

Deerlake Middle School

Course Request Form 25-26SY



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Student Name _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

7th Grade

Important Information- Please read and review the front and back of this document carefully. Each student enrolled in a Leon County middle school must complete three courses of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies prior to promotion to high school. Parents and students must sign each part of this request and return it by **March 28, 2025**.

Instructional Levels/Placement Criteria

All 7th graders will be enrolled in four core academic courses and two elective courses. Course levels for language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies will be determined by teacher recommendations, FAST scores, prognosis testing and current academic standings.

Students scoring in the lowest 25% of the FAST Reading may be required to receive intensive reading intervention per *Florida Statute, 1008.25*.

Parental Placement Overrides

Parents who feel their student can handle more rigorous courses, may request their student be assigned to a course other than the recommended course. In such cases, a parent may request an override **prior** to the start of the school year to place the student in a level of course desired by the parent. **This override will be honored and maintained throughout the year regardless of a student's grade or academic achievement.** **Please contact the school to obtain an opt-out form.** Completing an override form does not guarantee placement in a different course but allows for a different placement if there is availability in the course.

Signature and Confirmation

The master schedule of Deerlake Middle School is based upon the courses you were assigned or selected on this document. Changes to schedules will not be made once the scheduling process is complete without a JUSTIFIABLE REASON for making the change. **A change in mind regarding an elective choice, classroom peers or locations are not JUSTIFIABLE REASONS.** Parents and students must sign each part of this request as documentation that you viewed both sides of this document carefully in regards to your options and choices and return it by **March 28, 2025**

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____ Date _____

"The Leon County School District does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, sex (including transgender, gender nonconforming, and gender identity), marital status, disability, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or genetic information."

Elective Selection: Students who have met the passing requirements for the FAST may enroll in two elective courses of their choice. **If you do not rank PE as an elective course, we will consider this your request to opt out.** We ask that students select their elective choices, ranking them with **numbers 1-5**. Students not returning a course request by **March 28, 2025** will receive an elective chosen by the administration. **Elective courses are not the priority in the scheduling process.**

- **Band 2** - Symphonic Band. Band 1 is a pre-requisite. Intermediate level instruction and more performance opportunities. *Recommendation by the instructor is required for levels 2 and 3. FULL YEAR COURSE* Interested students may join Band 1 with instructor approval.
- **Career Research & Planning– Agriculture and Conservation** – This course will explore careers in agriculture and conservation specific to Florida outdoor industries. **FULL YEAR COURSE**
- **Chorus** - Chorus members participate in small and large group performances throughout the year. *All levels welcome. FULL YEAR COURSE*
- **Fantasy Literature 2** - Students study classic novels that may include *The Red Pyramid, Coraline* and *The Magician's Nephew*. **FULL YEAR COURSE**
- **Guitar 1 or 2** - Designed to provide students with the fundamentals of playing the acoustic guitar and perform in a concert setting. *Recommendation by the instructor is required for level 2. FULL YEAR COURSE*
- **Journalism 1**HS** - Requires application and prior approval by Ms. Harris. Students will take pictures, create layouts, write text, sell advertisements, create a yearbook sales drive, etc. **Full Year Course** *This course satisfies an elective credit for high school graduation.*
- **Math Research**** - Requires application and prior approval by Ms. King. Students are selected for this course based on math competitions scores. **FULL YEAR COURSE**
- **Music Keyboard 1 OR 2** – Students will progress through more advanced music theory and digital keyboard playing. **FULL YEAR COURSE** *Keyboard 2 requires completion of Keyboard 1 unless prior approved by Ms. Shimer.*
- **Orchestra** - Students with or without instructional experience in playing stringed instruments (violin, viola, cello, and bass) are provided with further skills on their instrument and practice playing together as a group. Recommendation by the instructor is required for levels 2 and 3. **FULL YEAR COURSE**
- **Physical Education (PE)** - The physical education program (P.E.) is designed to develop competencies in physical fitness, body-management skills, skills related to throwing, catching, striking with the body, striking with objects and strategies. **FULL YEAR COURSE**
- **Spanish 1*HS** - This course follows all high school curriculum requirements of first year of high school Spanish. *Students must have a qualifying score on the FAST Reading, the signature of their current language arts teacher, and an A or B final course grade in ELA. This course satisfies an elective credit for high school graduation. FULL YEAR COURSE*
- **STEM 2** - Through science, technology, engineering and math students solve real world problems. Students will develop their teamwork, collaboration, logical reasoning and communication skills through project-based learning. **Semester Course – paired with Art 2**
- **Theatre 2** - Provides for the study of drama in performance, dialogue and improvisation. A lab fee may be required. **FULL YEAR COURSE.**
- **Video Productions**** - Requires application and prior approval by Ms. Mahone. Students will learn video production skills creating videos for the morning announcements as well as other Deerlake events. Students will learn technology skills through a variety of digital programs. **FULL YEAR COURSE. See Ms. Mahone for an application.**
- **Visual Art 2** - This course is designed to allow students with a basic understanding of the artistic expression of ideas through 2D and 3D media to improve and advance in their creative skills. **Semester Course – paired with STEM 2.**

COURSE SELECTIONS – RANK YOUR PREFERNECES USING 1-5

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| ___Band 1 | ___Guitar 1 | ___Orchestra 2 | HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT |
| ___Band 2 | ___Guitar 2 | ___Physical Education (PE) | ___Yearbook 1**HS (elective credit) ___Teacher Sign (Harris) |
| ___Chorus | ___Math Research** ___Teacher Sign (King) and completed application | ___STEM 2 (Semester) ___Visual Art 2 (Semester) <i>This is a linked pair.</i> | ___Spanish 1 HS* (elective credit) ___ELA Teacher Sign |
| ___Fantasy Literature 2 | ___Music Keyboard 1 OR ___Music Keyboard 2 | ___Theatre 2 | |
| ___Career Research and Decision Making – Agriculture and Conservation | ___Orchestra 1 | ___Video Production** ___Teacher Sign (Mahone) and completed application. | -----School Use Only----- ___Unique Skills |

*Designates a high school credit course that will appear on the high school transcript and affect high school GPA calculation. **Grade of B or above is required**

****Course application and teacher application required BEFORE student may be placed – course teacher will verify student selections.**