



RIDGEVIEW **CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

2020-21 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	Math On level 6.1/6.2	7.1/7.2	8.1/8.2
Math Advanced	Math Enhanced (NEW) 6.1/6.2/7.1 6.2/7.1/7.2	7.2/8.1/8.2	Algebra 1
Math Accelerated	7.1/7.2/5 8th grade standards	Math 8 Advanced 8.1/8.2/5 Algebra standards	Algebra 1 or Accelerated Algebra 1/Geom 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

CONNECTIONS

- Year long : band, orchestra, and chorus
- Quarter long classes: art, technology, PE, health, broadcast video production/film/graphics/media design (**new**), connections math,, 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
- **NEW!!! – 6th Grade Exploratory for all 6th graders.**

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 (**New**) 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.**

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. Verifications must be returned to school.
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.

New Course – 6th 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 class (semester 1) summative unit assessment average **and a milestones score of 3 or 4 in grades 3 and 4.**

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.

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. There should be 5 or 6 courses 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	6 th Grade On-Level Math
Advanced courses end in 40	ex: 23.0130040	Advanced 8 th Grade ELA
TAG courses have a 2 as the 3 rd digit	ex: 26.2110000	TAG Life Science

Scheduling Timeline

January 22	Teachers trained on scheduling process and provided placement guidelines
February 18	Recommendation deadline for Ridgeview teachers
February 18	Deadline for elementary to enter scheduling information
February 26	Course verifications sent home (Round One)
March 8	Course verifications should be returned to School
March 11-12	Corrections/Changes made
March 13 -14	Course verifications sent home (Round 2)
March 22	Course verifications should be returned to school
April 24	Deadline for receipt of waiver forms (Current Ridgeview Students)
May 08	Deadline for receipt of waiver forms (Rising 6 th grade students)
May 15	Last day for schedule change requests

WEBSITE

The following documents will be placed on the Ridgeview website:

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

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



Questions

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