

VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY



Parent Information Night

Welcome to Middle
School!

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Agenda for Tonight

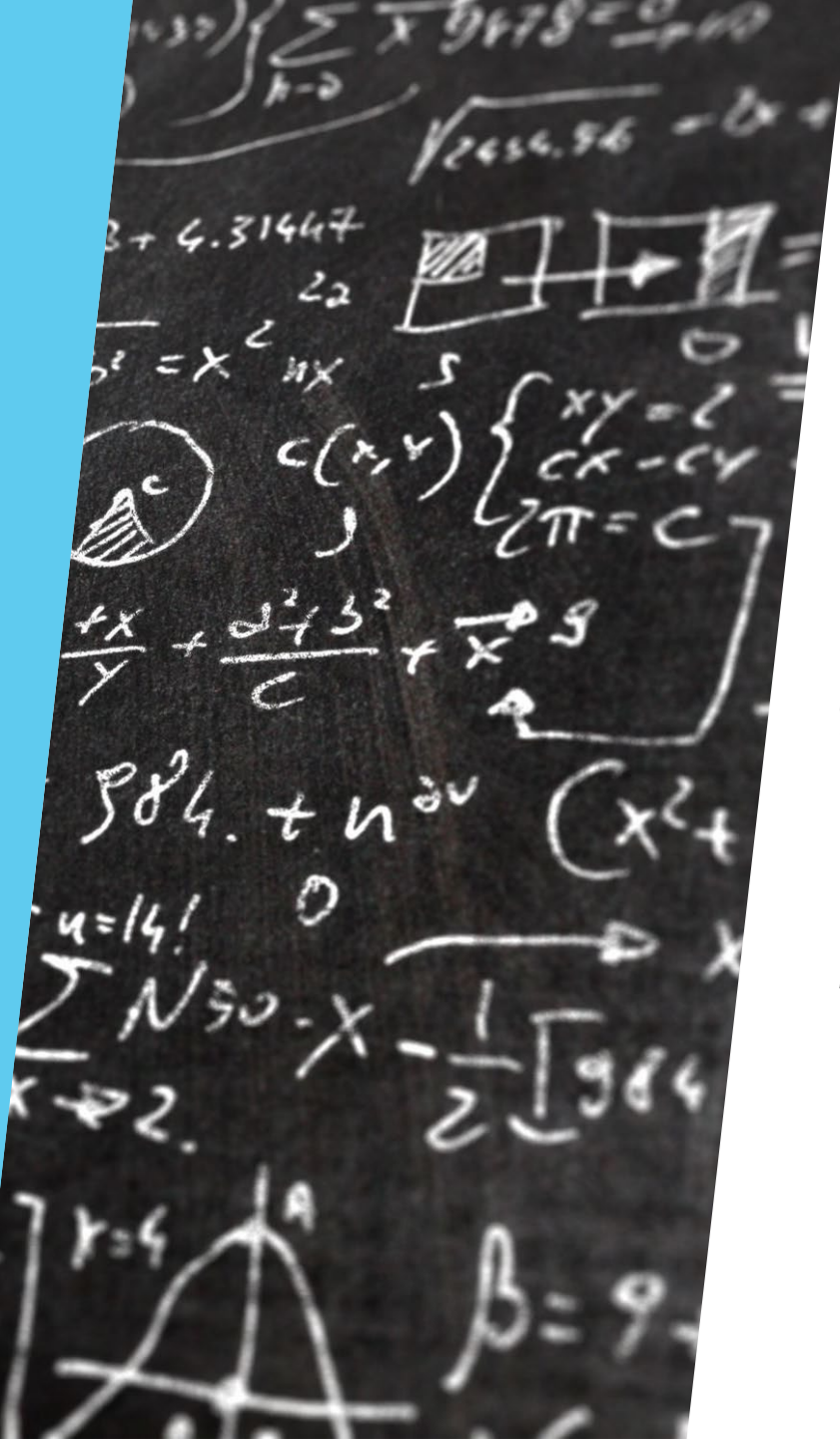
▶ Information Session

- ▶ Current Administrative Staff
- ▶ Overview of Course Progressions & Elective Options
- ▶ SJMSAA Information
- ▶ Important Dates & Timelines

