

Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School

8th Grade Elective Course Request Form 2015 – 2016

Student's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form is due back to your 5th block teachers by 12/5/2014. If you do not return this form, your elective classes will be chosen for you.**

**Please read these important notes.** Your child will be placed in the appropriate content area classes based on test scores, teacher input, past coursework and grades. Please note that certain high school programs require advanced coursework in middle school for acceptance. Your child may require intensive classes, which will limit their elective course options. This form is to indicate which elective classes your child is requesting for next year. Parental involvement and guidance are a very important part of the course selection and planning process. A brief description of the elective courses follows the list. **Placement into elective courses cannot always be guaranteed because space is limited.** Course selections could change. We will TRY to honor elective choices. Advanced electives require teacher approval. Certain choices require auditions.

Please rank your top four elective choices as follows: 1 (your first choice), 2 (your second choice), 3 (your third choice) and 4 (your fourth choice).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Band 1                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Broadcast Journalism  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band 2                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance 1   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wind Ensemble*                | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Dance**  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band*                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Adv **** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra 1                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese Adv **** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra 2                   | <input type="checkbox"/> French Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> French Adv ****   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus 1                      | <input type="checkbox"/> AVID****  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chorus 2                      | <input type="checkbox"/> FACS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Show Choir (chorus 3)*        | <input type="checkbox"/> Art 1   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama 2                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Art 2   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theater (drama 3)*    | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography (Mr. Hynes' approval required)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power & Energy/Aerospace tech | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook  |
- (must have taken intro/exploring tech)**

We are in the process of finalizing our course offerings for next year and are considering a business education elective course (which includes keyboarding skills). If you would be interested in taking this course, please check here \_\_\_\_\_.

I have read this information completely and agree with the choices marked above.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Jazz Band and Show Choir require an audition.  
\*\* Advanced Dance requires an audition and student insurance. Student insurance can be purchased through Pinellas County Schools at the following site: [www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/HR/Risk/StudentAccident.html](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/HR/Risk/StudentAccident.html)  
\*\*\* AVID requires an application and interview.  
\*\*\*\* Some high school programs have foreign language as a requirement for admission. Not all foreign languages are offered at all Pinellas County high schools.