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# **8th Grade Course Selection with Ms. Black**



# Questions to Ponder...

- What subject areas do you love?
  - What are your areas of strength and areas for growth?
  - How well do you manage your time and school work?
  - How would you describe your level of motivation?
  - How comfortable are you with taking initiative, or exploring ideas on your own?
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# APS HS Programs – Apply/Lottery

## Wakefield

**Many AP classes offered**

(Take a college class in high school for credit)

TA is a good time to come chat with Ms. Black if you have questions about one of these options!

## W&L

**Can go as a neighborhood student and as IB IB Diploma Programme Transfer**

(Have to apply to be in it, need Algebra by 8th grade, almost ALL A's and B's, AND a language that's not ASL)

## Arlington Tech

Smaller school with **project-based learning;**

Science, technology, math;

Many students have internships their final year.

Does not have music or sports. Should be enrolled in Algebra I in 8th grade

## HB Woodlawn

Alternative learning that is often self-led, for highly intrinsically-motivated students.

Anyone can apply for the lottery

## TJHS for Science and Tech

Must to apply in 8th grade and be enrolled in **Intensified for Algebra I, Physical Science and English 8**

# Keep in Mind...

## Band and Orchestra

-Ask your current teacher which course to select

## 8th Grade High School Credit Classes

- World Geography
- World Language
- Computer Programming
- Robotics
- Algebra I, intensified
- Geometry Intensified



This Course Request Form (CRF) allows students and their families to make course selections for next year. All students are required to take the following Core Courses:

English • Math • Science • Social Studies • Health and Physical Education

Additional courses may also be required based upon specific programs in which the student is enrolled.

\*Descriptions of all courses can be found in the Middle School Program of Studies:

<https://www.apsva.us/curriculum/program-of-studies/>



Place Label Here

# Course Request Form

## Due Feb. 21st to

## Ms. Black or your English Teacher



Student Name:	Student ID:	TA Teacher:
Parent/Guardian Name:	Contact Number:	Email:

### GRADE 8 CORE COURSES

<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 Program	
10208 Teacher Advisory (TA)	-----
11120 English 8	11127 English 8, Intensified
12210 World Geography *HS Credit Course	-----
14125 Physical Science	14129 Physical Science, Intensified
17200 Health and PE 8	-----

\*Students will be recommended by APS staff for a specific math course prior to the end of the school year.

Math Recommendation letters will be sent home to families prior to final assignments.

### WORLD LANGUAGE AND ARTS/DESIGN COURSE OPTIONS

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16640	Computer Programming		
11209	Yearbook		
18421	Technology of Robotic Design*		

For more information on selecting 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses, please scan or type the link below:

[Bit.ly/tjms\\_8](http://bit.ly/tjms_8)



