

Dobbs Ferry Middle School Counseling Department

School Counselor Assignments for the 2024-2025 School Year

Grade 6 - Sandra Hacker & Michael Jaros

Grade 7 - Sandra Hacker

Grade 8 - Michael Jaros

The scheduling process for students entering grades 6 through 8 is underway. Through classroom presentations, counselors speak with students about the academic program and courses for next school year and how to use the Student Portal to make requests.

Student Course Listings and Course Selection:

Parents and students are able to view a list of courses for the 2024-2025 school year through the eSchoolData Portal Accounts from April 20th through May 22nd.

After School Counselors have visited classes, the portal is open for students to enter course requests. Students may request the following courses:

- Music (all grades)
- Earth Science Regents* (grade 8)
- Algebra 1 Regents* (grade 8)
- Electives (grade 8)
- Language Acquisition (grade 7)

*** Students who request courses for which they have not been recommended (e.g., Algebra 1 or Earth Science), must return a signed waiver to their School Counselor.**

Please see the waiver process below.

Making Scheduling Requests:

DFMS staff consider many factors in designing a program that will meet your child's educational, social and emotional needs. Please reach out to your child's counselor to discuss any academic concerns you may have. To have a fair and equitable schedule, scheduling requests, such as having certain classes in the morning or afternoon or to be with a specific friend or teacher can only be honored based on specific needs.

Resources:

- [Course Outlines](#)
- [Parent Portal Login](#)
- [Student Portal Login](#)
- [Student Course Request on Student Portal Instructions](#)
- [6th Grade Course Listings](#)
- [7th Grade Course Listings](#)
- [8th Grade Course Listings](#)
- [DFMS Waiver Letter](#)

Regents Courses Offered in Grade 8

Dobbs Ferry Middle School offers Regents Courses in the areas of math and science. These high school level courses are appropriate for students who excel in math and/or science, are highly academically motivated, and desire to tackle the rigors of a high school level curriculum.

Criteria for Algebra 1 Regents:

Students entering grade 8 are recommended for Algebra 1 based upon the general criteria listed below. Students and parents/guardians may request Algebra 1 on the portal. *Please review the waiver process below.*

- A cumulative average of an A or above in Math 7
- Teacher Recommendation based upon the identified Middle Years Program (MYP) Approaches to Learning Skills with a score of 7-8. ([Approaches to Learning Rubric Link](#))

Criteria for Earth Science Regents:

Students entering grade 8 are recommended for Earth Science based upon the general criteria listed below. Students and parents/guardians may request Earth Science on the portal. *Please review the waiver process below.*

- A cumulative average of an A or above in Science 7
- Teacher Recommendation based upon the identified Middle Years Program (MYP) Approaches to Learning Skills with a score of 7-8. ([Approaches to Learning Rubric Link](#))

Earth Science and Algebra 1 Waiver Process:

Teacher recommendations for Earth Science and Algebra will be visible on the Portal by April 20, 2024. Students may opt into either of these classes through the following procedure:

1. Make a course request in the scheduling tab on the Student Portal.
2. Speak with your School Counselor.
3. Print the [DFMS Waiver Form](#), speak with the classroom teacher and return the signed waiver to the School Counseling Office.