

PIA Middle School Information

Pine Island Academy

Middle School Parent Informational Night



Agenda

Current Administrative Staff



Overview of Course Progressions & Elective Options



Important Dates & Timelines



Q&A

Administrative Staff

Principal

Ms. Amanda Riedl

Vice Principal

Dr. Haley Vogel

Assistant Principal

Ms. Ruth Cortés

Assistant Principal

Ms. Kim Lippo

Assistant Principal

Dr. Michelle Jackson

Counselor(1, 5,8)

Ms. Shayla Stoughton

Counselor (4-6)

Ms. Jennifer Landorf

Dean of Students

Mr. Koda Lawhorn



Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

(Standard OR Advanced)

- ▶ Language Arts, Math, Science, and World History

Required Electives

- ▶ Physical Education - full year
- ▶ M/J 6th grade Digital Discoveries - full year

7th grade

Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

(Standard OR Advanced)

- Language Arts, Math, Science, and U.S. History

Required Non-Core

- Physical Education - full year

8th grade

Course Requirements

Core Subjects:

(Standard OR Advanced)

- ▶ Language Arts, Math, Science, and Civics

Required Elective

- ▶ Physical Education - full year

What are the advanced/acceleration placement options for my child?



PIA offers a variety of options for middle grades students depending on their individualized learning path:



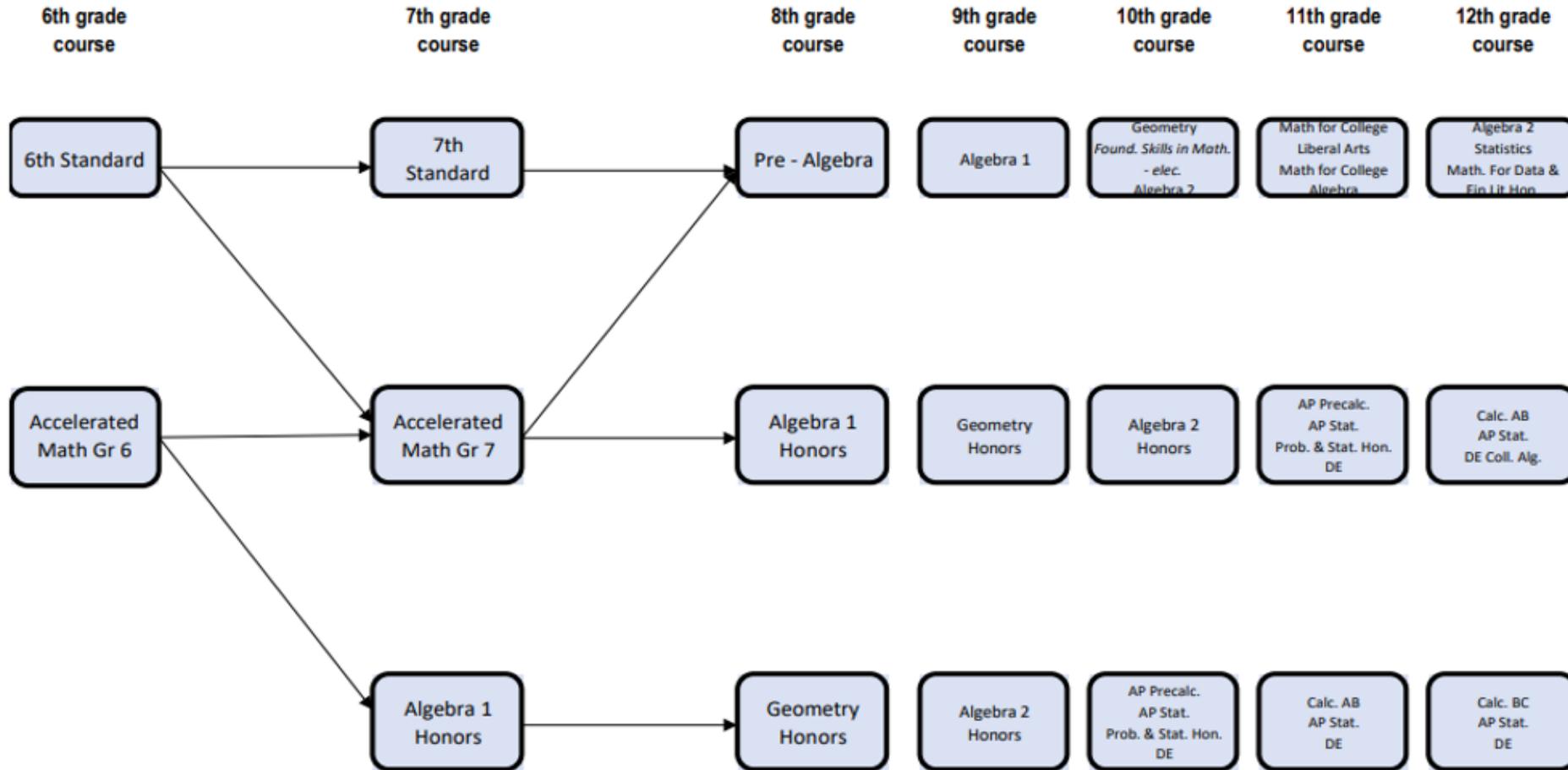
Geometry and Algebra I have a state developed EOC which is 30% of their final grade.



