



Course Selection

Howard Middle Guidance Counselors:

6th Grade - Ms. Calvar

7th Grade - Ms. Bugar

8th Grade - Ms. Elder

Instructions for Completing the Course Request Form

In this presentation will we go over how to complete the Course Request Form, including required core academic courses and selection of electives courses.

Before completion of the Course Request form families should carefully review and complete the Howard Magnet Contract. [Click here for the HMS Magnet Contract](#) and [click here to review the HMS Course Catalog](#).

Students must enroll in four core classes, and three electives. Howard Middle School provides students with a rigorous academic program. Elective courses are based on student interest and seat availability.

First Part of the Course Request Form

- This form is to be filled out by the student AND a parent/guardian
- Students Name:
 - Please fill out your name as it appears on Skyward if you are a current OCPS student. If you are new to OCPS your name should match the name on the OCPS registration forms.
- Check the boxes for 504, IEP, or Gifted by selecting “Yes” because it applies to you, “No” because it doesn’t apply to you, or “Unsure”.
- PE
 - Select “Yes” if you are planning on taking PE next year
 - If you are NOT planning on taking PE, you will need to fill out a PE Waiver. [Click here](#) to download and complete the 2024-25 PE Waiver.



ACADEMIC CLASSES

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Required Core Academic Courses for OCPS Middle Schools

- Math
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies



Academic Course Selection

- Select the classes that you will be taking next year (one of each class-Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies)
- Math and Science have two different progressions
 - Math has a Regular progression and Accelerated progression
 - Science has an Advanced progression and Honors progression
- Language Arts, Social Studies and Science are ALL advanced level classes

Please let us know the most recent Math and Science course you completed. Be sure to note if it was accelerated or not. The full course name can be found on the student's report card.

Math Progression

Grade	Regular Course Option	Accelerated Course Option
6	Grade 6 Math	Accelerated Math Grade 6
7	Grade 7 Math	Accelerated Math Grade 7 OR Algebra 1**
8	Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1 Honors** OR Geometry Honors**

Note: Prior year grades and assessment scores in Math will be considered for course placement

** Honors classes will provide high school credit and will calculate into the student's high school GPA

Language Arts Progression

Grade	Course Options
6	Language Arts 1 Advanced
7	Language Arts 2 Advanced
8	Language Arts 3 Advanced

As part of our emphasis on high academic achievement at Howard, all students will be enrolled in advanced coursework for Language Arts.



Science Progression

Grade	Comprehensive Science	Honors Science
6	Comprehensive Science Advanced 1	Life Science
7	Comprehensive Science Advanced 2	Earth Space Science Honors**
8	Comprehensive Science Advanced 3	Physical Science Honors**

Note: Prior year grades and assessment scores in Science will be considered for course placement

** Honors classes will provide high school credit and will calculate into the student's high school GPA



Social Studies Progression

Grade	Course Options
6	World History, Advanced
7	Civics, Advanced
8	United States History, Advanced

As part of our emphasis on high academic achievement at Howard, all students will be enrolled in advanced coursework for Language Arts.



Elective Classes

Elective Course Selections

1. You will be scheduled for **3 elective classes**, however we ask you to **rank order your top 7 choices**, with #1 being your first choice, #2 is your second choice and so on.
2. Depending on requests and teachers availability, it is possible that some electives will not be offered next year. If this happens, we will select your next choice.
3. Some electives have a prerequisite which means you must take a lower level class before you can take that class.

e.g. you must take Theater 1 before you can take Musical Theater 1

Arts Program Placement Auditions

ELECTIVE AUDITIONS (Optional for ADVANCED placement only): If your child has experience and training in one of the arts programs, and would like to audition for placement into a higher level, please contact the program director and request a placement audition. You will be contacted directly by the program director with additional information about the audition process.

- **Dance Audition Information:** Students requesting a Dance course above beginning level, [click here](#) and sign up for a Dance Placement Audition by Wednesday, March 4, 2024. These placement auditions are scheduled for March 15, 2024.
- **Orchestra Audition Information:** Students requesting an Orchestra course, [click here](#) and complete the Orchestra Questionnaire. Mrs. Lubaroff-Orchestra Program Director, will contact you via email regarding correct course placement based on the child's experience.
- **Audition Contacts for other programs:**
 - Band: Damon.Wille@ocps.net
 - Chorus: Aaron.Penfield@ocps.net
 - Guitar: Keegan.Norman@ocps.net
 - Orchestra: Mary.Lubaroff@ocps.net
 - Piano: Daniel.Lovelette@ocps.net



Course Catalog

Before making your course selections, please review the Course Catalog. It contains scheduling policies, course progressions and descriptions for each academic and elective course.

[Click here](#) to Review the 2024-2025 Course Catalog



The deadline to register and secure your child's seat with Howard M.S. is March 15, 2024

Student registration must be completed in-person by parent/legal guardian on or before March 15, 2024 or the seat offer will be rescinded.

