

Deerlake Middle School

Course Request form 25-26 SY



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Student Name _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

8th 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 8th 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% on the FAST Reading may be required to receive additional reading intervention services, per *Florida Statute, 1008.25*. This will replace an elective.**

***Per recommendation by the Florida Department of Education, students not enrolled in Algebra 1 will be enrolled in a Career & Technical Education elective course for acceleration.**

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 override 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. **The equivalent of one class period per day of physical education for one semester of each year is required for grades 6-8 per Florida Statute 1003.455 Physical Education.** The requirement may be waived for a student who is required to enroll in a remedial class; or if a parent indicates in writing that the student enroll in another course. **If you do not rank PE as an elective course, we will consider this your request to opt out.** We ask that students rank elective choices 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.**

- **Acting 1 HS*** - This course may be taken for high school credit and provides for the study of drama in performance, dialogue and improvisation. A lab fee may be required. ***This course satisfies the fine arts credit for high school graduation.***
- **Agri Science Foundations HS*** –Fundamentals of Agri science planning, management, finance, and environmental issues. Lab and project-based learning. ***REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS WITH FSA MATH LEVEL 3 IF NOT TAKING ALGEBRA. This is a CTE acceleration course and counts as an equivalent SCIENCE credit for high school graduation. This course requires an end-of-year certification test for industry certification.***
- **Art 2D/3D HS*** - This year-long high school credit course allows students to experiment with media and techniques used to design and construct 2D and 3D artworks. ***This course satisfies the fine arts credit for high school graduation.***
- **Band 3** – Symphonic Band. This class is for students who have completed Band 1 & 2. May require additional costs or fees. Students new to band may choose Band 1 or 2.
- **Chorus** - Advanced singing technique as well as performance skills and advanced music literacy. Students new to chorus are welcome.
- **Fantasy Literature 3** - Students study classic novels that may include *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, *The Lightening Thief* and *The Graveyard Book*.
- **Guitar 3 (Guitar 1 or 2)** - This course provides advanced technique and skills with performance opportunities. Recommendations by the instructor is required for levels of 2 and 3. Students new to Guitar may choose Guitar 1 or 2
- **Yearbook 2 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. ***This course satisfies an elective credit for high school graduation.***
- **Math Research 3**** - **Requires application and prior approval by Ms. King** Students selected based on math competition scores.
- **Music Keyboard 2 or 3** – Students will advance in music theory and playing keyboard.
- **Orchestra 3** - This course if for students who have completed orchestra 1 and 2 (violin, viola, cello and bass). Students may also choose Orchestra 1 or 2.
- **Peer Tutor**** – **REQUIRES ADVANCED TEACHER APPROVAL AND APPLICATION.** Students assist a classroom teacher. Selection will be finalized over summer and students will be notified if they are approved and based on teacher availability. **Please see Mr. Burkey.**
- **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.
- **Spanish 1 or 2 HS*** - This course follows the high school curriculum requirements of Spanish. **Students must have qualifying ELA score, A/B final ELA course grade, and ELA teacher approval. Spanish 2 students must have completed HS Spanish 1. This course satisfies an elective credit for high school graduation.**
- **STEM/Robotics** - 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.
- **Video Productions**** - **Requires application and prior approval from 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.

COURSE SELECTIONS – USE NUMBERS 1-5 TO RANK YOUR PREFERNECES

__Band 1	__Guitar 1	__Orchestra 1	__STEM/Robotics	HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES	
__Band 2	__Guitar 2	__Orchestra 2	__Video Production** __Teacher Sign (Mahone) Complete app	__HS Acting* (Fine art credit)	__HS Research – Yearbook 2* (Elective credit)
__Band 3	__Guitar 3	__Orchestra 3		__HS Art 2D/3D* (Fine art credit)	__HS Spanish 1* __Tchr Initial (ELA) (Elective credit)
__Chorus	__Math Research** __Ms King initials and completed app.	__PE		__HS Agri- Science Foundations 1 (Science/CTE)*	__HS Spanish 2* (Elective credit) __TCHR (Spanish)
__Fantasy Literature 3	__Music Keyboard 3 OR __Music Keyboard 2	__Peer Tutor** __Mr. Burkey Initial and completed app.			

HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT CLASSES WILL APPEAR ON YOUR PERMANENT HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND AFFECT GRADUATION AND COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE.