



JW Mitchell High School 2026-2027

9th Grade Course Offerings



Core Classes: (3) Choose 1 English & 1 Math. Science assigned at conclusion of 8th grade.

Honors courses require current teacher to sign next to the course name

ENGLISH

- ☐ English 1 (1.0)
- ☐ English 1 Honors (1.0)

SCIENCE (TBD by 8th Grade Assessments)

- ☐ Environmental Science (1.0)
- ☐ Biology 1 Honors (1.0)

MATH

- ☐ Algebra 1 (1.0)
- ☐ Algebra 1 Honors (1.0)
- ☐ Geometry (1.0) (pre-req Alg 1)
- ☐ Geometry Honors (1.0) (pre-req Alg 1)
- ☐ Algebra 2 (1.0) (pre-req Geo)
- ☐ Algebra 2 Honors (1.0) (pre-req Geo)



Additional J.W. Mitchell
Course Selection Info

Electives: Pick a total of 3.0 credits. Make sure each (0.5 credit selection has another 0.5 credit partner)

Mark 3.0 credits of primary electives with a (P) and 3.0 credits of alternates with a (A)

PERFORMING & FINE ARTS ELECTIVES

- ☐ 2D Studio Art 1 (1.0)
- ☐ 3D Studio Art 1 (1.0)
- ☐ Band 1 (1.0)
- ☐ Jazz Band 1 (1.0) (Co-requisite Band 1)
- ☐ Chorus 1 (1.0)
- ☐ Keyboarding 1 - Piano Skills (1.0)
- ☐ Eurhythmics 1 - Color Guard (1.0)
- ☐ Orchestra 1 (1.0)

PRACTICAL FINE ARTS ELECTIVES

- ☐ Foundations of Journalism (1.0) ▶
- ☐ Newspaper/Yearbook (Edts of Jrnlsm) (1.0) ×
- ☐ Photojournalism (1.0) ▶
- ☐ Digital Information Technology (1.0) ▶
- ☐ Digital Video Technology (1.0) ▶
- ☐ Digital Design 1 (1.0) ▶
- ☐ Digital Design 2 (1.0) ▶ (pre-req Digital Media 1)
- ☐ AP Business w/ Personal Finance (1.0) ▶

WORLD LANGUAGES

- ☐ Spanish 1 (1.0) (3+ on FAST ELA Recommended)
- ☐ Spanish 2 (1.0) (pre-req Spanish 1)
- ☐ Spanish 3 Honors (1.0) (pre-req Spanish 2)

ENGLISH ELECTIVES

- ☐ Creative Writing 1, 2 (0.5 each)

MATH ELECTIVE

- ☐ AP Comp Sci Principles (1.0) ▶ (co-enroll Alg2H)

NJROTC

- ☐ Naval Science 1 (1.0)

PLACEHOLDERS

- ☐ eSchool ON Campus
- ☐ eSchool OFF Campus

Class requesting:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1.0 Credit Max)

- ☐ HOPE* (1.0)
- ☐ Indv/Dual Sports 1,2 (0.5 each)
- ☐ Team Sports 1, 2 (0.5 each)
- ☐ Weight Training 1, 2 (0.5 each)
- ☐ Tennis 1, 2 (0.5 each)
- ☐ Volleyball 1, 2 (0.5 each)

SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES

- ☐ AP Human Geography (1.0) ▶
- ☐ Personal Finance & Money Mgmt* (0.5)
- ☐ Law Studies (0.5)
- ☐ Holocaust History Honors (0.5)
- ☐ Psychology 1 (0.5 each)

Are you taking summer eSchool classes?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What courses? _____



Legend:

(0.5) = semester class (1/2 year)
(1.0) = full year class (0.5/sem) = 0.5 HS credit/sem
× Application Required
▶ Required to sit for National Exam (AP/AICE/Industry Certification)
▲ Required to meet minimum Dual Enrollment requirements to enroll
* Graduation requirement. If taken in 9th grade will fill an elective slot
Check the JWMHS Website for detailed course information including required pre-reqs and Academy Pathways

Florida HS Graduation 24 Credit Requirements

- 4 English
- 4 Math: Algebra, Geometry & 2 Additional
- 3 Science: Biology & 2 Equally Rigorous Sciences
- 3 Social Studies: World Hist, US Hist, Gov/Econ
- 1 Fine Art/CTE
- 1 HOPE (PE)
- 0.5 Personal Finance & Money Mgmt
- 7.5 Electives

Pasco County Schools Course Directory

HOPE/PE Waiver Requirements

2 years of NJROTC (Naval Science), 2 seasons of High School Athletics or 2 years of Marching Band/Colorguard.



