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## Student Services Department



**Faculty members:** School Counselors, Psychologist, Social Worker, Registrar, Information Assistant, Parent Liaison, Director of Student Services

**Supports:** Classroom lessons, individual counseling and academic advising, small group counseling , school-wide programs, parent programs

*We are here to support both the academic and social-emotional needs of all students.*

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## Academic Advising Calendar



January 10	Rising 7 Curriculum Night
February 5-13	Longfellow counselors visit elementary schools
February 26	Deadline to enter course selections into SIS StudentVue
Spring	Course selections will be posted in ParentVUE. Parents will be sent a notification to check classes and email Deonte Young (ddyoung@fcps.edu) to request a change
Summer	Jump Start to Success for students

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## Course Selections



Students will enter their course selections into SIS StudentVue.

Counselors will teach students how to input courses during the elementary visits.

**Students select the following courses:**

- Math
- Electives
- 4 alternate electives

**Changes can be made in SIS StudentVue until February 26th.**

**Longfellow will automatically enroll students in English, Science, U.S. History, and Health and PE**

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## Elective Courses



- Classes are exploratory and students should consider their interests and talents
- **Semester electives**
  - Half year courses- students receive a new schedule after 2nd quarter with new elective
- **Full year electives**
  - World Languages, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, AVID
- Students should NOT pick classes to try to be with friends
- Student must select 4 alternate electives
  - Sometimes students do not get their top choices due to conflicts or availability
- What if your student does not like their elective?
  - It is challenging to change electives and may result in a whole schedule being changed

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## Elective Course Options



Students have 2 periods in their schedule for electives

	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>		<b>Option 3</b>	
<b>1</b>	Full Year Elective	Full Year Elective		Semester Elective	Semester Elective
<b>2</b>	Full Year Elective	Semester Elective	Semester Elective	Semester Elective	Semester Elective

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## World Languages- Full year courses



7th grade

Spanish 1A  
French 1A  
Chinese 1

(no language experience)

French Immersion 1\*  
(Kent Gardens students  
immersion students)

Spanish 1  
(no language experience)

8th grade

Spanish 1B\*  
Chinese 1B\*  
French 1B\*

(no language experience)

French Immersion 2\*  
(Kent Gardens Immersion  
students)

Spanish 1\*  
Spanish 2 (must take Spanish 1)  
French 1\*  
Chinese 1  
Latin 1\* (no language experience)

- World Language classes are academic electives and require nightly homework and practice
- The World Language Exam is given by FCPS in the Fall and is an opportunity for native speakers to earn between 1 to 3 high school credits in a language. Details will be shared when available.
- \* **High School Credit Class**- will appear on the high school transcript
- **It is not a requirement to take a World Language course in middle school**



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## Music Department (Full Year Electives)



**Music courses are full year electives**

- **Band**
- **Chorus**
- **Orchestra**

*\*Music teachers will work with their elementary school counterparts to schedule auditions and appropriate placements.*

***Use the set code on the course selection sheet***

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## AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)



The ideal AVID student has average grades (2's and 3's), goal to go to college and willingness to work hard in rigorous curriculum.

### Students will:

- learn writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading skills that will help you be successful in all of your classes in middle school, high school, and college
- explore career interests and colleges/universities
- be a part of a class culture of a high achieving community of scholars
- take field trips to college campuses and host guest speakers from the community to learn more about college and careers

**THIS IS A FULL YEAR ELECTIVE. STUDENTS MUST APPLY.**

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## Semester Electives (half year classes)



<b>Art Foundations</b>	<b>Coding</b>	<b>Media Communications</b>
<b>3D Art</b>	<b>Creative Writing</b>	<b>Music Lab</b>
<b>Art Extensions</b>	<b>Engineering</b>	<b>Strategies for Success</b>
<b>Computers in Art</b>	<b>Family and Consumer Science</b>	<b>Technical Theater</b>
<b>Computer Solutions</b>	<b>Journalism</b>	<b>Theater Arts Appreciation</b>
	<b>Leadership</b>	<b>Photojournalism</b>

- Semester 1 = 1st and 2nd quarter / Semester 2 = 3rd and 4th quarter
- Students do not select which semester they take an elective
- Students get a new schedule after 2nd quarter which shows their 2nd semester elective
  - Only the elective and sometimes Health and PE period will change
- Most semester classes will contain 7th and 8th grade students

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## Academic Advising Resources



### Academic Advising

Course catalogs, selection sheets, pacing, sequencing, process guides, and more

#### Rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade

[Rising 7 Course Catalog](#)

Rising 7 Course Registration Form - Coming Soon

[Electives Video](#)

Rising 7 Curriculum Night Slides (coming soon)

[English 7 overview](#)

[US History Overview](#)

[Investigations in Environmental Science \(Science 7\) overview](#)

[Introduction to Our ESOL Program](#)

- [Longfellow homepage](#)
- Click 'Full Menu'
- Student Services → [Academic Advising](#)
- View presentations about US History, English, Science, Performing Arts, an electives video and More!
- Site will be live 1/12

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## Lancer Time (Learning Seminar)



- Students are placed with a teacher from one of their classes
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) or school-wide lesson
- FLEX time to do homework or get extra help from a teacher

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## Course Selection



- Click here to view the [Longfellow 7th Grade Course Catalog](#)
  - Read about core courses and electives
- Classes must be selected by entering the courses into SIS StudentVue
- **Deadline to enter classes: February 26**
  - Staffing is determined by information we receive by this date
  - Changes can only be made after that time if space is available
- Individual Education Plans dictate schedules for students receiving Special Education services

# Advanced Academic Services in Middle School

Honors AAP Classes

Full-Time AAP Classes



# Advanced Academics

- **Level IV Advanced Academic students will be placed in AA English, AA US History, and AA Science.**
  - Only Level IV students designated by AAP central office are eligible for these classes.
- **Longfellow is All Honors which means that all teachers and classes access Critical and Creative Thinking strategies and opportunities for advanced rigor.**

Advanced Academic Resource Teacher:  
Megan Huftalen [mlhuftalen@fcps.edu](mailto:mlhuftalen@fcps.edu)



## Honors Classes

- Open enrollment: students and families self-select classes in areas of strength or interest
- Increased depth and complexity in specific subject areas
- Students learn with other students who have chosen to be challenged academically in that subject area
- Students may enroll in 1, 2, 3, or 4 Honors courses
- Offered in all middle schools

## Full-Time AAP Services

- Students are found eligible through central screening process
- Increased depth, complexity, and pace in all subjects
- Students identified as having high intellectual ability are clustered in classes with peers
- Students are in advanced classes for all 4 core subject areas (math class is based on readiness)
- 14 schools are designated as centers

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Questions?

Contact your elementary liaison counselor  
Contact info on next slide

Thank you for attending!

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