

Sawgrass Springs Middle School 7th Grade Spring

Scholar Program Vision

- Program for academically talented / gifted students
- Accelerated and rigorous academic program
- Prepares students for Advanced Placement / Dual Enrollment classes in high school
- Offers the opportunity to complete up to 8 high school credits in middle school

Student Requirements

- Achieve high proficiency levels on Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)
- Enroll in at least 4 high school credits by the start of the 8th grade year
- Maintain high grades (A or B) in all high school credit classes
- Acceptance into National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
 - = 15 hours of service

- Must be socially and emotionally mature
- Regular attendance
- Positive behavior
- Punctual
- Organized
- Intrinsically Motivated

Academic

Social / Behavioral

Benefits

- Automatic acceptance into the Coral Glades Cambridge Program.
- Students can leave middle school with up to 9 high school credits
- Meeting with guidance counselor for progress check each semester
- Yearly college visitation field trips
- Leads to accelerated high school programs and dual enrollment
- Saves money on college credits
- Exposes students to rigorous coursework to prepare them for college and career

High School Preparedness

- Students can earn up to 9 high school credits at SSMS
 - Core Subject Areas
 - Honors Algebra
 - Honors Geometry
 - Physical Science
 - Honors Biology
 - Spanish 1,2, and Honors 3
 - Italian 1 (Based on student interest)

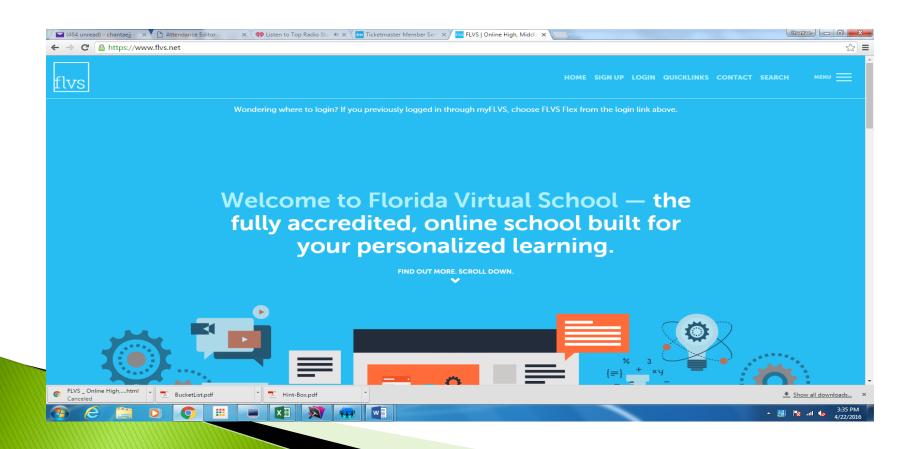
Electives

- Introduction to Computer Science
- Introduction to Engineering
- Introduction to Information Technology
- Band, Orchestra, and Chorus
- Debate

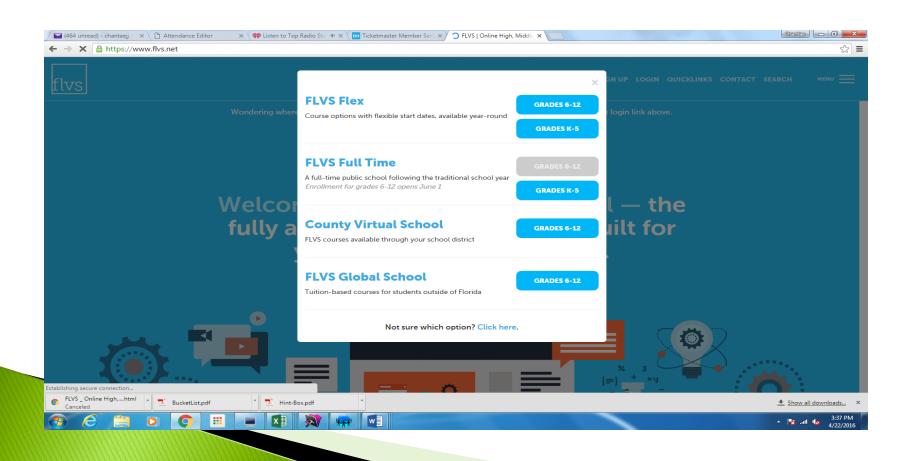
Health Opportunities through Physical Education (HOPE)

