

Incoming 6TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION

For the 2025-2026 School Year



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH

- **Students have 7 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.**
- **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	Advisory/ELT	2004
2	Science	2015
3	Math	2012
4	Social Studies	2008
5	P.E.	Gym
	Lunch	Cafeteria
6	Elective	1124
7	RLA (blocked)	2021
8	RLA (blocked)	2021

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 45 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 **March 7th, 2025**.
- 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

The image shows a sample of a 6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet from KAN. The form includes sections for student information, course selection, and parent/teacher input. Key sections visible include:

- 6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet** (2024-2025)
- REQUIRED COURSES**: A list of required courses with checkboxes for selection.
- Elective Courses**: A list of elective courses with checkboxes for selection.
- Parent/Teacher Input**: A section for parent/teacher input, including a signature line.

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

The decision to take academic or KAP should be made between you, your parents and your teachers.

Think about:

- 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

P.E. 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



Electives are specialty classes in various areas of interest.

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



ELECTIVES

- **Band**- **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.
- **Choir**- **Singing, music reading, and concerts.** There will be three or four performances per year.

ELECTIVES



- Art- painting, drawing, mixing colors to create contrast, drawing from imagination, art vocabulary, art history and ceramics

- Theater- introduction and development of expression, acting skills, and theater production



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

Choose 3 alternate electives in order of preference.

CHOOSE WISELY!

OTHER COURSES

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

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- Reading Elective - designed to help improve reading level and basic reading skills in preparation for the STAAR test.

- You will be required to take these classes if you do 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 **March 7th, 2025**.
- 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!