All 6th grade students will be placed in 6th grade standard or 6th accelerated math based on teacher recommendation and 5th grade FAST scores.

- 7th Standard/Advanced/ Algebra 1 Honors
- 8th Standard/Advanced, Algebra 1 Honors/Geometry Honors, Physical Science Honors

SJCSD Middle School Math Progression



Multiple data points to include assessment scores and course grades are used in determining placement.

Course offerings listed after Geometry is not an exhaustive list and are site dependent.

STANDARD MATH PROGRESSION

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Math 1	Math 2	Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2 Math for College Liberal Arts (MCLA)	Mathematics for Data & Financial Literacy Hon. DE Math Math for College Algebra AP Statistics Probability/Statistics

MATHEMATICS

- ▶ **Algebra 1 and Geometry** students must take and pass the state End of Course exam, (EOC). The EOC is 30% of the student's final grade.
- ▶ **Algebra 1** students must pass the EOC to receive credit for Algebra 1.
- ▶ **Both Algebra 1 and Geometry** are high school graduation requirements.
- ▶ A total of **4 high school** math credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students must take a math course each year.

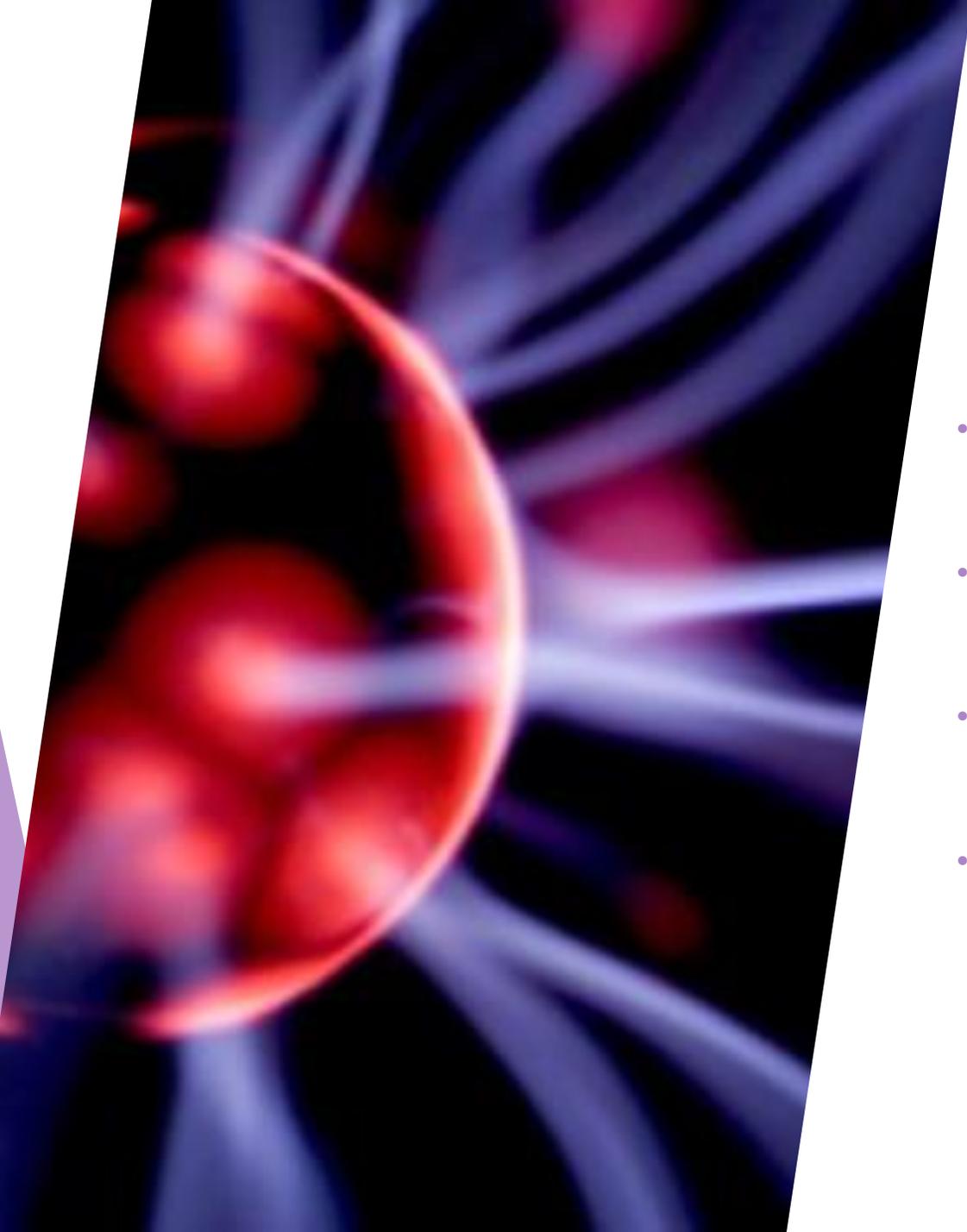


STANDARD SCIENCE PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	Science 1	Science 2	Science 3	Environmental Science Physical Science Honors	Biology	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science	Chemistry Earth Space Physics Marine Science Anatomy

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Advanced	Science 1 Adv	Science 2 Adv	Science 3 Adv	Physical Science Honors Biology Honors	Biology Honors Chemistry Honors	Chemistry Honors Physics Honors Marine Honors Anatomy Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	Anatomy Honors Chemistry Honors Marine Honors Physics Honors AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C
Highly Advanced			Physical Science Honors	Biology Honors	Chemistry Honors	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics 2 AP Physics C

ADVANCED SCIENCE PROGRESSION



PHYSICAL SCIENCE HONORS

- Grade of an “A” in 7th grade advanced science
- Concurrent enrollment in Algebra 1 Honors or Geometry
- A Level 5 or high Level 4 on both the Math and Reading FSA