- Recommended
- Complete on-line program through Broward Virtual School
- Recommended during the summer before 8th Grade year
- Satisfies high school online course requirement and health / PE requirement

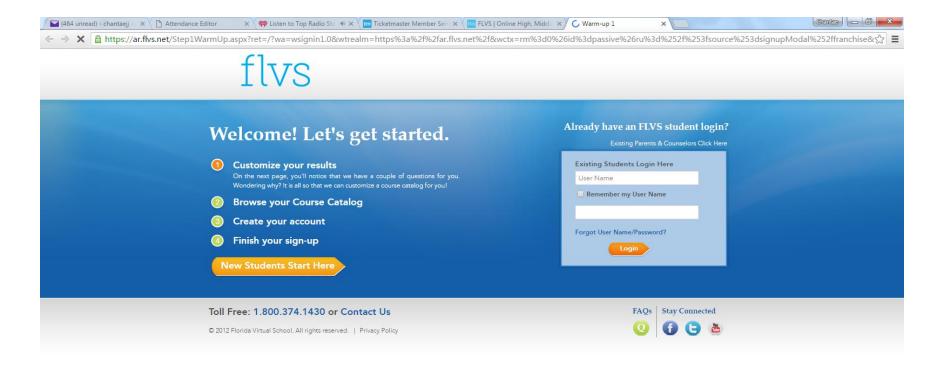
Broward Virtual School / Florida Virtual School www.flvs.net



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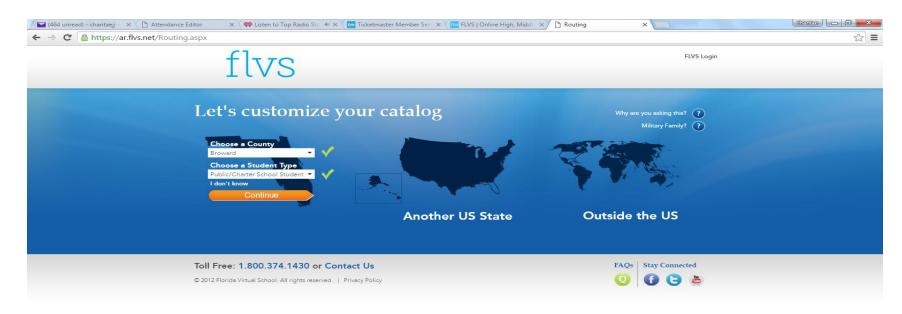


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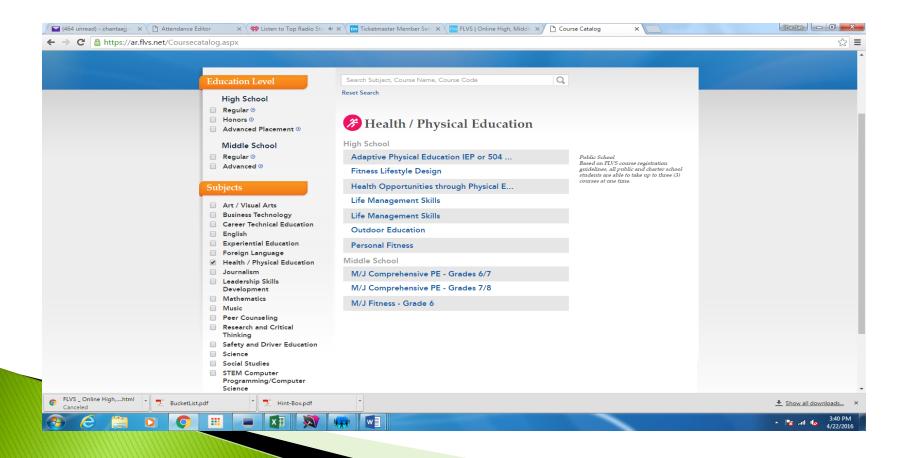


