

RIDGEVIEW
CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

2021-22 SCHEDULING PROCESS



ACADEMICS

- **WE OFFER A VARIETY OF ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING AND RIGOROUS CLASSES DESIGNED TO MEET THE VARIOUS NEEDS OF YOUR STUDENTS**
 - MATH (ON-LEVEL, ADVANCED, ENHANCED AND ACCELERATED)
 - ELA (ON-LEVEL, ADVANCED AND ACCELERATED)
 - SCIENCE (ON-LEVEL AND ADVANCED)
 - SOCIAL STUDIES (ON-LEVEL AND ADVANCED)
 - FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SPANISH, FRENCH, AND JAPANESE)
 - READING

Ridgeview Charter Middle School Course Offerings

	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
ELA On Level	6th grade content	7th Grade Content	6th Grade Content
ELA Advanced	6th grade content—more rigor/less scaffolding/enhanced vocabulary	7th grade Content - more rigor/less scaffolding/enhanced vocabulary	8th Grade content—more rigor/less scaffolding/enhanced vocabulary
ELA Accelerated	7th grade content	8th Grade content	9th Grade Content
Math On Level	6.1/6.2	7.1/7.2	8.1/8.2
Math Enhanced	6.1/6.2/7.1	7.2/8.1/8.2	
Math Advanced	6.2/7.1/7.2	7.1/7.2/5 math 8 standards	8.1/8.2/7 Algebra 1 standards
Math Accelerated	7.1/7.2/5 math 8 standards	8.1/8.2/ 7 Algebra I standards	Algebra 1 or Accelerated Algebra 1/Geometry A
Science On-Level	6th grade on-level science	7th grade on-level science	8th grade on-level science
Science Advanced	6th grade advanced science	7th grade advanced science	8th grade advanced science High School Physical Science
Social Studies On-Level	6th grade on-level social studies	7th grade on-level social studies	8th grade on-level social studies
Social Studies Advanced	6th grade advanced social studies	7th grade advanced social studies	8th grade advanced social studies
World Language	Spanish, Japanese, French	Spanish, Japanese, French	Spanish, Japanese, French

6th /7th Grade Enhanced Math

This course comes out of an initiative to get more students ready to take Algebra 1 by the time they are in 8th grade.

5th grade math teachers will recommend on-level students for this course based on overall performance in current course.

Students must have an 80 or above in current class (semester 1) summative unit assessment average.

If you choose to opt-in to the class, then the student must be enrolled in a math support class. The support class is offered during the connections period.

7th grade enhanced math will be offered during the 21-22 school year. Most of the students will be coming from the 6th grade enhanced class if they qualify.

CONNECTIONS

- Year-long: band, orchestra, and chorus
- Quarter long classes: art, technology, PE, health, broadcast video production/film/graphics/media design, general music, Career Awareness (6th only), Japanese, French , and Spanish
- Japanese, French, and Spanish are basic courses with introduction to language, culture, etc. (Not offered at every grade level)
- Avid - Advancement Via Individual Determination

Quarter long classes are randomly assigned. Students may repeat courses during their three years at Ridgeview.

Acceleration Testing

What is Acceleration?

Acceleration means that students are working at least a full year ahead in a content area.

Students who are not currently on the accelerated track must be tested before they are considered for acceleration.

Any student already on the accelerated path will remain on that track unless their grades or Milestones test results drop below minimum requirements.

Teachers are asked to identify/recommend students for acceleration. We also refer to the Continuous Achievement Dashboard to identify potential students.

Acceleration testing for rising 6th graders should be taken care of at the elementary school.

Acceleration Cont'd

We offer three courses at Ridgeview that cover a year and a half of material:

6th Grade Enhanced Math ▪ 6th Grade Advanced Math ▪ Accel. Algebra/Geometry A

Think of it in terms of days.

These classes require that students learn **270 days** of material in **180 days**.

Interruptions in the schedule due to testing, fieldtrips, weather etc. reduce this to even fewer days. Teachers may spend as little as one day on a particular standard or section of content.

Students who have experienced high success rates in their courses will still be able to do so, but many will have to adjust their study habits to handle the content and the pacing.

COURSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

There are several courses available that carry high school credit.

Usually 8th graders who are on an accelerated path in one or more content areas will have the opportunity to take these classes.

**Math: Algebra 1
Accelerated Algebra 1/Geometry A**

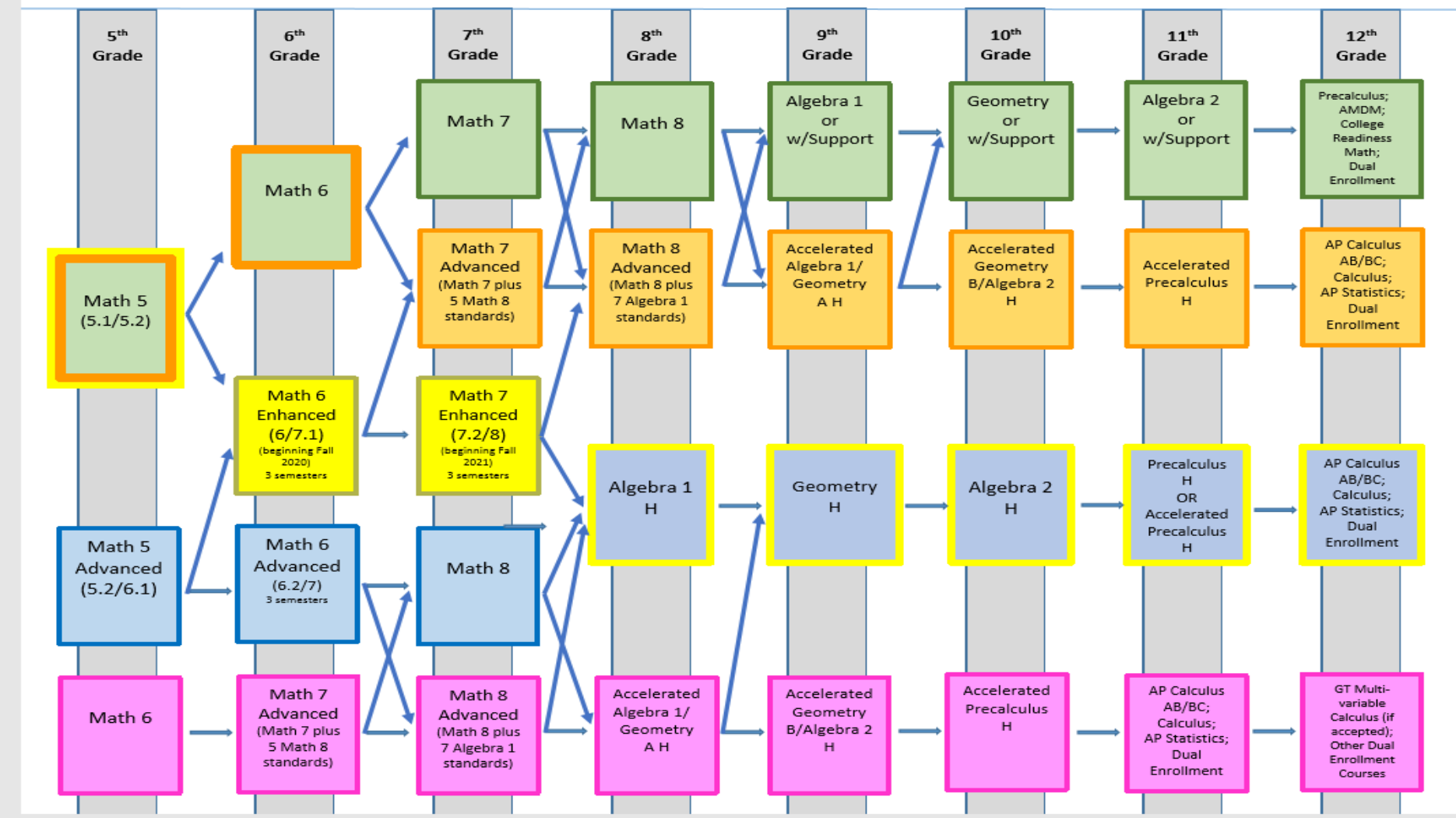
English: 9th Grade Literature/Composition

Science: 9th Grade Physical Science

World Language: Spanish 1, French 1, Japanese 1

*****High School courses are extremely rigorous and will require more work than your typical class. Students will have to be able to balance a heavy workload along with their extracurricular activities. Please think carefully before having your child take 4 high school credit courses.**

Fulton County Math Pathways 2020 and Beyond



What Is The Process?

1. Current teachers have made course recommendations for your students.
2. You will receive a course verification that shows you the courses recommended for your student.
3. Core classes and year-long connections classes will be listed.
4. The verification process will be electronic.
5. Necessary changes/corrections will be made and verifications sent home a second time
6. Schedules will be created over the summer.

Please note: Requests for acceleration testing and waivers should be made prior to the end of the school year. The elementary school should test current 5th graders for acceleration and provide Ridgeview with any updates.

Waivers/Schedule Change Requests

Waivers are not required if students meet minimum placement guidelines.

If students do not meet minimum placement requirements and parents want to change placement a waiver is required.

The waiver acknowledges that the parents are aware that the school does not recommend placement in the requested course.

The parent also is acknowledging that they will be responsible for providing appropriate support for the student.

Placement will not be changed once a student is placed due to a waiver.

Course Verifications

Course verifications will be sent home next week.

Core content and year-long connections classes (band, orchestra, chorus) will be listed.

You should review this document carefully, sign and return it to your child's school. Reach out to current teachers if you have questions.

What should you look for?

On-Level Courses end in 00 ex. 27.0210000 6th Grade On-Level Math

Advanced courses end in 40 ex: 23.0130040 Advanced 8th Grade ELA

TAG courses have a 2 as the 3rd digit ex: 26.2110000 TAG Life Science

Advanced Science and Social Studies Courses do not have “advanced” in the title. They are designated by course number only.

Sample Course Verification


Student Number: 

Grade: 07

Required Courses:

53.0340000 Band 7

23.2130040 Lang Arts 8 Lv A

27.2230040 Math 8 Lv A

60.0680009 Spanish 7 Continuous

26.2110000 TAG Life Science

45.2080000 TAG Social Studies 7

Courses with program priority displayed in bold.

6 classes because of band

Arrows on left – TAG
classes – contain .2

Arrow on right – Advanced
course – ends in 40

Sample Course Verification

Student Number: [REDACTED]

Grade: 07

Required Courses:

23.0120000 Lang Arts 7 Lv O ←

→ 26.0110040 Life Science

27.0220040 Math 7 Lv A

45.0080000 Social Studies 7

60.0680009 Spanish 7 Continuous

Courses with program priority displayed in bold.

No band, orchestra, or chorus class –
Only 5 classes

Arrow on left - advanced because
number ends in 40. Please note:
Advanced is not included in title.

Arrow on right – on-level course –
ends in 00

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Scheduling Timeline

- January 22** Teachers trained on scheduling process and provided placement guidelines
- February 11** Recommendation deadline for teachers
- February 22** Course verifications available to access online via parent/student portal
- March 1** Requests for changes to courses should be made.
- March 2-9** Corrections/Changes made in Infinite Campus
- March 10** Course verifications available to access online via parent/student portal
- March 19** Requests for changes to courses should be made.
Deadline for receipt of waiver forms

HOW WILL I COMPLETE THE COURSE VERIFICATION

- **You will receive an email on Monday, Feb. 22**
- **Email will contain directions to find course verification on the portal**
- **Email will contain a link to confirm courses are correct or make corrections and request waivers**
- **Please complete by March 1**

WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS

The following documents will be placed on the Ridgeview website:

**Power point
Placement guidelines
Waiver Form
Math flow chart**

**To access: Go to Ridgeview website
Click on Academics
Click on Academic Scheduling**



Questions

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