- Any student not recommended but meet the guidelines AFTER their 7th grd PM 3 testing will be notified in the summer.

LANGUAGE ARTS PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	Language Arts 1	Language Arts 2	Language Arts 3	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4 Florida College Prep
Advanced/ Highly Advanced	Language Arts 1 Advanced	Language Arts Advanced	Language Arts 3 Advanced	English 1 Honors	English 2 Honors	English 3 Honors AP English Language and Composition DE Compositions 1	English 4 Honors AP English Literature and Language Arts DE Composition 2

SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRESSION

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Standard	World History	US History	Civics	World Cultural Geography	World History	US History	Government Economics
Advanced	World History Advanced	US History Advanced	Civics Advanced	World Cultural Geography	World History Honors	US History Honors	Government Honors Economics Honors
Highly Advanced	World History Advanced	US History Advanced	Civics Advanced	AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP US History	AP US Government and Politics AP Microeconomics AP Macroeconomics



SOCIAL STUDIES

- Middle school Civics students and high school US History students must take the state EOC exam. The EOC exam will count as 30% of the student's final grade.
- A total of 3 high school social studies credits are required to satisfy graduation requirements. However, college entrance ready students will take a social studies course each year.

DAILY SCHEDULE



7 Period Day - 3 min passing period between classes



Class Length - 45 min periods - M, T, TH, F



Wednesday Schedule - 40 min periods



Lunch - 30 min daily

- Students will choose their own seating during lunch time
- Middle School lunch will be combined 6 - 8 grade students.



Students report to homeroom each day by 8:00 am for important morning announcements (Warning bell rings - 7:55am.)



Core Course Recommendations & Change Requests

- ▶ **On February 27**, your student will bring home their 2026-2027 Middle School Core Course Placements.
- ▶ These placements will be based on the culmination of team developed formative and summative assessments, previous FAST scores, and student performance in the classroom throughout this school year.