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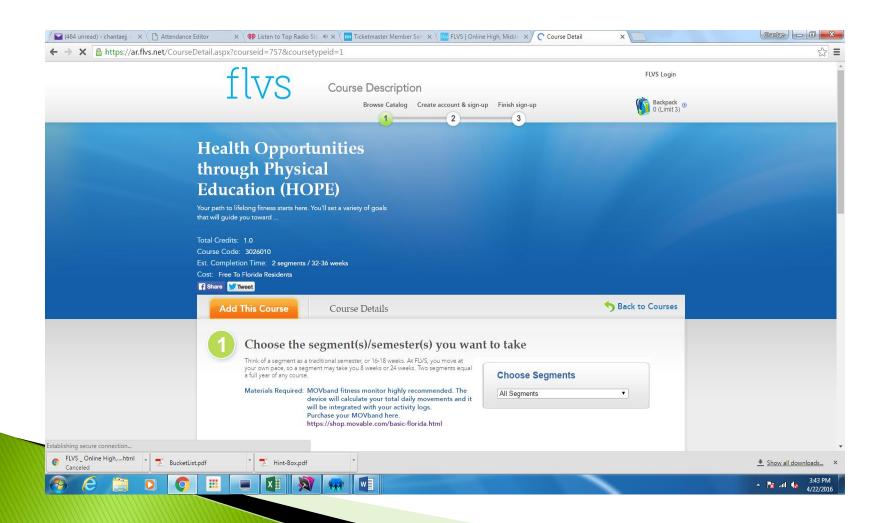




Click "Specified Subject then Subject Level"



Click "Select All Segments"

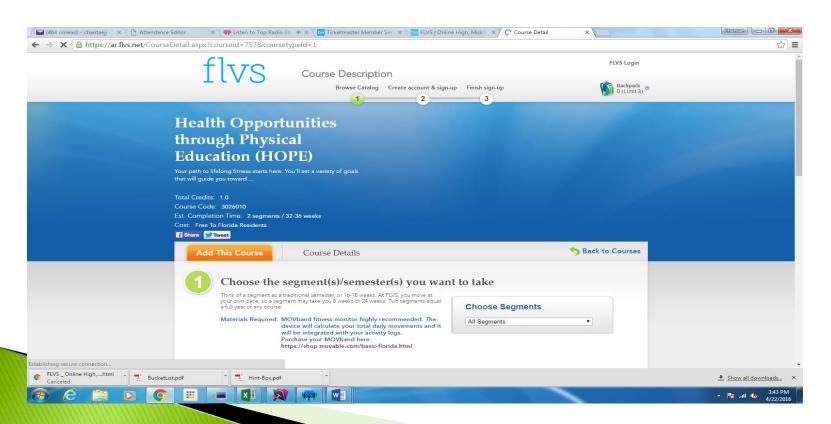


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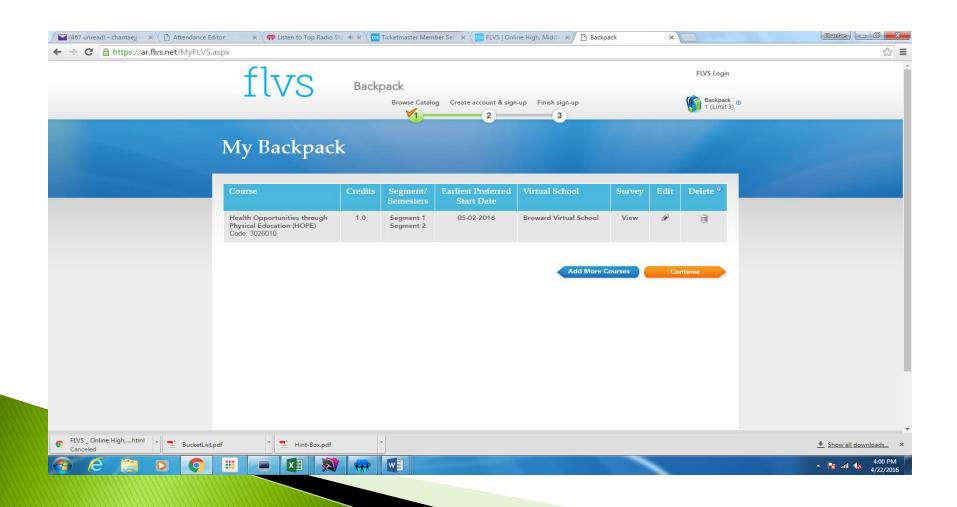
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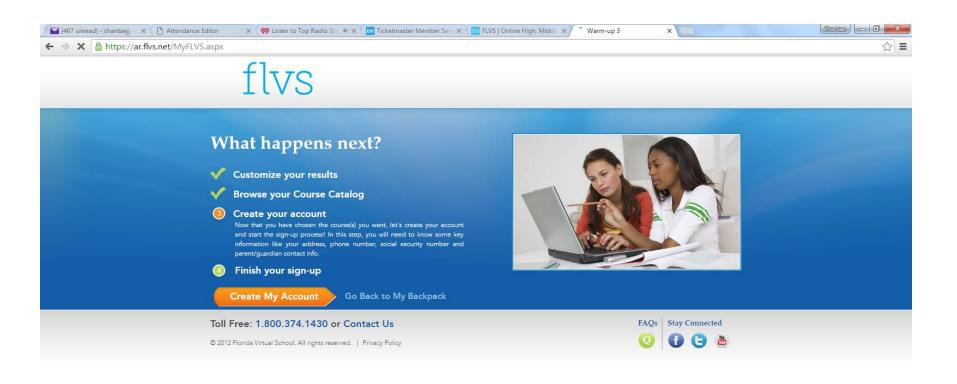
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Review your "Backpack" then click "Continue"

