

Incoming 6TH Grade Course Selection

2023-2024 School Year



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH

- Students have 7 separate classes with different teachers.
- All classes meet every day.
- An Advisory or Extended Learning Time (ELT) period is built in to allow students time to do homework, study, retake tests, or see a teacher for extra help. This period meets every day for 45 minutes.
- A locker with a combination lock is assigned to students only if requested and needed after the first 3 weeks.
- Backpacks are allowed to be carried to classes.

DIFFERENCES CONTINUED...

- Students are not escorted by teachers to go to classes, the restroom, lunch, or P.E.
- There is a **4-minute** passing period between each class. Students must get to classes on time.
- You can choose where you want to sit in the cafeteria for lunch.
- Expect more homework than in elementary school.
- Expect more responsibilities (i.e. monitoring grades, communicating with teachers, attending tutorials when necessary)

SCHOOL DAY

- School day hours are from **8:55-4:05**.
- Each class period is approximately 45-50 minutes long.
- Most classes will be located close together.
- Lunch is 30 minutes.
- Tutoring is available after school and a late bus is provided Monday-Thursday.
- Teachers, administrators, and/or counselors will be available in the hallways between classes.

SAMPLE 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

COURSE REQUESTS OVERVIEW

- Turn in course sheets to **Elementary Counselor** by **January 31, 2023**.
- 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. Elective (select in order of preference)

A sample of a '6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet' from KAY. The form includes sections for student information, course selection, and parent/student signatures. It lists various course options like RLA, Math, Social Studies, Science, and P.E. with checkboxes for selection.

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.
- Gifted and Talented (GT)- Students must be screened and identified to be eligible for GT courses.

P.E. AND ELECTIVES

P.E. is a graded class that meets daily.

- You must dress out.
- You will be assigned a locker.



Electives are specialty classes in various areas of interest.

- DO- choose the elective that interests you most.
- DON'T- Let your friends influence your choice!



FINE ARTS 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.



FINE ARTS ELECTIVES



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



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

Choose 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.**

FINAL REMINDERS!

- Course selection planning sheets are due to **Elementary Counselor** by **JANUARY 31, 2023**.
- Keep your course selection sheet neat and clean.
- Choose your courses wisely – think carefully about your choices.
- Talk to your teachers about KAP placement.
- Choose electives in order of preference.
- Sign and return the course planning sheet on time!