▶ Q & A

Your VRA Team

- ▶ Principal
Ms. Angie Fuller
- ▶ Assistant Principal
Ms. Debra Allred
- ▶ Assistant Principal
Ms. Julie Hudson
- ▶ Assistant Principal
Ms. Jessica Schulz
- ▶ Counselor (5-8)
Ms. Erica MacNaught
- ▶ Dean of Students
Mr. Matthew Narin



6th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

Language Arts, Math,
Science, World History
(standard or advanced)

Required Non-Core

- ▶ ICT 1- full year
- ▶ Physical Education - full year

7th Grade Course Requirements

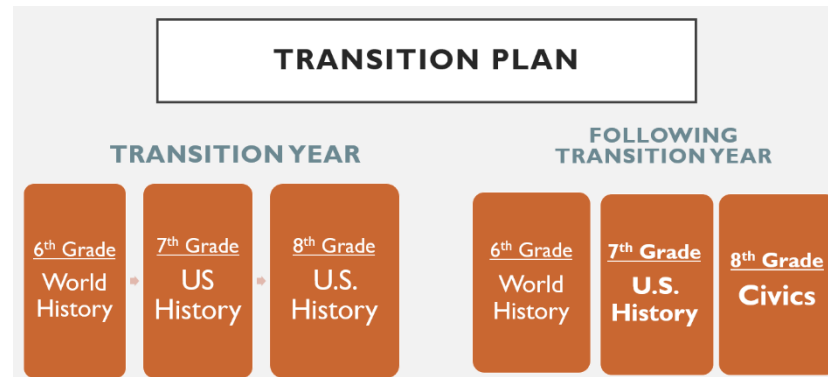
Core Subjects:

Language Arts, Math, Science, US History
(standard or advanced)

Required Non-Core:

- ▶ ICT 2- full year
- ▶ Physical Education - full year

Social Studies Curriculum Revision 22 - 23 school year



8th Grade Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

- ▶ Language Arts, Math, Science, U.S. History
(standard or advanced)

Required Non-Core

- ▶ Physical Education - full year
- ▶ Computer Science Discoveries

What are the advanced placement options for my child?

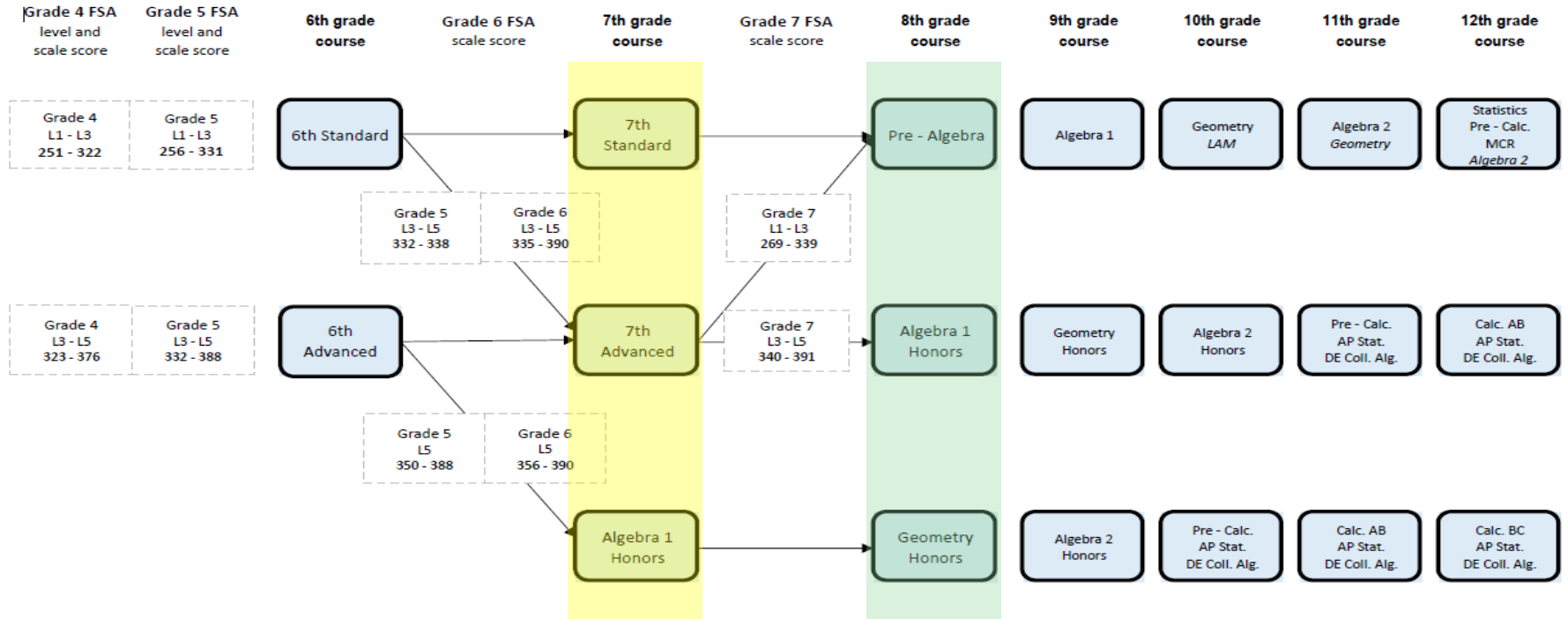
VRA offers a variety of options for middle grades students depending on their individualized learning path:

- 6th grade Standard/Advanced
- 7th grade Standard/Advanced/ Algebra 1 Honors
- 8th grade Standard/Advanced/ Algebra 1 Honors/Geometry Honors, Physical Science Honors

All High School Courses have a state developed EOC which is 30% of their final grade

All 6th grade students will be placed in 6th grade standard or 6th advanced math based on teacher recommendation and 5th grade FSA scores.

SJCSD Middle School Math Progression



Mathematics Scale Scores (240 - 393) for Each Achievement Level					
Assessment:	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 5 Mathematics	256 - 305	306 - 319	320 - 333	334 - 349	350 - 388
Grade 6 Mathematics	260 - 309	310 - 324	325 - 338	339 - 355	356 - 390
Grade 7 Mathematics	269 - 315	316 - 329	330 - 345	346 - 359	360 - 391
Grade 8 Mathematics	273 - 321	322 - 336	337 - 352	353 - 364	365 - 393

STANDARD MATH PROGRESSION

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Math 1	Math 2	Math 3	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2 Liberal Arts Math 2	Advanced Topics in Math DE College Algebra AP Statistics Probability/Statistics Math for College Readiness Math For College Success

ADVANCED MATH PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
	Math 1 Advanced/ Accelerated	Math 2 Advanced/ Accelerated	Algebra 1 Honors*	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/ Statistics	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/ Statistics AP Calculus AB
		Algebra 1 Honors	Geometry Honors	Algebra 2 Honors	Pre-Calculus AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/ Statistics	AP Calculus AB AP Statistics DE College Algebra Probability/ Statistics	AP Calculus BC AP Statistics DE College Algebra DE Upper Level Math



MATHEMATICS

- ▶ Algebra 1 and Geometry students must take and pass the state End of Course exam, (EOC). The EOC is 30% of the student's final grade.
- ▶ Algebra 1 students must pass the EOC to receive credit for Algebra 1.
- ▶ Both Algebra1 and Geometry are high school graduation requirements.
- ▶ A total of 4 high school math credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students must take a math course each year.