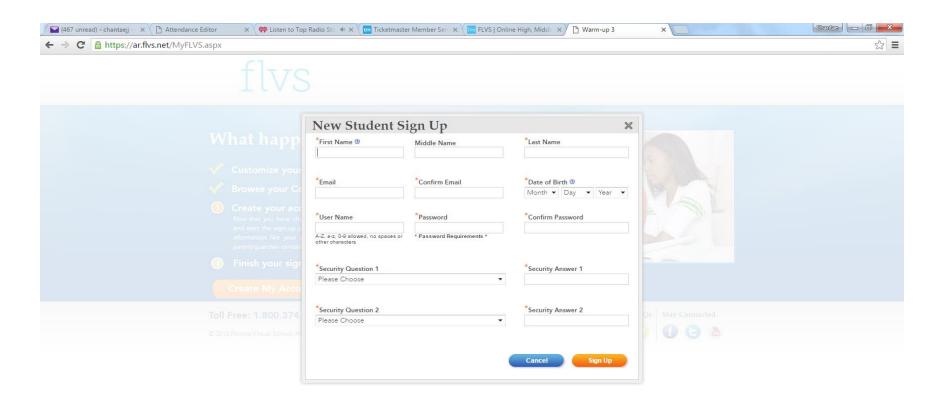


Click "Create My Account"



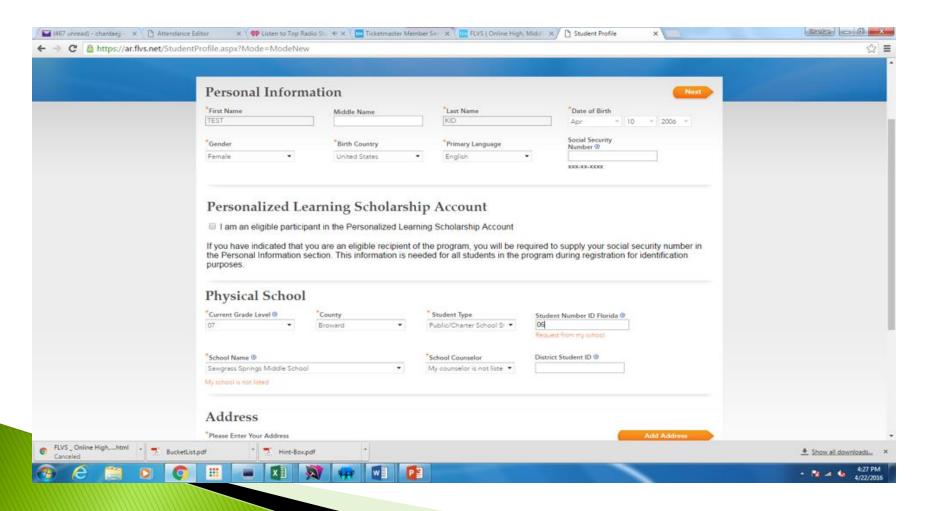


Fill in the student information to sign up.

