



Raymond B. Stewart Middle School

2018 – 2019 8th GRADE

NAME: _____

REQUIREMENTS:

*Advanced sections are by staff placement only.

- Language Arts *
- Mathematics *
- Science *
- U.S. History *

ELECTIVES: Rank #1-5 your preference of elective.

PER STATE REQUIREMENT, if PE is NOT selected, complete and sign waiver on reverse side.

- _____ Physical Education (PE) – (semester)
- _____ Art (semester)
- _____ Computer Applications in Business (semester)
- _____ Explorations of Agriscience (semester)
- _____ Technology Applications (semester)
- _____ Band (yearlong, requires PE waiver)
 - _____ Beginning _____ Concert/Symphonic _____ Jazz
- _____ Chorus (yearlong, requires PE waiver)
- _____ AVID (yearlong, requires PE waiver & application)
- _____ Peer Assistant (yearlong, placement by selection process)

Year high school credit-earning electives – impact GPA/rank

- _____ Agriscience Foundations 1 (HS Science) #
- _____ Spanish 1 (yearlong high school world language) #
- _____ Spanish 2 (yearlong high school world language) #

Course Requests: Assignments are based upon legislation and availability of teachers, space, and materials. Every effort will be made to grant first-choice electives. Failure to complete this form will result in classes being assigned to the student. Waivers for special circumstances must be approved by administration and the Pasco County School Board.

➤ **Students for whom remediation is mandated by statute** (e.g. FSA scores) **will be required to take a remedial class** (e.g. Intensive Reading or Intensive Math).

Schedule Changes: Students who struggle with the course content may be granted changes only after parent, teacher, and student confer to discuss progress and identify a plan of action for student improvement. We are interested in the success of our students and are willing to work with the student and parent to help the student succeed. These procedures have been developed to ensure stable classrooms for all students at RBSMS. Schedule changes must be approved by administration.

Exceptional Student Education (ESE): The final choices of classes for ESE students will be made at the time of the TIEP/parent conference. The selections on this form will be used only for planning purposes.

COURSE INFORMATION

- ◇ **Infinity Academy:** Yearlong core academics (Lang Arts, Math, Science, History) taught via a blended-learning model combining teacher-led instruction with Pasco eSchool online content. Must submit separate application.
- ◇ **AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination):** Yearlong college readiness elective ensures “in the academic middle” students succeed in rigorous curriculum through organization skills, time management, note-taking strategies, college tutors during class time, field trips to local college campuses. Must submit separate application.
- ◇ **Physical Education (PE):** Semester elective provides students with the knowledge, skills, and values to become healthy and physically active. Requirements: locker fee, optional uniform fee, daily participation, and dress in appropriate attire.

The following electives require a signed PE waiver:

- ◇ **Art:** Semester elective produces artworks and explores Western and non-Western cultures through developing skills in mediums such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage.
- ◇ **Computer Applications in Business:** Semester elective about intermediate keyboarding, word processing, presentations, computer hardware, introductory spreadsheet, and business applications
- ◇ **Explorations of Agriscience:** Semester elective about the development of our food supply agricultural food system, environmental resources, and strategies used to produce and market agricultural products, and an exploration of research through the scientific method.
- ◇ **Technology Applications:** Semester elective about technology including aeronautics, internal combustion engines, robotics, prosthetics, rocketry, alternative energy and the science, physics, and history of these topics.
- ◇ **Band:** Yearlong elective where students work on music notation, sound production, instrument care and maintenance, and personal and group rehearsal. Musical instrument and afterschool performances are required. Select Beginning Band if new to Band.
- ◇ **Chorus:** Yearlong elective with mandatory afterschool performances, vocal techniques, daily practice. Students develop beginning vocal technique and skills, critical and creative thinking skills, and an appreciation of music from around the world and through time. After-school performances are required.
- ◇ **Peer Assistant:** Yearlong elective assisting staff and students. Your selection indicates interest – a selection process is required.

#High School Credit-Earning Courses:

- ◇ **#Agriscience Foundations:** Yearlong high school credit elective develops competencies in agricultural history and global impact of agriculture, and develops the principles of biological, physical science, environmental, leadership, and agribusiness.
- ◇ **#Spanish 1 & 2:** Yearlong high school world language credit impacts your high school graduating GPA and class rank. Your selection indicates interest – a selection process is required. Choose Spanish 2 if Spanish 1 was completed.

High school credit-earning course impacts high school GPA & class rank

Grades earned in these courses will earn high school

Student Signature: _____ Date _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: _____ INFINITY _____ FSA Reading _____ FSA Math _____ SSAP
 _____ ESE: _____ _____ Gifted _____ AVID _____ CAR-PD/Intens. Reading _____ Intensive Math _____ CR: _____