Welcome to 8th Grade Course Registration Information Night!

Dr. Motley and Mrs. Rucker

ANDREW LEWIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Tonight's Agenda:

- Introductions
- Registration Guide and Process
- Core Classes (required)
- Common Math Pathways
- Advanced Classes/High School Credit Bearing Courses
- Elective Courses

Administrative Team

- Mr. Coe- Head Principal, 6th grade Principal(center)
- Dr. Motley-7th Grade Assistant Principal (right)
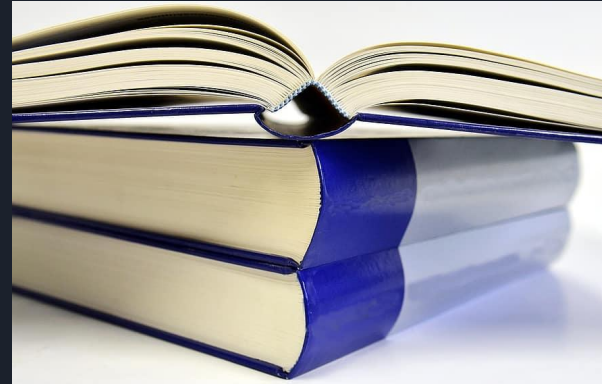- Mr. Underwood- 8th Grade Assistant Principal (left)

Registration Guide and Process

- Where can I find it? https://alms.salem.k12.va.us/ (under school counseling)
- What is the Process?

  1. Parent Info. Night

  2. Paper Registration Form Sent Home (student will need to return it signed)

  3. Mrs. Rucker will visit classes to electronically enter elective requests into Powerschool

  4. Verification form will be sent home in the Spring for parent signature

Core Classes- 4 Required!

1. English (English 8 or Advanced)
2. Physical Science
3. Math : Pre-Algebra, **Algebra I, **Geometry
4. **World Geography**

High school credit bearing classes - calculated into GPA and count towards graduation

Math Pathways Placement

Current Math Class	8th Grade Math
Math 7	Pre-Algebra **or Algebra I ****
Pre-Algebra	**Algebra I****
Algebra I**	**Geometry****

- Math placement is based on a variety of factors, including math grades, work habits, and standardized test scores. Teachers make recommendations for placement.

English 8 and Advanced English 8

English 8

places heavy emphasis on reading and writing workshops as well as enhancing vocabulary and grammar skills.

Advanced English 8
Teacher recommendation needed

places heavy emphasis on independent reading , analysis, and writing as well as enhancing vocabulary and grammar skills.

Electives

Students can choose either:

- 2 year long electives
- 1 year long & 2 semester long electives
- 4 semester long electives

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Yearlong Elective Courses: **1.0	Semester Elective Courses: *0.5
Choir 8 Band 8 Inventions and Innovations Drama 8 **Health and PE 9** **French I** **Spanish I** **German I** **Photojournalism 8 & Design Multimedia and Web Technology** **Technical Drawing and Design**	*Intro to Early Childhood Education** *Intro to Culinary Arts** *Design Multimedia and Web Technology** *Digital Applications** *Principles of Business & Marketing** *Computer Science Foundations** *Art Foundations**

Courses with * or ** reflect they are high school credit bearing classes!

REGISTRATION WORKSHEET
2025-2026 School Year

STUDENT NAME: _____ ID Number_____

All rising 8th grade students are *required* to take the following classes:

       English 8 or Advanced English 8 (Teacher Recommendation)

       Physical Science 8

       World Geography (1.0 HS Credit)

Math teachers will make recommendations for one of the following classes: PreAlgebra, Algebra, or Geometry.

Electives are either a full year (FY) or a semester (SEM) in length. **List no fewer than six choices in order of preference, as you may not always receive your first choice. All class offerings are subject to change based on staffing requirements and student interest.**

Elective Courses		Course # and Name	Length of Course	H.S. Credit	YOUR CHOICES (List no fewer than six classes in order of preference.):
World Language	5110	French I	FY	1.0	1.
	5210	German I	FY	1.0	
	5510	Spanish I	FY	1.0	2.
Music	9229	Band 8	FY	n/a	3.
	9271	Choir 8	FY	n/a	
Other	7320/ 7310	Health and PE 9	FY	1.0	
	6630	Photojournalism 8 & Design, Multimedia, and Web Technology	FY	1.0	4.
Electives	8435	Technical Drawing/Design	FY	1.0	5.
	21099	Inventions and Innovations	FY	n/a	6.
	1390	Drama 8	FY	n/a	
	6116	Principles of Business and Marketing	SEM	0.5	7.
	8233	Intro. To Early Childhood Education	SEM	0.5	8.
	8249	Introduction to Culinary Arts	SEM	0.5	
	9120	Art Foundations	SEM	0.5	
	6617	Digital Applications	SEM	0.5	
	6632	Design, Multimedia, and Web Technology	SEM	0.5	
	10012	Computer Science Foundations	SEM	0.5	

NOTE: High school credit classes will be part of your official high school transcript and G.P.A.

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Parent Signature   **Date**   **Student Signature**   **Date**

Choir

Band

Drama

Yearbook

Early Childhood Education

Introduction to Culinary Arts

Computer Courses

Technical Drawing/Design

Questions?!

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