Tays Course Selection

Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night

All about Tays

Colors: Navy & Crimson

Mascot: Titan

★ School Hours 8:45-3:55
★ More responsibilities and privileges :) 
★ New friends and interests
★ 1 Assistant Principal & Counselor per grade level
  ○ Student Support AP & Counselor to service students who receive additional supports
How to sign up for the TJH parent update

Stay up to date on all of the latest news from Tays Junior High! To subscribe to our communications, go to www.katyisd.org and in the lower right corner, select Katy ISD Updates - Click to subscribe to other district/campus notifications.

Complete the form with your personal information and be sure to select Tays Junior High. We look forward to keeping in touch with you!
Junior High differences

★ 7 classes-45 minutes in length
★ 5 minute passing period between classes
★ 5 core classes (English, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies)
★ 1 elective & P.E. Daily
★ Academic & PE lockers
★ 6th grade classes upstairs
★ Student ID’s used Daily!
★ Defined tutorial schedule Mon-Thur AM/PM
TAYS Cafe Experience...

Open Seating

Breakfast meal $1.25-$2.00

Lunch meal $2.75-$3.50

A La Carte Prices range $0.75-$3.00

★ Cleaning up their space :)
★ Multiple food options
Three Class Formats

**Academic** – For everyone, on grade level, more time to review concepts, more tutoring provided

**PreAP** – More challenging, fast paced, requires independent learning, prepares students for AP classes in high school. *Recommend current average of 85 or higher in 5th grade subject*

**GT** – Must be screened and identified to be eligible for GT courses

★ GT ELA students in 7th grade will have 1 additional elective
PreAP Math

Big difference in # of objectives covered

5th grade – approx. 60 objectives
6th grade Academic – approx. 64 objectives
6th grade PreAP – over 90 objectives with some being 7th grade objectives

* 6th grade PreAP: covers all of 6th and ½ of 7th grade math

**5th grade students who pass the 6th grade CBE will be placed in 7th grade PreAP math & take 8th grade STAAR test

Pre-AP level of instruction will focus on preparation for taking Algebra I (HS credit) in the 8th grade.
Considerations for choosing courses

★ Students interest and strengths
★ How hard is your student willing to work?
★ What grades did your student earn in 5th grade?
★ Motivation and attitude
★ Standardized test scores
★ Study habits
★ Extracurricular activities and time commitments
★ How quickly does your student catch on to new material
Physical Education

- Both boys and girls (separate gyms)
- Graded class/ attend everyday
- Dress out in uniforms (laundry fee)
- Lockers in gyms

*No Athletics (competitive sports) in 6th Grade*
Electives
All Junior High Students Must Take a Fine Arts

- Band *
- Orchestra *
  (Band /Orchestra directors will contact you before school is out about an instrument selection)
- Choir *
- Theatre *
- Art *

*Supply Fees required

You will be hearing from each of the 6th grade fine arts teachers following this presentation.
Strategic Reading - designed to help improve reading level and basic reading skills in preparation for the STAAR

Math Lab - designed to help refine and review math skills in preparation for the STAAR test

Based on FIRST administration STAAR scores (take the place of PE or Elective).

Small class sizes 10:1 ratio to provide support in Math or Reading
Clubs and Organizations

Pep Squad—Students must participate in pep squad if they want to try out for cheer in 7th or 8th grade

Math Club

Science Olympiad

Student Council

Titans-N-Theatre (TNT)

And many more...

Clubs and organizations information can be found on the Tays Website after the beginning of the school year. Organizations are updated yearly. Please contact the individual sponsors for more information.
# Sample 6th grade Schedule

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KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - STUDENT SCHEDULE
Course selection materials

**Course Catalog**

Senior High School • Junior High School

Graduation Requirements • Secondary Program Options
Planning Guide for Katy ISD Students, Grades 6 - 12

2019

2020

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*Available on Counselors TJH Website

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**DIRECTIONS:** Choose one course from each of the required areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE. The AP/PreAP agreement on the back of this page must be signed if any PreAP courses are selected.

For required courses mark selections with a check mark in the space next to the course titles. Rank and list your elective choices in order of preference in the boxes elective box below. Student and parent signatures confirm that all course guidelines have been reviewed and course selections have been made based on the student’s individual strengths, interests and commitment. Final placement into courses is contingent upon campus approval. GT placement requires the student to have met specific Katy ISD screening criteria.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

ENGLISH AND READING

English and Reading must be taken at the same level

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- ESL placement will be determined in the spring

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**FINE ART ELECTIVES**

One year of Junior high Fine Arts is required for all students.

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**Course Selections in order of preference**

1. Course 1
2. Course 2
3. Course 3

*Elective course requests made after Course verification sheets are due will be considered on a space available basis only. Please be advised that course additions are not systematic and may not be accommodated.

Placement in intervention courses may be required for students who did not pass the STAAR and/or based upon documented reading and/or math levels.

* *All GT courses are based on PreAP curriculums, differentiated for GT students. GT course placement requires the student to meet specific Katy ISD screening criteria.

