# Franklin Middle School Rising 8th Academic Advising

**February 13, 2025** 

## Rising 8th Grade Virtual Coffee



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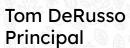
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- Academic Advising Overview
- Course Selection:
  - Core Classes
  - Electives Classes

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## **Introductions - Admin Team**









Danna Hailfinger Director of Student Services



Sarah Burrowbridge Assistant Principal



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Chris Tippins After School Specialist

## **Student Services Team**



Ms. Fraundorfer Counselor

Ms. Gallagher Counselor

> Ms. Zeid Counselor



Ms. Hailfinger DSS

Ms. Brunais
Social Worker

Ms. Wilson Psychologist

## **Academic Advising:**



Now	Academic Advising Lesson w/ Counselors through Science classes			
February 18-28	Verifying course requests 1:1 Advising Conferences			
February 28	Final Course Selections Due in SIS			

## **Course Selection**



Health & PE Advisory	HPE and Advisory	No decisions - all students enrolled
English		
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## Standard vs Honors Courses for English, Science, Social Studies



- The same state standards are covered in both courses
- Honors courses utilize extensions and explore topic with greater depth and complexity
- Open Enrollment is available for all Honors courses











## **Standard vs Honors Courses**





~600 students

(nearly 3 out of every 4 students)

take at least 1 honors course

~280 students

(1 in every 3 students)

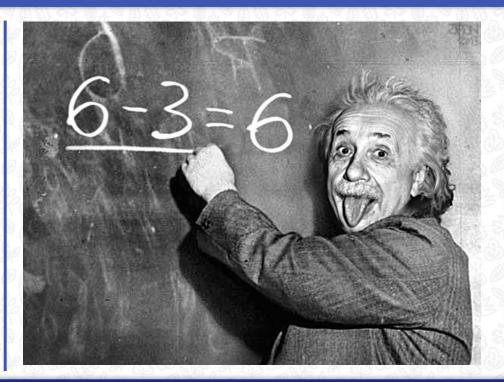
take honors for all four core content

## Math Course Options



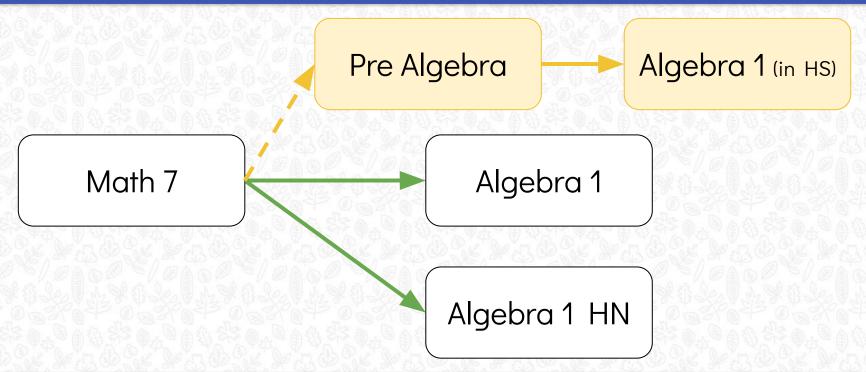
### Goals:

Students build confidence in their math abilities and are challenged, supported, and successful in their math courses in MS.



## **Math Pathways**





## 8th Grade Math Options



## **Pre Algebra**

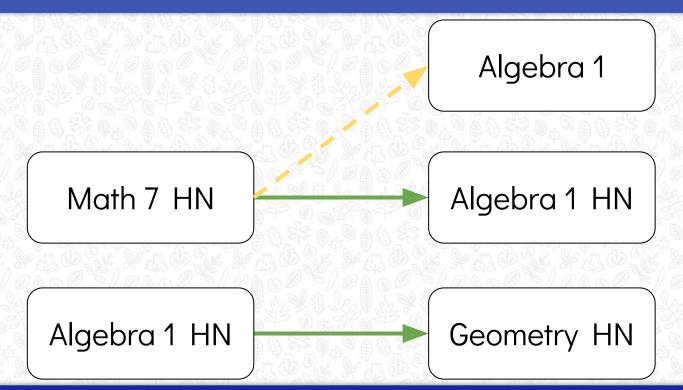
- Students will take the
   Grade 8 Math SOL
- This course is a very thorough mathematical survey course that provides students with a strong foundation for Algebra as 9<sup>th</sup> graders

## **Other Courses**

- Students will take the SOL for that course (Alg, Geo)
- Honors courses are standard curriculum with extensions
- Students should have successfully completed their prior math class

