Incoming 6TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION

For the 2024-2025 School Year



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH

- Students have 6 separate classes with different teachers.
- All classes meet every day.
- An Advisory (ELT) period is built in to allow students time to do homework, study, or see a teacher for extra help.
- A locker with a combination lock is assigned to students <u>only if</u> requested and needed after the first 3 weeks.
- Backpacks are allowed to be carried to classes.

DIFFERENCES CONTINUED...

- Students go between classes, to the restroom, lunch, and P.E. by themselves, not escorted by teachers.
- Tardies! Students must get to class on time every period. There is a 5 minute passing period between each class.
- Expect more homework than elementary school.
- Lunch You can choose where you want to sit, and sit with anyone in the cafeteria.
- Responsibilities Expect more responsibilities (i.e. monitoring grades, communicating with teachers, attending tutorials when necessary)

A TYPICAL 6TH GRADE SCHEDULE

Period	Subject	Room#
1	RLA (blocked)	208
2	RLA (blocked)	208
3	Math	202
4	Social Studies	217
	LUNCH	Cafeteria
5	P.E.	Gym
6	Elective	159
7	Science	212
8	Advisory/ELT	205

SCHOOL DAY

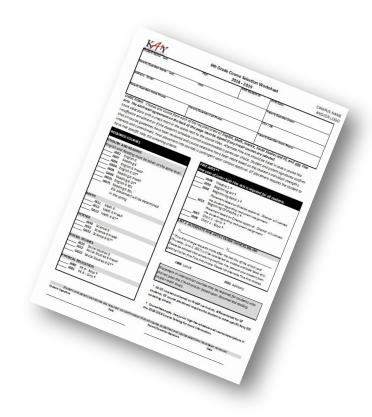
- Each class period is approximately 45-50 minutes long.
- Lunch is 30 minutes.
- There is a 5 minute passing period between classes.
- The school day is 8:55-4:05.
- Tutoring is available after school and a late bus is available.
- Advisory or Extended Learning Time (ELT) meets every day for 35 minutes: this is a time to study/homework, get extra help and retake tests.
- Most classes will be close together.
- Administrators and teachers will be available in the hallways between classes to help.
- Counselors will be available to help you during the year.

COURSE REQUESTS OVERVIEW

- Course sheets must be turned in to Elementary Counselor by February 2nd, 2024.
- If you are moving or plan to move, you must complete it anyway.
- Both the student and parent must sign the course selection planning sheet.

All students must sign up for the following courses:

- 1. RLA (blocked)
- 2. RLA (blocked)
- 3. Math
- 4. Social Studies
- 5. Science
- 6. P.E.
- 7. One elective and 3 alternate electives



CHOOSING COURSES CLASS FORMATS:

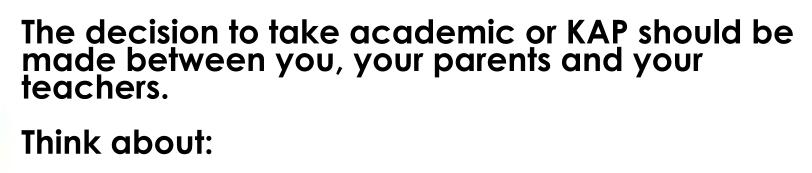


 Academic- Challenging work- for everyone, on grade level, more time to review concepts.

• Katy Advanced Program (KAP)- More challenging courses, fast-paced, and more homework.

 GT- Students must be screened and identified to be eligible for GT courses.

CHOOSING COURSES



- Your interests and strengths.
- How hard you are willing to work.
- The grades you have earned in school and the kind of grades you like to make.
- Motivation and attitude.
- Standardized test scores.
- Study habits.
- Extracurricular activities and time commitments.
- How quickly you catch on to new material.



P.E. AND ELECTIVES

<u>P.E.</u> is a graded class that meets daily.

- You must dress out.
- You will be assigned a locker and a combination lock.
- Pre-Athletics is like a KAP class for PE



- <u>DO</u>- consider your interests carefully and choose the elective that interests you most.
- <u>DON'T</u>- Let your friends influence your choice!
- You will be in the elective you choose for the entire school year.





ELECTIVES

• <u>Band</u>- Woodwind, Brass, Percussion- Band directors will meet with the student to determine the best instrument. Plan to practice 30 min. a day outside of the regular classroom. Must rent or buy an instrument. There will be two or three concerts per year.

 Orchestra- Stringed instruments, violin, cello, viola and bass. Plan to practice 30 min. per day outside of the regular classroom. There will be two or three concerts per year.

• <u>Choir</u>- Singing, music reading, and concerts. There will be three or four performances per year.



ELECTIVES



• <u>Theater</u>- introduction and development of expression, acting skills, and theater production

• <u>Leadworthy Intermediate-</u> Leadership & Development, projects, public speaking, games, group activities, and self esteem/confidence exercises

Choose 3 alternate electives in order of preference.

<u>CHOOSE WISELY!</u>





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



• You will be <u>required</u> to take these classes if you <u>do</u> not pass the Math or Reading section of the 5th grade STAAR test. This class will replace your elective.

REMEMBER!

- Course selection planning sheets are due to Elementary Counselor by February 2nd, 2024.
- Keep your course selection sheet neat and clean.
 Take good care of it!
- Choose your courses wisely think carefully about your choices.
- Talk to your teachers about KAP placement.
- Choose the elective that's most interesting to you.
- Choose 3 alternate electives in order of preference.
- Sign and return the course sheet on time!

