

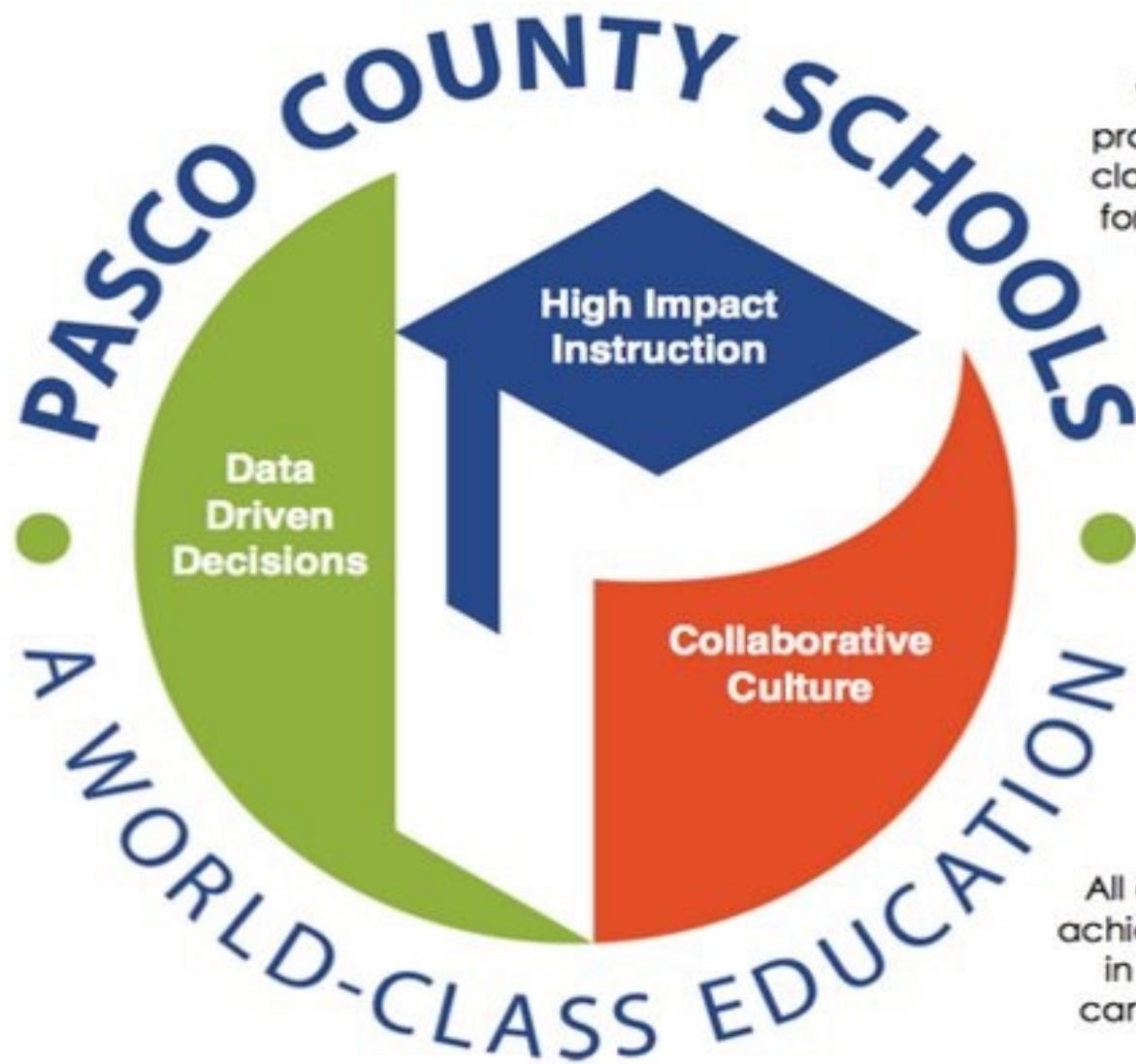
So, You're Taking An Accelerated or High School Class in Middle School



Seven Springs Middle School Mission



Seven Springs Middle School provides rigorous, relevant learning while fostering respectful relationships.



Mission

We exist to provide a world class education for all students.

Vision

All our students achieving success in college, in career, and life.





Learning Goal



What academic and behavioral habits do I need to do in order to be successful in acceleration or high school classes and beyond?