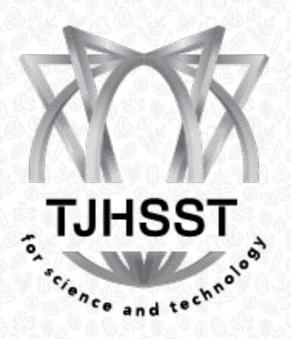
## **Math Pathways**





## **Applying to Thomas Jefferson**





## Important Courses to Select:

Math: Algebra 1 HN or higher

**Science:** Science 8 Honors

**English:** Must take one of

Civics: these at Honors level

#### **Updates shared via Schoology about:**

- TJ Representative visits to FMS in the Fall
- Preparing for TJ Exam w/ AART

## **Course Selection Form Guide**



This form is meant to be a visual guide and should support your student in entering classes with their counselor or teacher.

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## **Electives Courses**



#### You will take between 2 to 4 electives:

Semester 1	Semester 2
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Elective 2	Elective 4

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#### Semester electives:

- **Art Courses**
- **Computer Solutions**
- **Engineering Design & Modeling Advanced Electives:**
- **Family & Consumer Sciences**
- Leadership
- Theatre Arts Appreciation

- **Tech Theatre**
- **Strategies for Success**

- Coding & Innovative Tech.
- **Engineering Simulation & Fabrication**
- **Advanced Theatre Arts**

#### Yearlong electives:

- Band
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Spanish 1 or 2\*
- French 1 or 2\*
- Yearbook

## **Supporting our Students**



## Reading

- Lexia Power Up Lessons
- Literacy Through Active Participation (LAP)
- Literacy

## **Mathematics**

- Algebra Readiness
- Falcon Time Interventions

We are utilizing recent Universal Screener data as well as past SOL scores to identify students who need additional support.

For questions, email Ms. Hailfinger at <a href="mailto:dehailfinger@fcps.edu">dehailfinger@fcps.edu</a>

## **Supporting our Students**



**ESOL** - Students working on their English language will take courses to support their language development. Courses will be based upon the student's most current WIDA level.

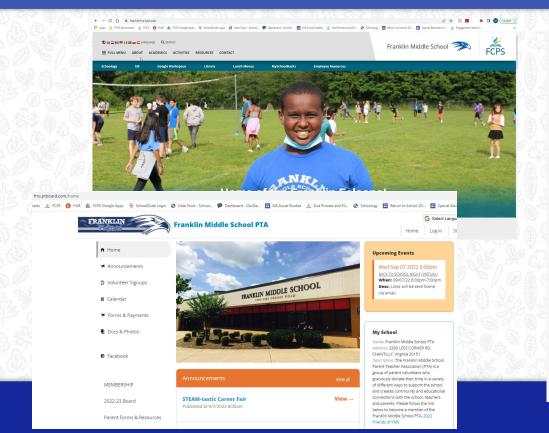
For questions, reach out to Cherie Houck at <a href="mailto:cahouck@fcps.edu">cahouck@fcps.edu</a>

**Special Education** - We have many great classes to support students with an IEP. Courses will be finalized during the transition IEP meeting this spring.

For questions, reach out to Sara Rolander at <a href="mailto:ssrolander@fcps.edu">ssrolander@fcps.edu</a>

## **Additional Resources**







#### Franklin MS Weekly Update - September 1

Fairfax County Public Schools sent this bulletin at 09/01/2022 03:30 PM EDT

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#### Franklin Middle School





Franklin Families and Students.

Good Afternoon!

It has been a great second week of the school year at Franklin Middle School. Our students and staff are settling into positive routines, developing relationships with each other, and forming their new classroom communities. This work will continue throughout the year as we keep the needs of our students at the center of all that we do.

We have some opportunities for all of you to connect with our school community in the coming days and I wanted to highlight those below:

 Back to School Night – September 7 at 6:00 PM: We hope that you can join us for our Back to School Night event on Wednesday, September 7. This will be a virtual event via Zoom that features a synchronous presentation from the FNIS Leadership Team. A Zoom link will be sent on September 7, and this session will be recorded and shared with the community if you are unable to join us at 6:00 PM. The session will feature updates about our focus for the school year, a preview of a day in the life of our students, and a spotlight on the supports that will be in place for your student this year. There will also be an opportunity for families to submit questions. We hope that

## **Next Steps**



Work with your child to complete course requests for next school year - final course requests are due in SIS by February 28th

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