

TJMS Rising 8th Grade Course Selection 2024

Course Request Forms this year will be hard-copy forms, please turn in a hard copy to your English teacher or Ms. Black **no later than Friday, February 23**

Ms. Black will be presenting course information to students through English Classes during the following weeks:

Ms. Beyers: January 24
Ms. Polek: February 14
Mr. Anderson: January 17 and 18th
Ms. Vogel: February 6 and 8

Further Information about selecting courses

[Printable copy of the 8th Grade CRF](#)
[Course Request Presentation from Ms. Black](#)
[Course Descriptions for all middle school courses](#)
[APS Middle Math Progression](#)
[APS High School Options](#)
[Quick Facts: HS graduation and HS courses offered in Middle School](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

For questions not listed below please reach out to Ms. Black via canvas message, Amelia.Black@APSVA.US, or 703-228-5897

What is the difference between an intensified course and a course that is not listed as intensified?

Intensified course offerings for Social Studies, English, and Science in middle school is an initiative adopted by Arlington Public Schools. Intensified courses are the same course content but go over the topics covered with more “depth and complexity.”

Any child can register for an intensified version of a class and no teacher recommendation is required. However, if you are not sure if an intensified course is right for your child, feel free to reach out to the teacher who currently teaches your child in that subject for more perspective.

Because this is such a new initiative from APS to have intensified course offerings in English, social studies and science for middle school, some of what this will mean is still being articulated. However, if you are not sure about choosing an intensified class, please look at the descriptions of the course offerings in the [program of studies](#), which will give more specific outlines of the differences between each class

What does it mean when it says “Does not meet W-L IB Requirements” next to ASL?

Washington and Liberty has an IB Diploma program that some advanced students may want to pursue in 11th and 12th grade. Some students not districted to W-L may want to apply for the Pre-IB program transfer so that they can go to W-L in 9th grade with the intention of enrolling in the full IB Diploma program in the 11th grade.

The note on the CRF is to draw attention to the fact that if you want to do the W-L IB diploma you have to be in level 5 of a language that is not ASL by 11th grade. If you are already districted to W-L and want to complete the IB diploma, you have to be enrolled in level 4 of a language that is not ASL by the 10th grade.

Requirements to apply for the pre-IB program at W-L at the end of 8th grade:

- All A's and B's for final grades in middle school and 1st quarter of 8th grade
- Be enrolled in Algebra I in 8th grade
- Be enrolled in level II of Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Spanish for Fluent Speakers, Latin, or French

If ASL is your language you CAN:

- Get high school credits up to Level 4
- Go to WL as your neighborhood school and take as many IB classes as you want
- Apply for a neighborhood transfer to W-L in 8th grade (if slots are available that year)

If you are in ASL you cannot:

- Complete the FULL IB Diploma program at W-L (6 college level IB classes in 11th and 12th grade)
- Apply for a Pre-IB transfer to W-L

[Click here more information on applying to the Washington Liberty IB Program](#)

Which Orchestra/Band Course should I register for?

If you are unsure which Full-year band or Orchestra course to register for, please talk to your current band or orchestra teacher for their recommendation

What do I do if I lose my BlueCRF with my name on it?

If the course request form is lost, please print another one from the link below or grab one from the folder hanging outside of Ms. Black's office. Forms are due to Ms. Black ***no later than February 23***