Accelerated and Honors Classes

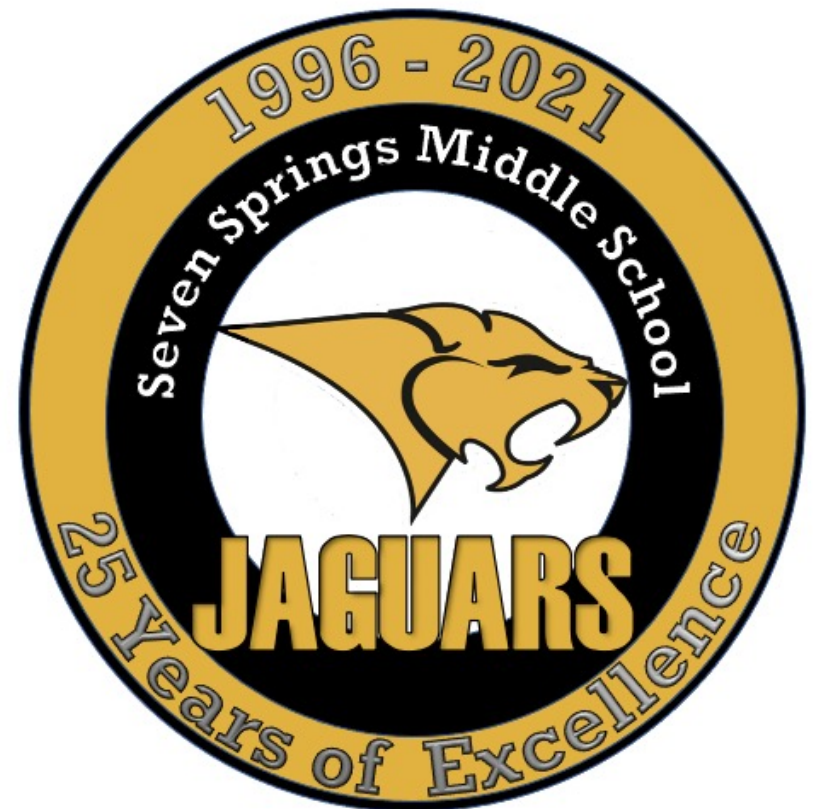
Requirements to stay in for all

Accelerated and Honors:

- C or higher (ideally 75% or higher)
- Consistent work ethic
- Excellent attendance

Supports for all Accelerated and Honors:

- Academic support during Study Hall
- Daily assignment in myLearning for preview and review
- NJHS will be tutoring after school twice a month on Wednesdays. Goal is to start next month.



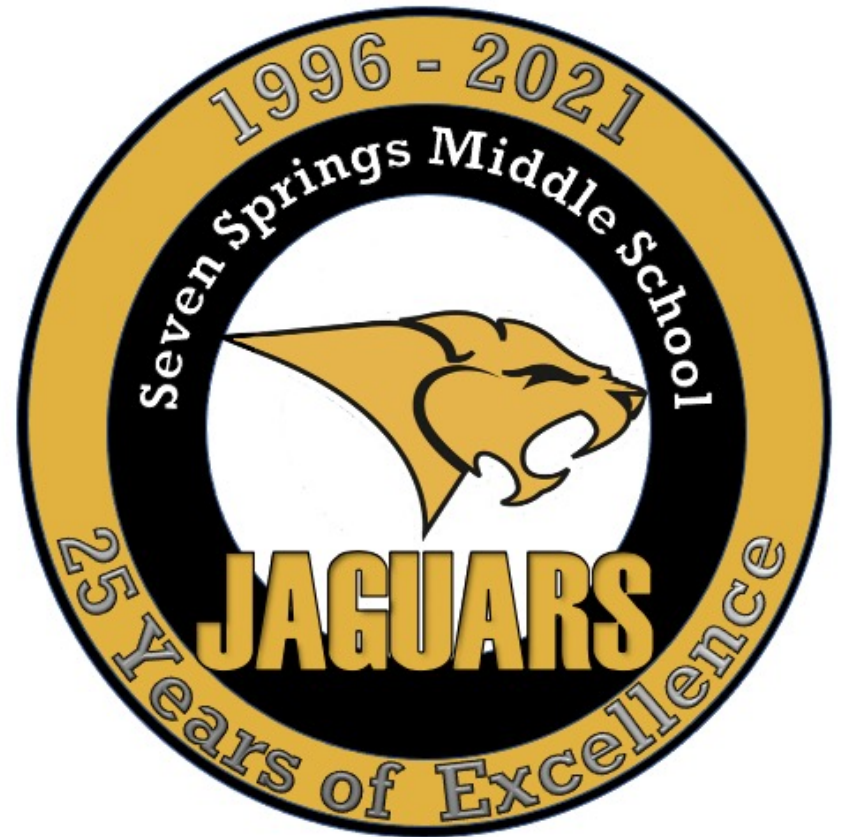
Accelerated Math

Accelerated Course Sequence:

