

Arvida Middle School Curriculum Bulletin 2024 - 2025



Subject Area Core Courses			
Students are placed in core courses based on student progression plan, grades, assessment data, ELL/EP/IEP plans (if applicable), and teacher recommendation. <i>Intensive Reading placement based on FAST ELA score – will take the place of 1 elective</i>			
English Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
6 th ELA Regular 6 th ELA Advanced 6 th ELA Gifted 6 th ELA through ESOL 6 th <i>Intensive Reading</i>	6 th Math Regular 6 th Math Advanced 6 th Math Gifted	6 th Science Regular 6 th Science Advanced 6 th Science Gifted	6 th US History Regular 6 th US History Advanced 6 th US History Gifted
7 th ELA Regular 7 th ELA Advanced 7 th ELA Gifted 7 th ELA through ESOL 7 th <i>Intensive Reading</i>	7 th Math Regular 7 th Math Advanced 7 th Math Gifted Algebra Honors+* Algebra Gifted+*	7 th Science Regular 7 th Science Advanced 7 th Science Gifted Physical Science Honors+* Physical Science Gifted+*	7 th Civics Regular 7 th Civics Advanced 7 th Civics Gifted
8 th ELA Regular 8 th ELA Advanced 8 th ELA Gifted 8 th ELA through ESOL 8 th <i>Intensive Reading</i>	8 th Pre-Algebra Algebra Honors+* Algebra Gifted+* Geometry+*	8 th Science Regular 8 th Science Advanced 8 th Science Gifted Physical Science Honors+* Physical Science Gifted+* Biology Honors+* Biology Gifted+*	8 th World History Regular 8 th World History Advanced 8 th World History Gifted
Developmental Language Arts through ESOL Level 1-4 <i>(required for ESOL Level 1-4)</i>			

*High school credit course+
Teacher Recommendation Required**

Magnet/Academy/General Studies Electives

MAGNET ELECTIVES	
FORENSICS <i>(only offered to Forensics Magnet students)</i>	GLOBAL <i>(only offered to Global Magnet students)</i>
Forensics Research Lab	Global Research Lab
Forensics Research Lab 2*	Global Research Lab 2*
Forensics Leadership*	Global Leadership*

ARVIDA FINE ARTS ACADEMY ELECTIVES					
VISUAL ART	BAND	CHORUS	DANCE	KEYBOARD	THEATER
Art 1	Band 1	Chorus 1	Dance 1	Keyboard 1 (Piano)	Theater 1
Art 2*	Band 2*	Chorus 2*	Dance 2*	Keyboard 2 (Piano)*	Theater 2*
Art 3*	Concert Band*	Chorus 3*	Dance 3* (Dance Team) <i>audition required</i>	Keyboard 3 (Piano)*	
Creative Photography*	Jazz Band*				

ADVANCED ACADEMICS ACADEMY ELECTIVES			
SPANISH <i>(Non-Speakers)</i>	SPANISH <i>(Speakers)</i>	FRENCH	DUAL ENROLLMENT
Spanish 1 for Non-Spanish Speakers+	Spanish 1 for Spanish Speakers+	French 1+	DE: Student Success <i>(min. 3.0 high school GPA required)</i>
Spanish 2 for Non-Spanish Speaker+*	Spanish 2 for Spanish Speakers+*	French 2 (via FLVS) +*	
	Spanish 3+* (via FLVS)		

GENERAL STUDIES ELECTIVES			
Critical Thinking (Office Aide) * <i>(7th/ 8th gr only)</i>	Journalism (Yearbook)	Math Counts* <i>(7th/ 8th gr only)</i>	TV Production
Health	Law Studies	PE	World Cultures <i>(7th gr only)</i>
Intro to Artificial Intelligence	Learning Lab (Study Hall)	Peer Counseling*	World Geography <i>(6th gr only)</i>
			World Languages Humanities – Japanese Culture

High school credit course+
*Teacher Recommendation Required**
Offered to 8th grade only



Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements to apply to be in the Forensics or the Global Studies magnet program?

- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in each core academic subject area (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- A minimum of 2.0 Grade Point Average in conduct for the core academic subject areas (e.g. language arts, mathematics, science, social studies) for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- All effort grades in core academic classes must be a “2” or higher for the previous year and the first grading period of the current year combined.
- No more than 10 unexcused absences for the previous year and 5 unexcused absences for the first semester of the current year.
- To apply, visit <https://yourchoicemiami.org/magnet-application/>

Is it required for Forensics or Global magnet students to take the Forensics Research or Global Research electives to be in the programs?

- No. These electives are offered solely to our magnet students to provide in-depth and hands-on studies in the magnet programs they have been accepted to, in addition to the field experiences they will receive on the magnet field trips.

Can a non-magnet student take the Forensics Research or Global Research elective?

- No, non-magnet students may not take these electives.

What is an academy?

- An academy is an educational program that focuses on providing specialized and comprehensive learning experiences, with an emphasis on a specific area of study.

What is the advantage of being in the Arvida Fine Arts Academy?

- Through the AFAA, students can progress through one of our award-winning visual and performing arts of their choice (Art, Band, Chorus, Dance, Keyboard, and Theater). Committing to any one of the tracks in this academy enables students to gain high-level skills that will allow them to pursue their goals, including high caliber performances, state and national competitions, and admissions to the most competitive visual and performing arts high school magnet programs. No previous experience is required to be in the Arvida Fine Arts Academy.

What is the advantage of being in the Advanced Academic Academy?

- For students who are interested in a rigorous course of study, the AAA offers high school credit electives that can be taken alongside high school credit core classes such as Physical Science and Algebra. Our foreign language high school courses, Spanish and French, can be taken starting in 6th grade and enables students to satisfy the two credits of sequential foreign language instruction required for admission to all 4-year universities. In addition, we offer a dual enrollment option through Miami Dade College, which requires 3.0 GPA in a high school level course.

Can a student be in the Forensics or Global magnet programs AND in one of the academies?

- Yes. Any student, whether they are in a magnet or not, can be part of either academy and take any of the electives under the academies.

Can a student be in both academies?

- Yes! Any student can take electives from both academies and/or any general studies electives.

Can a student be in one of Arvida's magnet programs AND in the Fine Arts Academy AND in the Advanced Academics Academy?

- YES! At Arvida, students can do it ALL. For example, a Global Studies magnet student can participate in all the hands-on Global Studies field experiences, while taking a Visual Art elective, as well as taking Spanish to complete their high school foreign language requirement. Win-win-win!

All academy and general electives are available to all students, magnet and non-magnet.

If you have any questions, please contact our Student Services department:

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