous science coursework, and teacher recommendation are all considered. Courses completion required: Prealgebra
Honors Biology (Honors) <i>High School Level Course</i>	MAP assessment data, grades in previous science coursework, and teacher recommendation are all considered. Courses completion required: Prealgebra and Physical Science
Spanish I (Speakers & Non-speakers) <i>High School Level Course</i>	Placement Test
Spanish II (Speakers & Non-speakers) <i>High School Level Course</i>	Placement Test Courses completion required: Spanish I
Art	Enrollment by portfolio or teacher selection with administrative approval. Three to five art pieces of any art medium needs to be submitted directly to Mrs. Gruhn at s.gruhn@floridachristian.org by May 1 st unless the student is currently enrolled in the art program.

****PE OPT OUT WAIVER:** Physical education is required in grades 6, 7, and 8. A parent/guardian may request a waiver for their student to opt out of the requirement. This option should be utilized at the parent's request only. The student's parent indicates in writing to the school that the student is participating in physical activities such as a club sport, league, dance company, martial art, or FCS MS sports outside the school day which are equal to or in excess of the mandated requirement. If completing the outside physical activity through an FCS sport, the student will need to be a part of at least 2 sport seasons. Fill out digital form through this link, **ONLY IF REQUESTING TO OPT OUT OF THE PE REQUIREMENT:** <https://forms.office.com/r/TR6EpXFfKD>

HONORS COURSE: Honors Courses are awarded an additional partial point which goes towards their weighted GPA. Honors Courses are higher level, and present more academic rigor.