- Accel. 6th Math
- Accel 7th Math
- Algebra 1 Honors Weighted H/S
- Geometry Honors Weighted H/S

Other Supports for Accel Math:

- Academic support during Study Hall
- Daily assignment in myLearning for preview and review
- Zearn (6th/7th)



Accel Science Honors

Accel Science Honors Sequence:

- Accel 6th Science Honors
- Accel 7th Science Honors
- Physical Science Honors weighted H/S
- College admissions require three high school natural science classes (at least two with a lab)

Other Support for Accel Science:

- Academic support attached to Study Hall period
- Daily assignment in myLearning for preview and review
- Supports in Science Fair project



Weighted High School Math Courses

Requirements to stay in Alg. 1 Honors?

- 75% or higher
- Consistent work ethic
- Excellent attendance
- College admissions requires minimum of 4 high school math (starting with Algebra I) classes.



Other Supports for Alg. 1 Honors & Geometry Honors:

- Academic support during Study Hall
- Daily assignment in myLearning for preview and review
- Practice in Math XL

Grade	Regular	Honors
A	4.00	4.50
B	3.00	3.50
C	2.00	2.50

Leadership Community

Leadership Community Unweighted High School Courses:

- Peer/Partners Learning (Paw Pals)
- Peer Counseling (Jag Patrol)
- Leadership Skills Development

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A	4.00	4.50
B	3.00	3.50
C	2.00	2.50



World Languages

World Language Unweighted High School Courses:

- Chinese 1
- Chinese 2
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2

World Language Courses:

- Counts as high school credit and is calculated in your high school GPA.
- College admission requires two consecutive years of same world language classes.
- Universities do not look at time frame when you took the course, they look at grades and overall high school GPA.



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World Languages Honors

World Language High School Weighted Course:

- Chinese 3 Honors

World Language Courses:

- Counts as high school credit
- Gives you .5 extra weight to your high school GPA.
- Makes college application more competitive.



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CTE High School Classes



CTE Unweighted High School Courses:

- Digital Multimedia
- Foundations of Robotics

College Scholarships:

- Counts as one of the required concentration Career and Technical Education courses for Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship (GSV) for Career and Technical Education program (see the FloridaShines.org website)

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College Admissions Requirement



State Universities (as of 2021)

To be eligible for admission to a state university, a student must meet these minimum requirements.

Earn a standard high school diploma with a minimum 2.5 GPA in 18 core academic courses which are:

- 4 courses in English (at least three with substantial writing)
- 4 courses in math (Algebra I and higher level courses)
- 3 courses in natural science (at least two with a lab)
- 3 courses in social studies
- 2 courses in the same foreign language
- 2 electives

Florida Shines

- <https://www.floridashines.org>
- Click on “Go to College” > click “Get Ready for College”



GET READY FOR COLLEGE

Prepare to shine. Learn everything you need to know to get ready for college.

Get on Track for College

Take rigorous college prep courses. Start college in high school with dual enrollment. Know what you need to get into the college of your choice. All of these things will help you prepare for success in school and life beyond graduation.

Helpful Tools for Success



**9th
Grade**

College Readiness Checklist

Freshmen: Discover your interests and get involved.



**10th
Grade**

College Readiness Checklist

Sophomores: Explore careers and get valuable work experience.



**11th
Grade**

College Readiness Checklist

Juniors: Select colleges and plan campus visits.



**12th
Grade**

College Readiness Checklist

Seniors: Finalize college preparations and graduate high school!

Florida Shines

- <https://www.floridashines.org>
- Look at each grade level to determine what you need to do.



College Readiness Checklist

Discover • Explore • Select • Achieve

FloridaShines.org

9th Grade

Fall

- ☐ Take the most challenging (and realistic) course load for which you are eligible.
- ☐ Your school counselors are great resources. Make an appointment to meet with one to seek advice on college planning.
- ☐ Go to FloridaShines and download the **"Tools for Success"** worksheets. They're loaded with great tips and tricks to help you enjoy a successful Freshman year.
- ☐ Check out the FloridaShines **career pages** and begin exploring options for your education and career.

