

# AGENDA

- MEET HOLMES STAFF
- ACADEMIC ADVISING OVERVIEW
- REVIEW OF IMPORTANT DATES
- Q'S AND A'S

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Location	Session 1 (5:00-5:20)	Session 2 (5:30-5:50)	Session 3 (6:00-6:20)	Session 4 (6:30-6:50)
Cafeteria	Welcome to Holmes	Welcome to Holmes	Welcome to Holmes	Welcome to Holmes
Main Hall	Electives Fair	Electives Fair	Electives Fair	Electives Fair
Lecture Hall	Course Request 101	Course Request 101	Course Request 101	Course Request 101
	World Languages A19	World Languages A19	Math Pathways D3	Math Pathways D3

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- PARENT COFFEE (ACADEMIC ADVISING) IN PERSON & ZOOM
  - \*ZOOM LINK: [HTTPS://MYFCPSK12.ZOOM.US/J/96408586245](https://myfcpsk12.zoom.us/j/96408586245)
    - FEBRUARY 8 (9-10AM)
    - FEBRUARY 13 (1-2PM)
    - FEBRUARY 22 (5:00-6:00 PM) ZOOM ONLY
- ACADEMIC ADVISING AND COURSE SELECTION - THROUGH FEBRUARY
- ALL COURSE SELECTION FORMS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 29TH
  - A. RISING 6TH WILL RETURN TO FEEDER ELEMENTARY



# International Baccalaureate

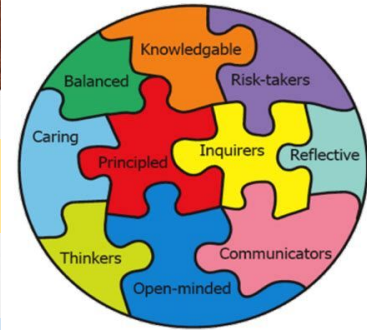


## IB Mission

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop *inquiring, knowledgeable* and *caring* young people

who help to create a *better and more peaceful world* through *intercultural understanding and respect.*

# IB Middle Years Program



The MYP is a whole school approach.

- All students at Holmes MS are automatically part of the Program
- The program continues in 9th and 10th grade for students at Annandale and Edison HS

# Diploma Pathways for 8th Graders

## FCPS Standard Diploma

- No required course completion from Middle School
- Participation in Service Learning during 8th grade
- Recommended Schedule for **9<sup>th</sup> grade:**
  - English: English 9 or English 9 Honors
  - Math: Algebra, Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Honors
  - Social Studies: World History II or WH II Honors
  - Science: Biology or Biology Honors

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## FCPS Advanced Diploma

- No required course completion from Middle School
- Participation in Service Learning during 8th grade
- Recommended Schedule for **9<sup>th</sup> grade:**
  - English: English 9 or English 9 Honors
  - Math: Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry or Algebra 2
  - Social Studies: World History II or II Honors
  - Science: Biology or Biology Honors
  - World Language: must complete 3 years before graduating



## IB Diploma

(awarded in addition to either the Standard or Advanced Diploma)

- **Required: 1 credit of Algebra 1 by the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade**
- Recommended: 1 credit of World Language by end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Recommended participation in Service Learning during 8th grade
- Recommended Schedule for **9<sup>th</sup> grade:**
  - English: English 9 or English 9 Honors
  - Math: Geometry, Honors Geometry or Algebra 2 or Algebra 2 Honors
  - Social Studies: World History II or WHII Honors
  - Science: Biology or Biology Honors
  - World Language: Spanish 2, French 2 or see IB coordinator





# HONORS FOR ALL

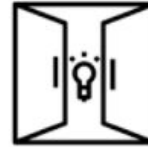
## Why move to Honors for All?

### Equity



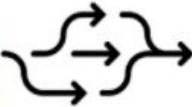
We believe our enrollment in honors classes, clubs, leadership, and honor societies should be reflective of our student population.

### Access to Rigor for All



We believe all of our students should be engaged in higher level thinking to develop IB learner profile traits and FCPS Portrait of a Graduate characteristics.

### Flexibility in Support



An honors for all approach will allow us to increase access to team taught honors classes for students with disabilities and English learners.

### Safe Academic Risk Taking



Taking an honors class in middle school gives students the chance to gain confidence and experience with honors before it impacts their high school GPA.