* Limited availability: Students will be placed in 2nd choice once course is full. Course fees apply. See Junior High fee schedule and course descriptions in the 2019-2020 Course Catalog for more information.

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*See your Counselor if you have any questions.*

Student Signature
Date

Parents/Guardian Signature
Date

Gradual and complete signature are required as confirmation that all course guidelines and course selections have been reviewed.
Completing the course selection sheet

- Legal first and last name
- Level of core classes (Aca., PreAP, GT) (Reading and English blocked)
- Number your electives in order of preference* 1-3 (make sure that your student is ok with participating in their 2nd and 3rd choices)
- Parent & student signature needed
- Return course selection worksheet to your homeroom teacher by campus deadline
Future events

★ Course Verification Letter will be sent home verifying the course selections
THIS IS NOT A SCHEDULE!!
Follow instructions on sheet on how to make changes.
★ Band/Orchestra instrument fitting- Notification letters will be sent home to
student who choose band or orchestra as 1st choice.
★ 6th Grade Welcome Coffee- TBD
★ Incoming 6th grade Tays tour -May 2019
★ Titan Tactical Training T3- New Student Orientation about a week before
school starts (TBD)
★ Schedule Pickup day- find your classes, pick up pre-purchased supplies
★ Tardies not taken the first week of school
Frequently Asked Topics...

★ PE Waiver

○ Applications will not be accepted until August 1, 2019.

○ The 2019-2020 PE waiver applications will be available on the TJH website starting May 1, 2019.

○ All Approved Category 2 PE Waivers will automatically be placed into STUDY HALL. Students will not receive an additional elective.

○ If you want to be in athletics (Football, VBall, BBall) in 7th grade it’s strongly recommended that you participate in PE in the 6th grade.

★ Teacher & Lunch request

Is this elective that is listed on my course verification sheet confirmed?

○ Elective placement is based on availability

CBE for Advanced 5th grade students

○ Students who take the 6th grade CBE in 5th will be placed in 7th grade PreAP math in the 6th.

- Must be scheduled with elementary counselor

The TJH counselors will be in direct contact with the elementary counselors. If you have any further questions please contact your student’s elementary counselor.
Characteristics of a successful junior high student (Adopted from the Be the Legacy Parent Night presentation)

- **Problem Solver**
  - Problems in elementary & Junior High are usually not big
  - How do we teach Problem Solving
    - Let them solve their own problems
    - Provide Empathy
    - “How do you think you are going to solve this problem?”
    - Ask for permission to give ideas
    - Don’t save them from the consequences of their solution
    - Start with small problems

- **Decision Maker**
  - Decisions in elementary and junior high are not usually high stakes.
  - How do we teach decision making?
    - Let them make their own decisions
    - “Wow, that’s a tough decision.”
    - “Do you want to talk through the pros and cons?”
    - Don’t save them from making the wrong decision.
    - Start with small decisions

- **Attentive**
  - Classroom
  - Announcement
  - Accountability

- **Responsible and Organized**
  - Homework/Sleep/Time Management
  - How do we teach? Natural consequences

Junior High Student Goal: Foster independence, build resiliency, and self advocate!
Tays Course Selection

6th grade Elective Options

Beginning Band

- No experience necessary—we will teach you everything you need to know!
- Directors will assist you in choosing the right instrument for you
- Beginners meet in like instrument classes once a day
- Time commitment for band is similar to any other academic class. Practicing is homework.

Band Instruments

- Flute
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Horn
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Percussion

Not Band Instruments

- Piano
- Guitar
- Drumset
Beginning Orchestra

- No experience necessary
- Directors will assist you in choosing the right instrument for you

Orchestra instruments offered include:

Violin, Viola, Cello, and Bass
Beginning Choir

Join the Titan Choir family!

No experience necessary!

No before and after school rehearsals!

Individual men’s choirs and women’s choirs!

Competitions! Opportunities to solo or sing in a group!

Fun Choir Events!!!
Choir Olympics!
Main Event!
Six Flags!

Learn self-confidence, discipline, coordination, teamwork, cultures, goal setting, communication, problem solving and MORE!

If you WEREN’T in choir in elementary...GREAT! We will teach you everything.

If you WERE in choir in elementary...GREAT! We will learn ALL NEW things and grow skills to a whole new level!

SEE YOU SOON!
Beginning Theatre

Do you like to perform in front of an audience? Would you like to learn about what goes on behind the scenes?

Do I have the class for you! Theatre Arts 1 is a fast paced, energetic, participatory course that will teach you the basics of acting and technical (backstage) Theatre.

- Acting
- Improvisation
- Verbal/Nonverbal skills
- Mime/Pantomime
- Solo / Duet Acting
- Lip Sync
- Focus Training
- Team Building
- Get over "Stage Fright"
- Special Effects
- Performance Opportunities
- Have Fun
- Backstage Training
- TV / Film / Radio
Art 1

★ First Year Art Student (no art experience)
★ Students will learn beginner technical skills to build a base knowledge for a successful art year.

No Supply fee for Art 1.
Q & A Sessions