



Fairview Middle School

Home of the Falcons

Welcome Rising 8th Grade Parents

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Parent Night Schedule

Schedule:

- **6:00 – 6:15** **Welcome & Introductions**
- **6:15 - 6:45** **Curriculum & Related Arts**
- **6:45 - 7:00** **I-Time & RTI**
- **7:00 - 7:30** **Assessments**
- **7:15 - 7:30** **Registration**

Guiding Principles of FMS

- **Expectations**
- **Rigor**
- **Purposeful practice**
- **Communication**
- **Code of Conduct- Restorative Practice**
- **Feedback**
- **Growth Mindset**
- **Learners and Leaders**

U.S. History

8th grade U.S. history classes will examine and analyze the following events:

- > European colonization of North America**
- > Development and maturation of the British colonies**
- > Influences that led to the American Revolution**
- > Development, impact, and expansion of the United States**
- > The Civil War**
- > Reconstruction and the development of the American West**
- > The history, people, government, and geography of Tennessee will be emphasized to illustrate the role our state played in American History.**

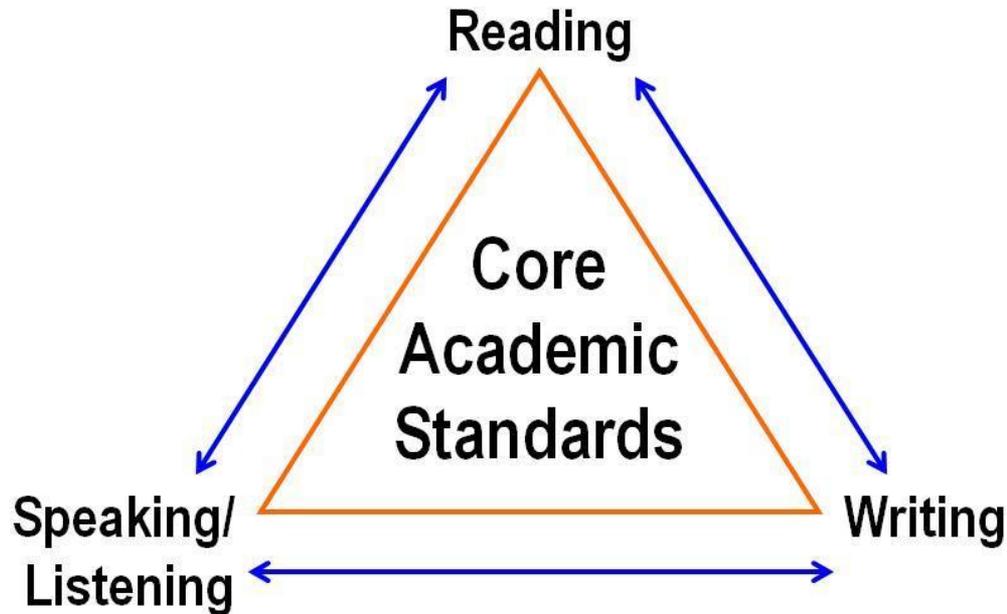
Science

The major units of study:

- **Motion/Force**
- **Electromagnetism**
- **Waves**
- **Universe/Gravity**
- **Plate tectonics/Rocks and Minerals**
- **Biological History/Fossils**
- **Adaptations/Natural Selection**

*Science fee covers consumables for labs/interactive

Language Arts Curriculum



The 8th grade language arts standards include instruction in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

The WCS Scope and Sequence aligns with the Tennessee State standards for Language Arts and can be accessed through the WCS website.

8th grade ELA students will learn to...

Read With Stamina and Depth

- independently read various lengths of both informational and literary texts
- persist in reading complex, challenging texts

Read Interactively

- analyze texts while reading
- identify text evidence to support analysis
- understand structure and qualities of various genres

8th grade ELA students will learn to...

Confidently Write...

- well-developed, organized pieces
- in a variety of genres (narrative, argumentative, informational)
- utilizing grade-level appropriate vocabulary
- while following standard conventions of written language.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Pre-write

Draft

*Edit and
Revise*

Conference

Publish

Mathematics Classes

● 8th Grade Math

- › This course covers the state of Tennessee 8th grade math standards. Students will take the 8th grade math TN Ready test in the spring.
- › Students that complete this course will enter Algebra I in the 9th grade.

● Prerequisites:

- › Mastery of 7th grade math standards as evidenced by TN Ready scores, STAR Math scores, WCS Placement Test scores, and teacher recommendation.

Mathematics Classes

● Honors Algebra I

- This course covers the state of Tennessee Algebra I standards.
- Students will take Algebra I TCAP test in the spring.

● Prerequisites:

- Students must score in the 90th percentile or above on STAR test
- Students must have a proficient score on Algebra I placement test.
- 7th grade math teacher recommendation

Mathematics Classes

● Honors Geometry

- › This course covers the state of Tennessee Geometry standards.
- › Students will take Geometry TCAP test in the spring.