# COURSE OPTIONS

## **6 REQUIRED CLASSES:**

ENGLISH

MATH

SCIENCE

SOCIAL STUDIES

SOAR

HEALTH AND PE (2 SEMESTER CLASSES)

## **2 PERIODS OF ELECTIVES:**

2 YEAR LONG ELECTIVES - OR -

1 YEAR LONG ELECTIVE AND 2 HALF YEAR ELECTIVES - OR -

4 HALF YEAR ELECTIVES



# COURSE OPTIONS - MATH

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Math 6	Math 7	PreAlgebra
Adv Math 6	Math 7 HN	Algebra 1
	Algebra 1 HN	Algebra 1 HN
		Geometry HN

# INTERVENTION COURSES



# Example Course Selection Sheet

HOIMES MIDDLE SCHOOL  
2023-2024 COURSE SELECTIONS

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
ID# \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Student has a 804 ☐ Student has an IEP ☐ Student receives ESOL services: ☐ level 1 ☐ level 2 ☐ level 3 ☐ level 4

**International Baccalaureate Middle Year Programme (IB MYP) Expectations**  
"As an authorized IB MYP school, Holmes expects middle school students to meet elective expectations both to be eligible for FCPS's IB MYP certificate and to be fully prepared for participation in the IB Diploma Programme at high school students. This includes completing 1 year of World Languages and Algebra 1 by the time they graduate from middle school."

\*\*\* Please see course selection catalog for more information.



## STEP 1: REQUIRED 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE COURSES

### ALL 7<sup>th</sup> graders will take:

- English 7 Honors
- Invest in Environmental Science Honors
- US History 7 Honors
- Math 7 HN
- Health and PE

### Math Note:

Placement in Algebra 1 HN requires pass advanced on the Math 7 SOL & 91% or higher on the IAAT. Final Algebra 1 HN placement will be communicated in the spring upon finalized scores.

## STEP 2: SELECT ELECTIVES COURSES (FULL YEAR AND/OR SEMESTER)

**\*You will need: 2 full-year electives OR 1 full-year and 2 semester electives OR 4 semester electives to complete your schedule\***  
Please rank in order all choices 1-8, even if you have chosen 1 or 2 full-year electives, as we may not be able to honor all requests.

### FULL YEAR ELECTIVES

Fine Arts - Music, Theatre Arts, *Placements finalized by June		World Languages	
923210	Sand	551300	French 1 Part A
923010	Percussion Ensemble	551300	Spanish 1 Part A
923910	Orchestra	551300	Spanish 1 Part B (See Spanish 1A)
923510	Chorus	551000	Spanish 1
139548	Advanced Theatre Arts (Rec. Theatre Arts Appreciation or Recommendation of Teacher)	551100	Spanish for Heritage Speakers 1
<b>General</b>			
952815	AVID (Application Process)		

### SEMESTER ELECTIVES (HALF-YEAR)

Fine Arts -Visual Arts		Fine Arts- Theatre Arts, Music		Business and Information Technology	
910502	Art Foundations	139067	Theatre Arts Appreciation	660932	Computer Solutions
910602	3D Art Exploration (Rec. Art Foundations)	139065	Technical Theatre Arts	616032	Coding and Innovative Technologies 1 (See C) Computer Solutions
911562	Computers in Art (Rec. Art Foundations)	140082	Musical Theatre	616062	Coding and Innovative Technologies 2 (See C) CTF
Technology/Engineering Education		921132	Music Lab	Family and Consumer Sciences	
846432	Engineering Des & Model 1	<b>General</b>		826332	Family & Consumer Sciences 1
846332	Engineering 3rd & Fab 2 (See C) Eng Des & Model	781900	Stats for Success	824432	Family & Consumer Sciences 2

\*A support class may replace an elective if a student is not demonstrating consistent mastery of grade level curriculum.

## STEP 3: PARENT REVIEW AND SIGNATURE

I UNDERSTAND THAT SCHEDULING IS BASED ON COURSE SELECTION AND THAT MY CHILD'S SELECTIONS REPRESENT A FIRM COMMITMENT. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE SCHOOL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE A STUDENT'S SELECTIONS BASED ON SCHEDULING NEEDS AND/OR CONFLICTS. Please sign/return this form to your counselor.

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Student Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# ELECTIVE OPTIONS – COURSE CATALOG



QUESTIONS