

## KAP Junior High Parent Information Session

- KAP is an advanced curriculum
  - Elementary Curriculum (1 option): One-size-fits-all
  - Junior High Curriculum (2 options):
    - Academic Classes (typical 6th grader)
    - KAP (Katy Advanced Placement) Classes
      - Deeper content, higher critical thinking skills
      - More objectives in math
        - 6th grade KAP Math (6th & 7th grade objectives)
        - 7th grade KAP Math (7th & 8th grade objectives)
        - 8th grade–Algebra I (HS Credit)
- KAP is low-risk in JH
  - Perfect time to try a more rigorous curriculum (interest and/or ability)
  - Find the right pacing (All KAP or a combo of KAP and ACA courses)
  - Go BIG! Take a chance!
  - No GPA for JH Classes!!!
    - High School Credit Courses only (Algebra I, Geometry, Art, Spanish)
    - In High School,
      - KAP, KAP/GT, AP, and AP/GT use a 5.0 scale (A= 5 points).
      - Dual Credit use a 4.5 scale
      - Academic classes use a 4.0 scale.
- JH KAP classes prepare for HS KAP/AP/DC classes
  - Build muscles needed for success in HS AP courses: organization, productive study habits, time management, goal setting & planning, list making, research & presentation skills, Note taking, etc.
- HS and College
  - AP courses (typically 11th and 12th grades)
  - AP Exam/DC classes can give you college credit & save \$\$\$ on college tuition
- KAP Commitment–students & parents
  - Check grades regularly (HAC)
  - Attend tutorials as needed
- Organization
  - HELP your child set up a system–evaluate and revise often!
  - Must work for child–their choice
  - Clean out backpack weekly–file old papers at home
- Grades
  - <https://tinyurl.com/HACinfo> (access HAC, view class schedule, grades, report cards, attendance, set up grade alerts)
  - 6 week grading periods (report card or progress report every 3 weeks)
  - **A lot** of graded work (likely a major or minor grade every class/weekly).

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- Check HAC daily! Prioritize major/minor assignments. Passing=70 or higher
- 6th grade (major 45%, minor 40%, other 15%)
- Calendar (paper planner, cell phone, Canvas, Tick Tick App, etc)
  - Teach your child how to use (Model)! Check in to see how it's working.
  - Modify/change as needed
- List Making/Prioritization
  - Planner/post its/templates/writing pads
  - Create a to-do list and prioritize. Check in weekly!
- Homework/Studying
  - Dedicated area. Free from distraction. Create a routine and stick to it.
  - Study skills must be taught/monitored/reinforced!
  - Resources: Cornell Notes, Quizlet, Khan Academy, Crash Course (YT), Mr Parr (YT), BrainPop (My Katy Cloud), Goblin Tools, GT/Advanced Academics webpage

Parent Survey	Parent Presentation
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