● Prerequisites:

- › Students must score in the 90th percentile or above on STAR test
- › Students must complete the Algebra 1 course and EOC.
- › 7th grade math teacher recommendation

Focal Points in Mathematics Classes

- ◎ **Mathematics at FMS focuses on developing rigor through conceptual understanding, procedural skills and fluency, and math application.**
- ◎ **Students will be expected to persevere in problem solving, reason abstractly and quantitatively, construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.**

8th Grade Related Arts Choices

- ◎ Students will list their preferences for the following related arts choices on their registration packet. FMS will give students as many of their choices as possible.

◎ Semester Choices

- › Art
- › Theater
- › PE

◎ Year Long Choices

- › Band
- › Chorus
- › Orchestra
- › Honors Spanish I
- › *French I
- › Principles of Manufacturing

8th Grade Related Arts

Prerequisites for Foreign Language	Prerequisites for Principles of Manufacturing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● STAR Reading Scores	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Application - <i>Due April 13th</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parent Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Parent/Student Request
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Space Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 44 Spots Available

I-Time

I-Time is a 35 minute time of the day for us to focus on students and intervene or enrich their education at FMS.

- **Intervention**
- **Enrichment activities**
- **Acceleration and extension**
- **Study skills help**
- **Remediation on missed concepts and standards**

Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²)

- **FMS will operate under the RTI model to identify students in the general education setting who need additional assistance in the areas of math, reading, and writing.**
- **All students will take the STAR assessment in Reading and Math 4 times per year.**
- **Students will receive targeted support in math and/or reading based on their STAR results, performance on other standardized assessments, as well as classroom performance.**

Child Find

- **Child Find is how Williamson County Schools identify students who may be having problems.**
- **Williamson County Schools embraces the RTI (Response to Intervention) framework as a system for delivering increased levels of support to students by identifying at -risk students, monitoring student progress and providing evidence -based**

Child Find

- **Any child can be screened anytime; it is requested by a teacher, parent or concerned individual.**
- **Each school has a team of professionals who help identify children who may need assistance in the classroom.**
- **This may include students not learning on grade level. It also includes students with high academic achievement, creative thinking and intelligence.**

SUMMER SCHOOL

Dates:

June 4-7

June 11-14

June 18-21

June 25-28

**Times: 8:30 am -
11:30 am**

Qualifications:

- **Students who failed math or ELA for the year will be required to attend summer school in order to be promoted to high school.**
- **Students will be required to attend ELA, math, or both sessions.**

Assessments for 2018-2019

TN Ready

- Students will be assessed on the TN Ready assessment for Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies to measure how they have mastered standards throughout the school year.
- The assessment will be given in late April or May.

Universal Screener - STAR

- Progress monitors reading and math competencies

Benchmarks

- WCS quarterly assessments to gauge standards mastery

TN Ready Dates

April 17th – Language Arts - Part 1

April 18th – Language Arts - Parts 2 & 3

April 19th - Language Arts - Part 4

April 23rd – Math/Algebra - Part 1

April 24th – Math/Algebra - Parts 2 & 3

April 25th - Social Studies

April 26th - Science

April 27, April 30, May 1 – make up days

Attendance

- We can accept 4 parent notes per semester for illness. Any additional absences will require a medical note to excuse.
- We cannot excuse absences for travel, trips, or vacations.
- Not all absences are so easily decided, so we ask that you always send a note or email when your student is absent. We can review the reason to determine if we can excuse the absence.
- Regardless if the absence is excused or unexcused, students will be allowed to complete missing assignments.
- Students who miss 18 school days per year for any reason will be considered “Chronically Absent” per the TN DOE.
- Your student is considered tardy to school if they are not in their homeroom class by 7:40. If they are late due to an appointment or other reason, please send in a note.
- All attendance notes or questions can be sent via email to elizabeth.dawson@wcs.edu

Registration

The online registration window is open April 2nd through May 11th

- If not completed by this date, you will have to complete a 16 page paper packet.
- A paper packet can be requested through the front office by emailing Elizabeth Dawson at elizabeth.dawson@wcs.edu.
- If you don't know your login and password for Skyward, please plan to attend the April 12th or May 10th online registration help nights from 5-7 pm or email Mrs. Dawson.
- Please notify Mrs. Dawson of address changes or custody changes via email.

Registration Form

- ◎ **Students will bring home the FMS 8th Grade Scheduling and Information Form on Wednesday, April 4, 2018.**
- ◎ **If you are not returning to FMS next year, please indicate on the blue registration form, your child's name and the school attending next year. You may leave the rest of the packet blank.**
- ◎ **This will help us with our student enrollment count.**

Registration Packet Due Date

**Return the FMS 8th Grade
Scheduling and Information
Form to your child's
homeroom teacher by
Thursday, April 19th, 2018!**

JUMP START

**8th Grade
&
7th Grade**

**August 7, 2018
4:00 - 6:30 p.m.**

6th Grade

**August 8, 2018
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

PTO

- **FairviewMiddlePTO@gmail.com**
- **Elections for Next Year Coming Soon TBA**
- **Please get involved with our school. We greatly appreciate parent volunteers.**

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