STANDARD SCIENCE PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	Science 1	Science 2	Science 3	Physical Science	Biology	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science Anatomy

ADVANCED SCIENCE PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Advanced	Science 1 Adv	Science 2 Adv	Science 3 Adv	Physical Science Honors Biology Honors	Physical Science Honors Biology Honors Chemistry Honors	Chemistry Honors Physics Honors Marine Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	Anatomy Honors Chemistry Honors Marine Honors Physics Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C
Highly Advanced			Physical Science Honors	Biology Honors	Chemistry Honors	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

- ▶ Grade of an “A” in 7th grade advanced science
- ▶ *Concurrent enrollment in Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry*
- ▶ A Level 5 or high Level 4 on both the Math and Reading FSA
- ▶ Students will be notified during the summer if they are selected for Physical Science



LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	Language Arts 1	Language Arts 2	Language Arts 3	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4 Florida College Prep
Advanced/ Highly Advanced	Language Arts 1 Advanced	Language Arts Advanced	Language Arts 3 Advanced	English 1 Honors	English 2 Honors	English 3 Honors AP English Language and Composition DE Compositions 1	English 4 Honors AP English Literature and Language Arts DE Composition 2

SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	World History	US History	Civics (beginning 23-24)	World Cultural Geography	World History	US History	Government Economics
Advanced	World History Advanced	US History Advanced	Civics Advanced (beginning 23-24)	World Cultural Geography	World History Honors	US History Honors	Government Honors Economics Honors
Highly Advanced	World History Advanced	US History Advanced	Civics Advanced (beginning 23-24)	AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP US History	AP US Government and Politics AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Middle school Civics students and high school US History students must take the state EOC. The EOC will count as 30% of the student's final grade.
- A total of 3 high school social studies credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students will take a social studies course each year.



Core Course Recommendations & Change Requests

- ▶ In April, your child will bring home a form that has their 2022 - 2023 Middle School Core Course Placements.
- ▶ These placements will be based on the culmination of team developed formative and summative assessments, iReady data, previous FSA scores, and student performance in the classroom throughout this school year.

Schedule Change Considerations:

- ▶ If you would like to submit a change in Core Course placement request, please follow the instructions on your child's course placement form and submit the request in writing with the given protocols to your child's homeroom teacher.
- ▶ Requests made in conferences, emails, or phone calls cannot be honored at this time.
- ▶ **Please note:** requests do not guarantee a change in Core Course placement. Administration will review all requests once FSA scores are received this summer.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 7 Period Day – 3 min passing period between classes
- Class Length – 45 min periods - M, T, TH, F
- Wednesday Schedule – 40 min periods
- Lunch – 30 min daily
 - Students will choose their own seating during lunch time, but they must stay with their grade level
 - Middle School lunch will be combined 6 – 8 grade students.
- Students report to homeroom each day by 8:25 am for important morning announcements

Elective Options

6 th grade	7 th grade	8 th grade
Band 1	Band 2 and/or Jazz Band	Band 3 and/or Jazz Band
Exploratory Spanish/2D Art Semester Long Course	2D Art 1	2D Art 2
	Beginning Spanish	Intermediate Spanish
	Yearbook***	Career Research & Decision Making***
		Yearbook ***



Application Process (7th & 8th grade)

- 8th grade students interested in applying for an Internship OR 7th/8th grade students applying for Yearbook, must complete the application process using the Microsoft FORMS document – will be available next week
- FORMS will be found on our website under the Parent information tab
- All applications MUST be completed (all required docs submitted) by April 15th.
- If students DO NOT have access to a computer, they must see Mrs. Allred to get a hard copy.

Middle School Electives

- ▶ Elective choices will be completed in the coming weeks on HAC during school
- ▶ Enrollment in electives are not guaranteed, but by using this process, we will be able to open sections based upon demand and teacher certification.
- ▶ All students are required to take the following:
 - ▶ Physical Education
 - ▶ Computers (CSD, ICT I, ICT II)
 - ▶ Elective of Choice
- ▶ Exceptions are made on a per student basis (i.e. band auditions, acceleration, intensive reading, etc.).

Elective Course Placement

- ▶ In June families will be notified that elective courses are available to view in HAC.
- ▶ At that time, students should view HAC and will be given direction on how to request any change considerations.

Middle School Athletics & SJMSAA

School Sponsored Athletics

- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Volleyball

SJMSAA Sponsored Events

- ▶ Football
- ▶ Cheerleading
- ▶ Cross Country
- ▶ Dance
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Baseball
- ▶ Softball
- ▶ Golf
- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Please visit the SJMSAA website for more information

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Q & A