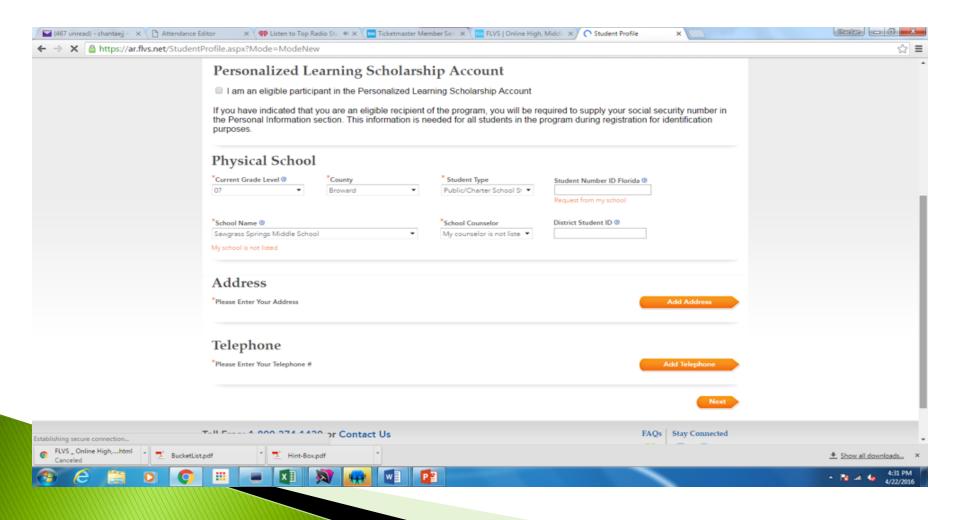




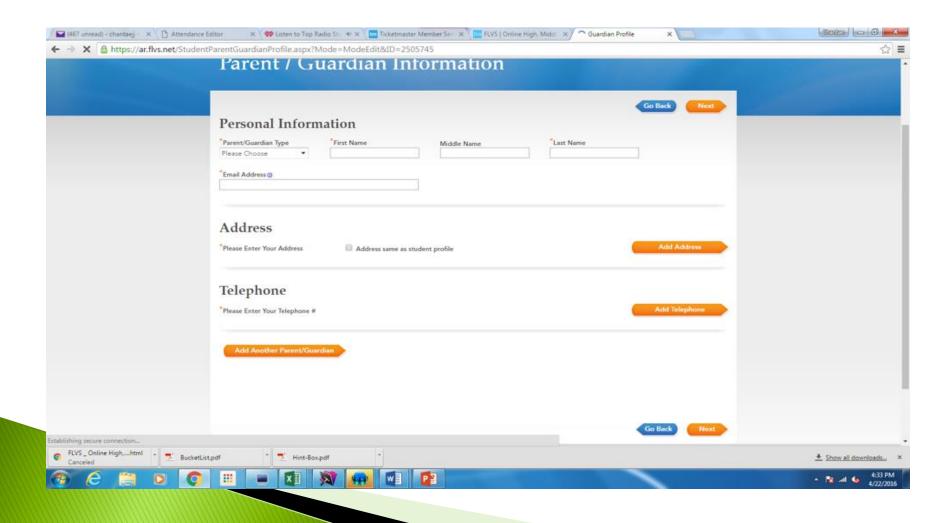
Fill in Student Number ID Florida, not District ID



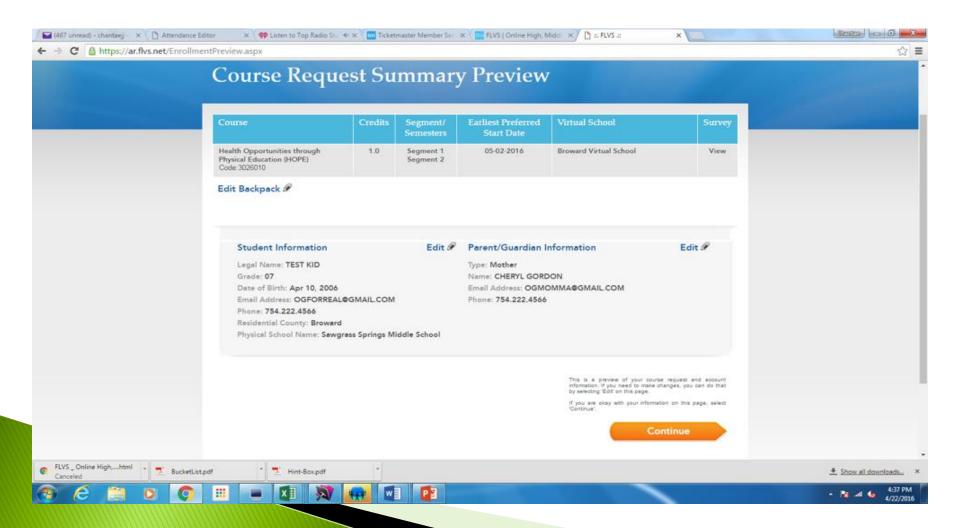
Add address and phone number for the student