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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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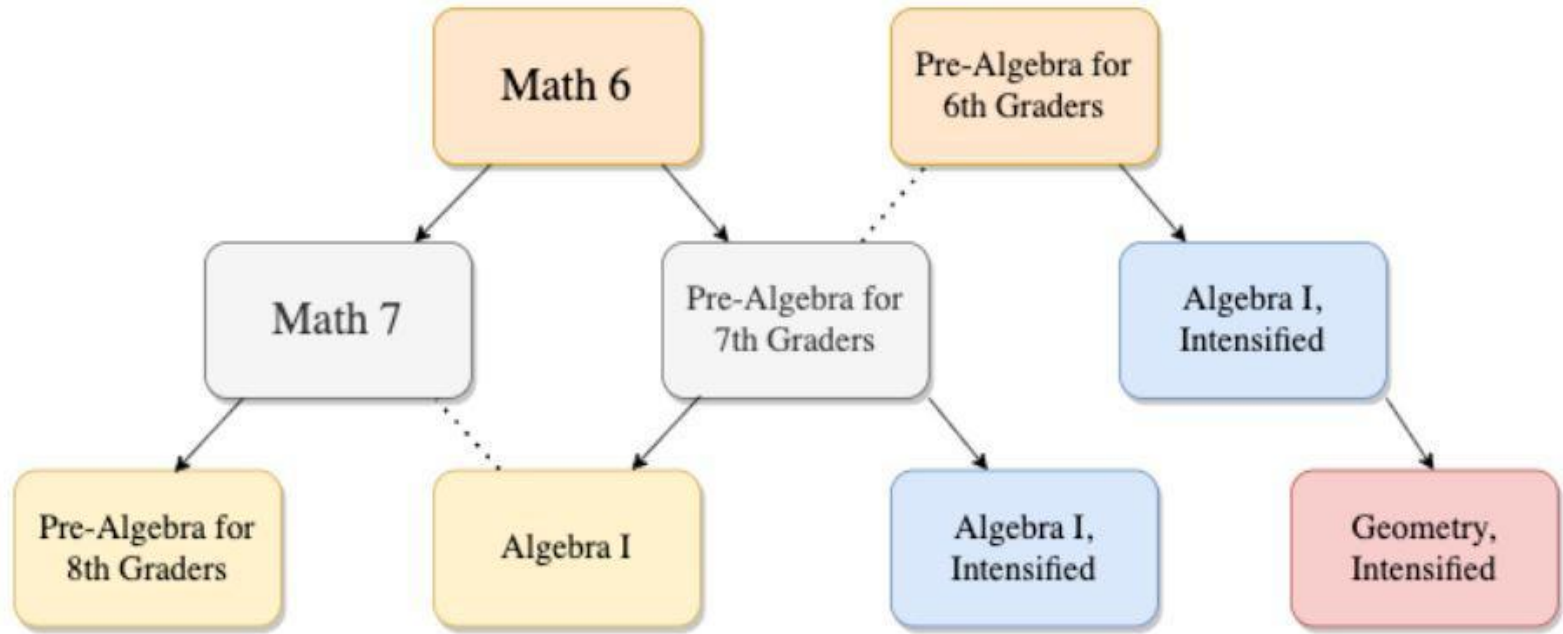
## IMPORTANT QUESTION:

*What would Ms. Black most want delivered to her door by February 14?*

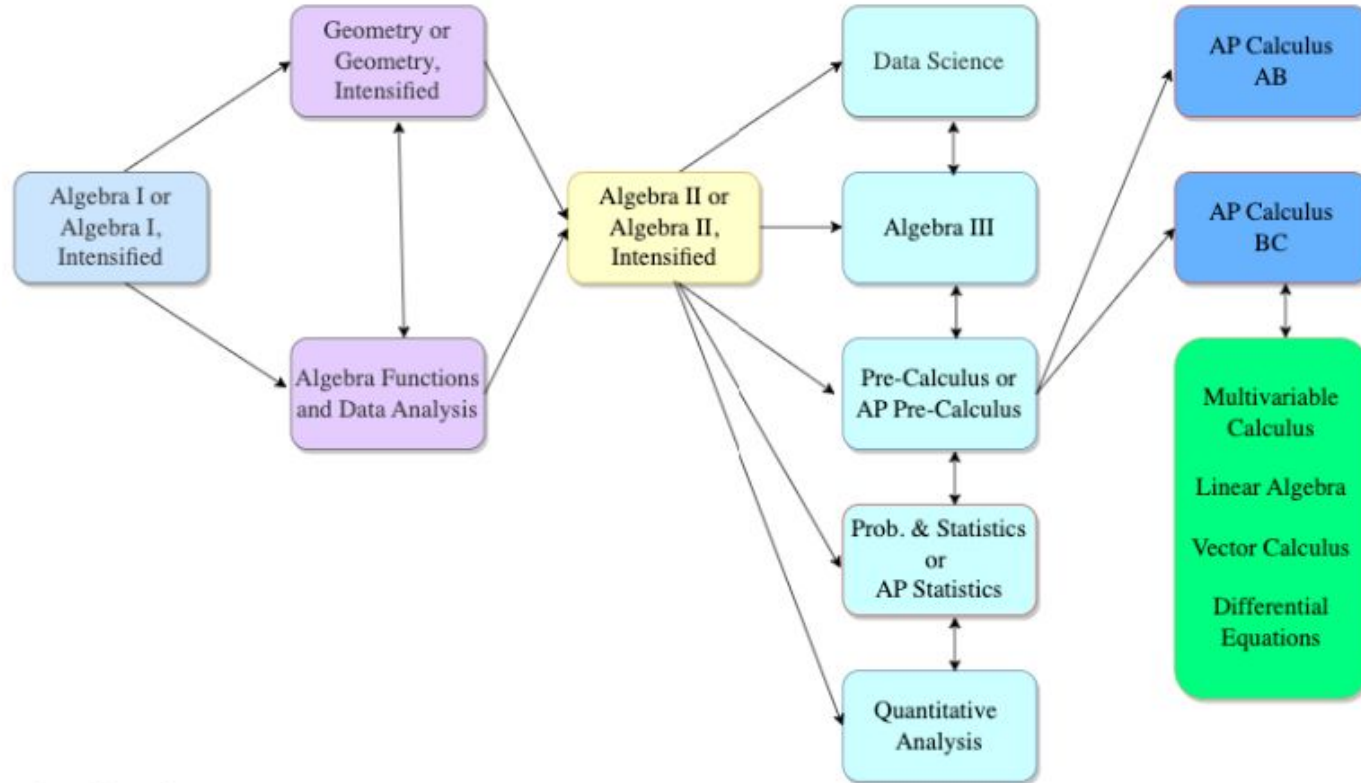
- A: a homemade Valentine
- B: chocolate
- C: flowers
- D: YOUR SIGNED COURSE REQUEST FORM!!!



# Middle School Math Pathways



# High School Math Pathways



Considerations:

01

02

03



# Credits and Verified Credits



You can get one without the other

## Credit

Any high school class that you complete with a **passing grade**

## Verified Credit

Any **high school SOL** that you pass\*

\*If you fail the class and don't get the credit but pass the SOL, the VC can still count if take the class later and earn a passing grade

01

02

03



# Diploma Options



They are  
not that  
Different

## Standard Diploma

- No world language requirements
- More freedom with elective choices

## Advanced Diploma

- 1 Additional Math, Science, and Social Studies Course
- 3 or 4 World Language classes

01

02

03



	Standard Diploma		Advanced Diploma	
	Credits	Verified Credits	Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2	4	2
Math	3	1	4	1
Science	3	1	4	1
History and SS	3	1	4	1
World Language	0	0	3 or 4	0
Health and PE	2	0	2	0
Fine Arts, Career & Technical Education, or World Language	2	0	1	0
Economics and Personal Finance	1	0	1	0
Electives	4	0	3	0
Totals	22	5	26	5



Note the  
Differences



# Naviance



- We will use Naviance a few times this year to create a high school plan
- There are a lot of options in High school, it is important to start considering them early



# Go to Myaccess.APSVA.US and Login



1) Scroll down and click Naviance

\*IF you see a page that says “**which school would you like to Login to?**” Hit the BACK button your browser.

2) Select “Student” where it says “Welcome to Naviance Student”

3) Click CONTINUE WITH SINGLE SIGN ON (DO NOT type in your username and password again)

\*Ipad ONLY- click the

4) Click Courses and then click “Manage Course Plans”

5) Click the Pink + sign

**Step 1-** Select your high school from the drop down and pick which diploma you are most interested in

**Step 2-** Select “Create new Plan”

**Step 3-** Select “SKIP THIS STEP”

**Step 4-** Add courses to your plan



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# **More about High School Next Class Meeting!**