To sign up for a “Registration Session” please refer to Step 1 in the “Welcome/Registration Instructions” email you received from Mrs. Ramsey-Magnet Asst. Coordinator. School Counselors will be available at the Registration Sessions to answer questions regarding course selection.

If you are unable to attend one of the Registration Sessions please contact Howard's Registrar-Mrs. Mackemer for an appointment at email Caprice.Mackemer@ocps.net.

Contact Information for Mrs. Ramsey:

Email: Janet.Ramsey@ocps.net

Phone: 407-245-1780, ext. 5092303

Correct Format for Course Request Form

**Howard Middle School
Course Selection Form**

*Please Return to Social Studies Teacher by February 9th

Student Last Name: SNOWFLAKE First Name: SUZY
 Next Year Grade Level: 8 Student ID: 480600000 Best Contact Phone: 407-660-0000
 Parent/Guardian Name: JOHN AND MARY SNOWFLAKE Email: SNOWFLAKE24@GMAIL.COM

Please mark "X" if your child has any of the following:
 504 Plan IEP Gifted

Howard Middle School Academy of the Arts requires students to partake in a rigorous academic program. We ONLY offer advanced options of the following courses: Language Arts, History, and Science. Regular level courses for these subjects are not available at Howard Middle School. Please sign below verifying that you understand this information.

Parent Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/2/24

1. Are you planning on taking PE? If a student opts out of PE, they must complete a PE Waiver.
 Circle one: YES NO

2. English Language Arts All students will be enrolled in the Advanced English Language Arts course for their grade level.
 Please initial that you understand: JS

3. Social Studies All students will be enrolled in the Advanced level course for their grade level.
 Please initial that you understand: JS

4. Science Placement Students placed in the Honors Science track MUST be above grade level in Reading and Math.
 Circle one:

6th	Comprehensive Science 1 Advanced	Life Science
7th	Comprehensive Science 2 Advanced	Earth Space Science Honors
8th	Comprehensive Science 3 Advanced	<u>Physical Science Honors</u>

5. Math placement Math placements are determined by previous grades, FSA scores, and teacher recommendation.
 Circle one:

6th	6th Grade Math	6th Grade Accelerated Math
7th	7th Grade Math	7th Grade Accelerated Math Algebra 1 Honors
8th	8th Algebra	<u>Algebra 1 Honors</u> Geometry Honors

Please continue on the back of this page for elective selection

Middle School Electives

Number your elective choices 1-6 with # 1 being your first choice.

Please Note: Elective class choices are not guaranteed. Elective choices can also be subject to availability. Students are required to take minimum of 2 Arts Electives (i.e. Theater, Music, Visual Arts, Creative Photography, Creative Writing, Dance, and TV Production).

<p>Theater</p> <p>Theater 1 (040000)</p> <p>Theater 2* (040010)</p> <p><u>2</u> Theater 1** (040020)</p> <p>Musical Theater 1* (040020) (must have Tb 1 prior)</p> <p>Musical Theater 2* (040025)</p> <p>Technical Theater 1* (040010)</p> <p>Technical Theater 2* (050000)</p> <p>Visual Arts</p> <p>2D Art 1 (010101)</p> <p>2D Art 2* (01020)</p> <p><u>4</u> 2D Art 3* (01026)</p> <p>3D Art 1* (01040)</p> <p>3D Art 2* (01050)</p> <p>Digital Art 1 (010200)</p> <p>Digital Art 2* (010301)</p> <p><u>6</u> Digital Art 3* (010302)</p>	<p>Music (Placement determined by teacher)</p> <p><u>1</u> Band (130200)</p> <p>Chorus (130300)</p> <p><u>5</u> Guitar (130100)</p> <p>Orchestra (130240)</p> <p>Piano (130130)</p> <p>Academic Electives (Non Arts)</p> <p><u>STEM</u></p> <p>Robot/Spool (7th & 8th Grade only) (109700)</p> <p>Coding</p> <p>E Sports/Gaming</p> <p>Other Electives</p> <p>Creative Photography (7th & 8th Grade only) (010240)</p> <p>Creative Writing 1 (7th Grade) (100900)</p> <p>Creative Writing 2 (8th (mc)) (100910)</p> <p><u>3</u> Dance (Placement determined by teacher; TV Production 1</p>
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Student Signature: SUZY SNOWFLAKE Date: 2/2/24

Parent/Guardian Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/2/24

Notes
 *Pre-requisites (please refer to Curriculum Guide for info on specific courses)
 **Audition Required

Audition Contacts
 Band: Damon.Willie@ocps.net
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 Guitar: Keegan.Norman@ocps.net
 Orchestra: Mary.Lubaroff@ocps.net
 Theater: Kate.Cohen@ocps.net



Thank You!
Welcome to the Howard Family!