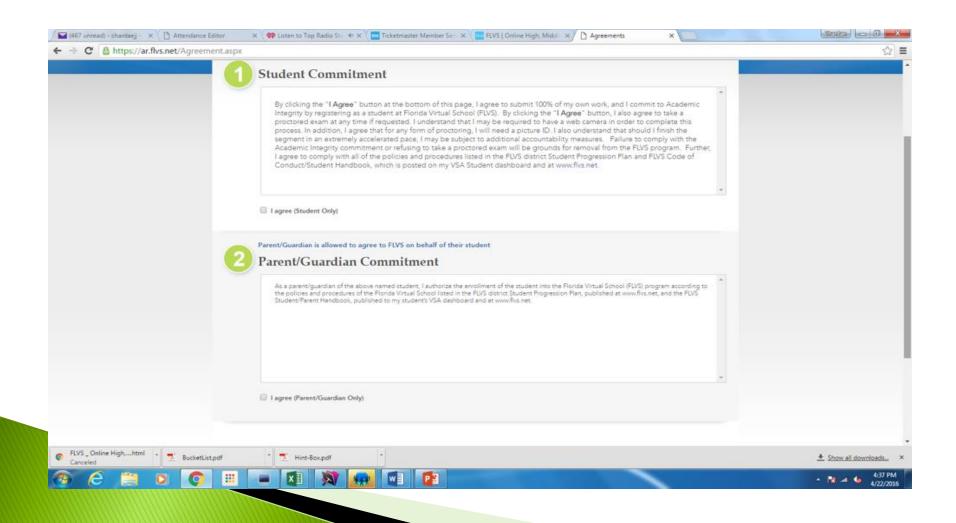
Add Information for Parent / Guardian



Review Course, Student, and Parent Information



Agree to Student and Parent Commitment



FYI

- Once you have completed registration, the course will be sent to SSMS Student Services for approval. Please check your FLVS account often to see if you have been placed in a course.
- Once you have been placed in course you must complete a "Welcome Call". If you do not complete the "Welcome Call", you will be withdrawn from the course. This withdrawal will take place even if you have been working in the course.
- The course takes between 32-36 weeks to complete. FLVS courses utilize traditional pace charts, designed to keep students on track. However, pace is flexible. Upon activation in the course, students can work with their teachers to create pace charts that better meet their needs. Students may also complete elect to complete extra assignments each week, therefore completing the course in less time.
- If you have several weeks of inactivity you may be withdrawn from the course automatically.
- You have 14 days to make sure that this is the correct course for your student. If you wish to withdraw you can do so without penalty within the first 14 days. If you choose to withdraw on day 15 or after you will either be withdrawn with a "W/D Passing" if you have a 69 or higher or with "W/D Failing" if you have a 69 or lower.

Sample Grade 8 Schedule

- Advanced / Gifted Language Arts
- Advanced / Gifted Science or Biology Honors
- Advanced / Gifted American History
- Regular/Honors Algebra or Geometry Honors (GEM)

- Choice of 2 Electives:
 - Debate 1 Honors
 - Spanish 2 or 3 Honors
 - Italian 1
 - Introduction to Engineering Design
 - Introduction to Information Technology
 - Vocal / Instrumental Techniques

Core Subject Courses

Elective Courses

NAVIANCE Family Connection

- College and Career Planning Portal for Students and Families
 - Career Exploration: College and Career Self-Assessments
 - Academic Planning: Finding the right courses for college and career.
 - College Planning: College research, applications, recommendations, scholarships, and enrichment programs.
 - Individual Learning Plans: Tangible and action-oriented plans to reach college and career goals.
 - succeed.naviance.com/sawgrasssms

Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

- Select 8th Grade Students
- Provides usable information on weaknesses and strengths for the SAT.
- Provides experience sitting for a long/rigorous test.
- Needed to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.
- Will be held in first semester at Sawgrass Springs Middle.

Benefits of AICE



- International High School Diploma
- College Credit & Weighted GPA
- Rigorous course work
- Bright Futures Scholarship Automatic Qualifier (in Florida)

Tips

- Students: Know Yourself!
- Parents: Know Your Children!
- Colleges are looking for well rounded students
- Time management (ie. appropriate course load)
- Colleges are looking for extra-curricular activities
- Don't forget to smell the roses!!!

Questions / Concerns



Scholar Program 2018 -2019

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