

Longfellow Middle School Curriculum Night
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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 the academic and social-emotional needs of all students



Student Services

Deonte Young - Director of Student Services
Bruce Walker - Counselor
Thaisa York - Counselor
Julie Ricker - Counselor
Jill Scharl - Counselor
Sarah Gortenburg - School Social Worker
Annie Reiner- School Psychologist
Juanita Baptiste - Family Liaison
Dania Paz - Registrar



LMS School Counselors Elementary Liaisons



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Academic Advising Calendar



January 15	Rising 7 Curriculum Night
February 3-11	Longfellow counselors visit elementary schools
February 24	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 24th

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

	Option 1	Option 2		Option 3	
1	Full Year Elective	Full Year Elective		Semester Elective	Semester Elective
2	Full Year Elective	Semester Elective	Semester Elective	Semester Elective	Semester Elective

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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)



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

- 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



- [Longfellow homepage](#)
- Click 'Full Menu'
- Student Services →
[Academic Advising](#)
- View the course selection sheet, course catalog, advising timeline, after school activities and more

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Lancer Time (Learning Seminar)



- 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 24**
 - 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 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:
Dr. Elaina Bafaro erbafaro@fcps.edu

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Questions?

Contact your elementary liaison counselor
Contact info on next slide

Thank you for attending!

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