Schedule Change Considerations:

- ▶ If you would like to submit a change in Core Course placement request, **please follow the instructions on your student's course placement form and submit the request in writing** with the given protocols to your student's homeroom teacher.
- ▶ Requests made in conferences, emails, or phone calls cannot be honored at this time.
- ▶ ***Please note:*** requests do not guarantee a change in Core Course placement. **Administration will review all requests over the summer.**

Middle School Electives

- Elective choice letter will be released via ParentSquare from Ms. Riedl on February 23rd.
- Elective choices will be completed through Home Access Center (HAC). **COMPLETED THROUGH STUDENT ACCOUNT** (Not parent).
- Enrollment in electives are not guaranteed, but by using this process, we will be able to open sections based upon demand and teacher certification.
- All students are required to take the following:
 - 6th grade – Physical Education & Digital Discoveries I
 - 7th & 8th grade - Physical Education
- Exceptions are made on a per student basis (i.e.: band auditions, acceleration, etc.).
- **REMINDER** - for students applying for Production and Internship they **MUST STILL** choose electives!
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to enrollment changes, there could be an impact to elective course offerings.

Elective Options

6 th Grade REQUIRED	7 th Grade REQUIRED	8 th grade REQUIRED
Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
Digital Discoveries		
6 th (Choose 2)	7 th (Choose 3)	8 th grade (Choose 3)
M/J 2-Dimensional Studio Art 1	M/J 2-Dimensional Studio Art 2	Visual Art 1 & Visual Art 2
M/J Band 1	M/J Band 1	M/J Band 1
M/J STEM (Research 1)	M/J Band 2	M/J Band 2
	M/J STEM (Research 2)	M/J Band 3
	M/J 7 th Digital Discoveries	M/J Spanish Intermediate
	Productions <u>Class</u> (News Crew) (Application – see below)	M/J 8 th Digital Discoveries
		M/J STEM (Critical Thinking)
		Productions <u>Class</u> (News Crew) (Application – see below)
		Internship (Application – see below)

Production Class- Chosen by application only.

Applications must be completed using the forms document link by **Friday, March 6th**

Internship & Career Research- Chosen by application only

Applications must be completed using the forms document link or turned into Ms. Stoughton by **Friday, March 6th**

Limited to 50 students.

Spanish Elective - 8th grade ONLY

- ▶ Spanish 1 credit is Optional
- ▶ Course content requirements for the two-course sequence M/J Spanish Beginning (1 year of 1st semester H.S. Spanish) and M/J Spanish Intermediate (1 year of 2nd semester H.S. Spanish) are equivalent to high school Spanish 1 credit.
- ▶ Credit is granted to students who are level 3-5 readers. However, those students who demonstrate advanced proficiency in their Spanish language expression and understanding (as evidenced by a grade of an “A” or a “B” and teacher recommendation) may also be considered.
- ▶ Grade earned by the student will be calculated by averaging the two final grades for M/J Beginning and M/J Intermediate Spanish.
- ▶ This option refers to a *standard credit* which does NOT carry the additional .5 GPA weight awarded by Pre-IB or Pre- AICE courses offered at some St. Johns County high schools.
- ▶ The decision about Spanish I should be made when students register for high school. Letters will be sent to parents through their 8th grader Monday, April 27, 2026.
- ▶ ****Please Note: Students that request Intermediate Spanish could be placed in an on-campus classroom OR a virtual lab period to complete via FLVS/SJVS. Course placement is based on a randomized scheduling format.**

Application process: Internship or Production Crew (7th & 8th grade)

8th grade students interested in applying for an Internship OR 7th/8th grade students applying for Production Crew, must complete the application process using the Microsoft FORMS document



The FORMS link will be found on our website under the Middle School Information tab in the descriptors document.



All applications MUST be completed (all required docs submitted) by March 6th.



If students DO NOT have access to a computer, they should see Ms. Stoughton to get a hard copy.

Elective Course Placement

In **July** families will be notified that elective courses are available to view in HAC.

At that time, students should view HAC and will be given direction on how to request any change considerations.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Monday, February 23**
 - Elective letter will be sent via ParentSquare by Mrs. Riedl. Copy **NOT** sent home.
- **Friday, February 27**
 - Course Recommendation hard copy will be sent home with students in their 7th period
 - All recommendation forms **MUST** be signed and returned to 1st period teacher
- **Friday, March 6**
 - Elective options due by 3pm





Q & A

***DISCOVERING STRENGTHS
&
PURSUING DREAMS***