J.W. Mitchell High School



2026 – 2027 Course Selection Form

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____ Class of 2030

Students need to reference the graduation requirements when selecting classes. Students must be enrolled in 6 classes, regardless of the number of high school credits previously earned. **Teacher signatures/recommendation must be obtained for ALL CORE Honors/AP courses.**

- **eSchool/FLVS:** If a student chooses to take an online eSchool class, they can choose to take it in our on-campus eSchool lab or off-campus. Students are allowed **no more than one** on-campus eSchool placeholder. If a student chooses to take a class off campus, the off-campus placeholder must be **at the end of the day AND the student must have daily transportation to leave campus.** Note: Students **CANNOT** stay on campus during an off-campus placeholder for any reason.
- **Dual Enrollment:** 9th graders cannot take DE until Semester 2, unless they have a qualifying PERT score on file. All DE students must fill out an online Dynamic Form requesting classes at JWMHS as well as those online/at PHSC or via Pasco eSchool. Students taking DE classes off campus/online must register for their classes through their Bobcat Portal on the PHSC website. Students taking DE classes online or off-campus, must pick up books as outlined on the district Dual Enrollment page. Off-campus PHSC placeholders must be at the end of the day and students must have daily transportation to leave campus. Go to <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/iasc/page/dual-enrollment> for more information, including required eligibility scores and credit restrictions.
- **Advanced Placement:** If taking an AP class, the student is required to take the applicable exam in May. If the student misses an AP exam or drops the class once AP exams have been ordered in late October, they will be charged a fee (~\$40) to return the AP exam.
- **Schedule Change Policy:** A schedule change will not be granted because of teacher preference, lunch, low grades, class demands, or the student is overwhelmed with extracurricular activities. Please choose classes carefully that meet your goals and extracurricular demands. Valid reasons for a schedule change include: computer or counselor error, previously failing a required course, passing a course in summer/extended school day, lacking a grad requirement, and/or lacking proper prerequisites. Note: A change request may require the entire schedule to be altered including teachers and periods. Once a schedule has been changed, it cannot be changed back to the original schedule.

Choices made are subject to school approval based on graduation requirements, adjustments due to course failure, staffing, scheduling requirements, and/or conflicts/class loads. Elective choices will be replaced with alternates if primary selections cannot be scheduled. Many courses have pre-requisite requirements. Please see the course catalog on the school website (jwmhs.pasco.k12.fl.us) for course descriptions, recommended prerequisites, and sample course pathways.

High School Graduation Requirements

Class of	English	Math	Science	Social Studies	Fine Arts/CTE*	HOPE**	Electives
2030	4	4 - Algebra 1, Geo, and 2 addtl. math	3 - Biology and 2 addtl. science	3.5 - World, US, Govt/Econ, Personal Finance & Money Management	1	1	7.5

*Fine Arts Requirement can also be met by taking 2 years of JROTC (Naval Science).

**HOPE Requirement can also be met by taking 2 years of JROTC or completing 2 seasons of a high school sport. Band & Colorguard students can earn credit by participating in two years of Marching Band/Colorguard.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many electives do I get during my first year?

Freshmen get a total of 3.0 elective credits. If you opt to take 0.5 credit (semester long) electives make sure you still select a total of 3.0 credits. If you choose the Personal Finance and Money Management course, you'll select an additional 2.5 elective credits.

Am I required to take Personal Finance and Money Management as a freshman?

It doesn't have to be taken as a freshman, but it is a graduation requirement, so you will need to pass it before you graduate. This is also a course that could be taken online at any point during your high school career.

Where should I start with AP courses?

We offer our AP Human Geography class as a Social Studies elective to freshmen. This is the most accessible class as a freshman and will set you up for future success in AP classes. If you complete Geometry in 8th grade you can also co-enroll in Algebra II Honors and AP Computer Science Principles.

Do I need to schedule an appointment to talk through my schedule with my counselor?

Counselors do not have the capacity to meet with individual students for incoming schedules. You should attend our Course Registration Night on January 29th to talk to JWMHS staff and utilize the Live Link to ask unanswered questions. The link will be active starting on January 30th so you can get quick and accurate information.

How can I learn more about college planning?

Our College and Career Specialist, Mrs. Chamberlin, will be holding parent events in the fall of 2026 that will help assist you in building your 4-year plan you've created through Xello.

Your signature below indicates that you have reviewed the information on this course selection form, including the schedule change policy, and agree to the guidelines & course choices.

Student Signature: _____ Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____