Spring

- ☐ Get involved! Clubs, activities, and community involvement look great on a college application.
- ☐ Record and keep track of your credentials (awards, volunteer hours, etc.).
- ☐ Start learning about college. Look at the information available in your school counselor's office, at the library, and on **FloridaShines**.

Summer

- ☐ Plan a challenging 10th grade course load.
- ☐ Make your summer count. Continue to build your credentials (e.g., awards, volunteer hours).
- ☐ Complete all summer reading assignments so they are ready to turn in the first week of the year. Remember, reading more than what is required is always helpful!



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PAY FOR COLLEGE

Scholarships. Grants. Loans. Work Study. Florida offers lots of opportunities to pay for college without a mountain of debt. Learn more and make a plan.

Residency for In-State Tuition

Students who are residents of Florida pay significantly lower tuition at state colleges and universities than students from other states. The average annual in-state tuition for a public university in Florida is \$6,071 for full-time students. Tuition at state colleges is about two-thirds the amount of tuition at state universities.

[Learn more about eligibility for in-state tuition.](#)

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) is the first step to applying for federal and state financial aid. You'll also need to complete a [Florida Financial Aid Application](#). The [FAFSA4caster](#) is an online tool offered by the U.S. Department of Education that can help you understand your options for paying for college.

[Learn everything you need to know about FAFSA.](#)

Bright Futures Scholarships

Bright Futures Scholarships are awarded, based primarily on academic achievement, to recent Florida high school graduates who are pursuing an undergraduate degree at a public college or university in the state. Scholarship amounts vary based on GPA, scores on college entrance exams, service hours and other factors.

For additional information, please visit the [Bright Futures Scholarship Program](#) page or consult with your counselor.

Other Scholarships and Grants

Learn more about [other scholarships and grants](#).

- [Scholarships = Free Money](#) (0:47)
- Students with intellectual disabilities attending Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs (FPCTPs) are eligible for a [FPCTP scholarship](#).



Admissions: What do most colleges look for?



AVERAGE FRESHMEN PROFILE

State universities have a competitive selection process. Even students who meet the minimum requirements may not gain admission to the school of their choice because of limited space. [See more detailed information about admissions criteria by university.](#)

University	Middle Range SAT	Middle Range ACT	Middle Range GPA	Application Type
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)				Institutional Online Application
Florida Atlantic University (FAU)	1100 - 1270	23 - 29	3.73 - 4.33	Institutional Online Application, Common Application
Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU)	1090 - 1230	22 - 27	3.56 - 4.33	Institutional Online Application, Common Application
Florida International University (FIU)	1200 - 1350	25 - 30	4.20 - 4.60	Institutional Online Application
Florida Polytechnic University	1250 - 1400	27 - 31	4.10 - 4.60	Institutional Online Application, Common Application
Florida State University (FSU)	1250 - 1400	28 - 32	4.20 - 4.60	Institutional Online Application, Common Application, Coalition Application
New College of Florida	1113 - 1320	22 - 29	3.50 - 4.20	Institutional Online Application, Common Application
University of Central Florida (UCF)	1250 - 1370	26 - 30	3.96 - 4.49	Institutional Online Application, Common Application
University of Florida (UF)	1350 - 1480	30 - 34	4.40 - 4.70	Common Application, Coalition Application
University of North Florida (UNF)	1100 - 1260	22 - 28	4.00 - 4.50	Institutional Online Application, Common Application
University of South Florida (USF)	1230 - 1370	26 - 31	3.97 - 4.48	Institutional Online Application, Common Application, Coalition Application
University of West Florida (UWF)	1060 - 1240	21 - 27	3.61 - 4.20	Institutional Online Application, Common Application

Source: 2021 Board of Governors, State University System of Florida

Questions College Applications Ask

- Colleges want to know grades you earned in grades 9-11 in....
 - Core classes
 - Foreign language classes
 - AP
 - DE
 - Honors
- Extracurricular Activities (NHS, sports, etc.)
- Volunteer/Community Service hours
- Awards/Honors you received
- SAT/ACT scores
- Overall GPA
- Class rank (some colleges)





Florida College/University Information

<https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college>





Tips for Parents



- Help your child be organized
- Have a designated location to do homework
- Set quarterly goals
- Work with your child's teacher & staff
- Check your child's grades and attendance weekly
- Know progress reports/report card dates
- Check your child's myLearning assignments



Questions?