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# Frances C. Richmond School

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To: The Parents of Returning Richmond School Students.

Greetings! Enclosed are the enrollment materials for the 2011 - 2012 school year. The first page provides an overview of the requirements and structure for next year's grade. Please take a moment and review this page; note the academic and required quarterly and semester courses.

To start the enrollment process, please complete the "Foreign Language and Music Request Form". Because our schedule is built around these courses, we must have your child's requests before any other scheduling can be done.

To enroll your child for next year in the Richmond School, you will need to complete these two pages and return them to your child's current homeroom teacher by Friday, March 18.

Sincerely,

Jim Nourse, Principal

Donna Largent, Counselor for A - L

John LaCrosse, Counselor for M - Z

Michael Lepene, Associate Principal

**FRANCES C. RICHMOND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03755**

To: Parents of Incoming Eighth Grade Students

From: Jim Nourse, Richmond School Principal  
Donna Largent and John LaCrosse, Counselors  
Michael Lepene, Associate Principal

**RE: Registration for 2011-2012: Foreign Language and Music Requests**

We are beginning to schedule for the 2011-2012 school year. Eighth grade students take a core academic curriculum which includes: English, social studies, science, math, and foreign language. In addition, students are required to take physical education, guidance, and computer.

The Richmond School has a 39-period week. An eighth grade student has between 31 and 35 scheduled periods each quarter with the following distribution of required courses and periods:

English	9	Physical Education	2
Social Studies	5	Computer	2 periods for 1 quarter
Math	5	Health/Guidance	1 period for 2 quarters
Science	5	French or Spanish	5

**An eighth grader has 4-8 periods open each week for electives**, depending on the quarter. Many students take yearlong music courses: chorus, band, or strings. The remainder of the periods are filled with quarterly electives such as: art, woodworking, photography, drama, living arts, studies, and others.

Students may not start French or Spanish in eighth grade.

Because our schedule is built around music and foreign language requests, we need some information from you now. **Please fill out the attached form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, March 18.**

We cannot take individual requests regarding a student's schedule. However, if you have concerns or questions concerning your child's courses for next year, please call your child's counselor: Donna Largent or John LaCrosse; or contact Mike Lepene **before April 1**. Once schedules have been distributed, it is too late to make changes.

**Please keep this page. Return the attached form to your child's homeroom teacher by March 18.**

**Richmond School**  
**Foreign Language and Music Requests**  
**for 2011-2012: Eighth Grade**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print full name)  
Last First

Sending School (What school did your child attend during 7th grade?): \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Foreign Language**

French and Spanish are second-year courses that meet five times each week. Students may take only one foreign language; no student may take both French and Spanish.

**Enroll my child in:** (Please check one.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **8th grade French; OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8th grade Spanish; OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ **My child will not take F. Lang as per IEP.**

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Learning Specialist's Signature

**II. Full-Year Music Courses**

Many students enroll in music classes. All music classes are full-year electives which meet two to three times each week. When a student signs up for a music elective, it is assumed that he/she will be enrolled in the course for the entire year. If for some unforeseen reason your child needs to drop the class, then this can only be done at the end of the first semester in January.

**Note:** Schedules are built around music choices; please indicate your child's music choice below. Occasionally, it is possible to schedule more than one music class. Please number your choices in the order of importance to you, with "1" being the most important. **Also note, if a child signs up for two music electives, there is no room in his/her schedule to participate in the other school electives and/or studies.**

**Enroll my child in:** (Please check one or number preferences.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chorus** (2 periods/week)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Strings** (3 periods/week)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Band** (2 periods/week) Please circle instrument: drums, trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn, flute clarinet, saxophone.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Jazz Band** (2 periods/week) Students who take Jazz Band must also enroll in 8<sup>th</sup> grade band or chorus.

\_\_\_\_\_ took Jazz Band in 7th grade or

\_\_\_\_\_ will need an audition

\_\_\_\_\_ **Beginning Band** (2 periods/week) Please circle instrument: drums, trumpet, trombone, tuba, French horn, flute clarinet, saxophone.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will take **no performing music.**

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### III. Electives (optional)

**Painting on canvas** is an eighth grade art offering which meets two periods per week. A student may start this course either first or second quarter; however, **students must sign up for POC for at least three quarters** in order to have enough time to complete their paintings.

\*Note: At this time we are unsure whether this course will be offered for 11-12. This selection indicates an interest in the course.

Enroll my child in **Painting on Canvas**  
 **Do not** enroll my child in Painting on Canvas

**Play Production** is a semester-long drama elective in which we create and present an original theater piece/play. Students write, act, and produce the play. A two-week after school rehearsal commitment is required prior to the mid-January performance. Permission of instructor also required.

Enroll my child in **Play Production**.  
 **Do not** enroll my child in Play Production.

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

**Return to your homeroom teacher by Friday, March 18.**