
Katy Junior High
2025-2026
6th Grade



Katy Junior High Team



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Principal



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6th Grade Counselor



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7th Grade Counselor



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8th Grade Counselor

Junior High School Day

- There are 7 classes, including 4 core courses, P.E., an elective, and an Advisory period.
 - All classes meet every day
 - A rotating advisory (or ISP) is held every day during 6th period.
 - During this time, students rotate through their other classes to do small group/reteaching/extension activities and complete Character Strong lessons.
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Sample 6th Grade Schedule

Period	Subject	Room
1	English/Reading Block	144
2		144
3	Math	146
4	Social Studies	151
	LUNCH	Cafeteria
5	PE	Gym
6	Advisory	159
7	Science	136
8	Art	161

Choosing Course- Class Formats

Academic Courses

are challenging work designed for all students.

These courses are on grade level and allow more time to review concepts.

KAP Courses

are more challenging than academic. They are fast-paced and often require more independence and responsibility.

GT Courses

require students to be screened and identified for placement in GT courses. (*Counselors will be given a list of students who have qualified.*)



KAP Program Information

- Designed to challenge motivated students and prepare them for success in advanced coursework.
 - KAP courses work beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced level coursework.
 - Katy ISD has an open enrollment policy for advanced academics. Early enrollment in these courses contributes to student achievement in later years.
 - Students may require encouragement and support from both family and campus to be successful in advanced academics.
 - Please review your child's report card and test scores in making course level decisions.
 - Please note that students can enroll in a combination of course formats. Consider each course separately when deciding to select Academic or KAP.
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Choosing Courses for Next Year

All students must sign up for the following courses:

1. English Language Arts and Reading (block)
2. Math
3. Social Studies
4. Science
5. PE/Pre-Athletics
6. One elective choice and three alternate electives (just in case your first choice is full)

Course Worksheet Due Feb. 20

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Incoming 6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet
Katy Junior High 2024-2025

Student Name: Last, First		MI	DOB Student ID	Birth Date:
Address: Street				City / Zip
Parent/Guardian #1 Name: Last, First		Parent/Guardian #1 Cell Phone:		Parent/Guardian #1 Email:
Parent/Guardian #2 Name: Last, First		Parent/Guardian #2 Cell Phone:		Parent/Guardian #2 Email:

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE one course from each of the required areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE. Mark required courses by CIRCILING the course number for the course. **IMPORTANT: List Elective choices in order of preference.** Students may not receive their first choice elective due to insufficient enrollment in a course, scheduling conflict, or over enrollment in course. Student and parent/guardian confirm that all course guidelines have been reviewed and course selections have been made based on the student's individual strengths, interests and commitment.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Per SB 2124, incoming 6th grade students who perform in the top two quintiles (40%) on their 5th grade Reading, Math, or Science STAAR tests will be automatically placed in the corresponding KAP course. All adjustments will take place during the summer or early August, depending on the date STAAR results are released. If you DO NOT agree to automatic placement for your child, based on their 5th grade STAAR performance, please circle below OPT-OUT for each of the subject areas listed below:

SUBJECT	OPT-OUT	Math	OPT-OUT
English Language Arts and Reading	OPT-OUT	SCIENCE	OPT-OUT
REQUIRED COURSES			
ENGLISH AND READING			
1000 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6		ELECTIVE COURSES	
1006 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP		FINE ARTS	
6009 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP/GT*		One year of Junior High Fine Arts is required for all students. All Fine Arts Placement is based on Director Approval.	
MATH			
1011 Math 6		1041 Theatre 1	
1014 Math 6 KAP		1041 Art 1	
1014 Math 6 KAP/GT*		1021 Band 1*	
SCIENCE			
1030 Science 6		Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.	
1034 Science 6 KAP		1031 Orchestra 1*	
1034 Science 6 KAP/GT*		Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.	
SOCIAL STUDIES			
1020 Social Studies 6		1051 Choir 1 - Boys*	
1024 Social Studies 6 KAP		1061 Choir 1 - Girls*	
1024 Social Studies 6 KAP/GT*		OTHER ELECTIVE COURSE	
1096 Lead Worthy Intermediate			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
1080 PE 6 - Boys*		CHOOSE FROM FINE ARTS ELECTIVES AND ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS TO LIST PREFERENCES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE. *Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice.	
1084 Pre Athletics- Boys*		1. _____ (first choice)	
1081 PE 6 - Girls*		2. _____ (second choice) alternate	
1085 Pre Athletics- Girls*		3. _____ (third choice) alternate	
		4. _____ (fourth choice) alternate	

* GT course placement requires the student to meet specific key (2) passing criteria. For more information visit KAP2025 (https://www.kayisd.net/parents/parents-portal/parents-portal-2025)

*Classes with Course Fees

Strategic Reading and Math Lab are intervention courses that may be required for students who did not pass the STAAR and/or based upon documented reading and/or math levels. These courses will take the place of the student's PE or Elective.

Physical Education

Encourages students to work toward achieving a basic level of fitness and wellness, and a beginning or intermediate level of skill in each sport or activity through daily curriculum.

- **P.E.** is a graded class that meets daily.
 - You dress out daily
 - You will be assigned a gym locker and a combination lock.
 - User fee \$15.00 per year
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Pre-Athletics

- Designed to prepare students for successful participation in the middle school athletic program.
 - Including team sports, individual sports and off season participation skills and behaviors.
 - The main focus of the program would be to provide students with a preview of upcoming UIL sports in which they will be eligible to participate as 7th graders and to prepare them for the behavioral and academic expectations associated with being a participating member of the Katy ISD athletics programs in the future.
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Fine Art Electives

6th Grade Electives are specialty fine arts 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 your elective course the entire school year.
- You only get to have ONE elective.

- Theatre 1
 - Beginning Art 1
 - Beginning Band 1
 - Beginning Orchestra 1
 - Choir 1 – Boys or Girls
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Fine Art Electives

Band

Band directors meet with the student to determine the best woodwind, brass or percussion instrument.

Course fee: \$50.00 not including the instrument rental or purchase fee.

- There will be 2 nights in April for students and parents to choose an instrument.
- The band instrument must be purchased or rented.
- Students should practice 30 minutes daily outside of the regular school day.
- There are two or three evening band concerts/events per year.

Orchestra

Students learn to play a stringed instruments: violin, cello, viola or bass, which must be purchased or rented.

Course fee: \$50.00 not including the instrument rental or purchase fee.

- There will be 2 nights in April for students and parents to meet with Mr. Ellsworth and choose an instrument.
 - Students must rent or buy an instrument.
 - Cellos and basses are provided an instrument for school use. There is a usage fee for the instrument that covers the student for the year.
 - Students should practice up to 30 minutes daily outside of the regular school day.
 - There are two to three evening orchestra concerts per year.
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Fine Arts Electives

Choir

Students sing, read music and perform concerts. There are three to four evening choir concerts per year.

Course fee: \$50.00

Art I

Students paint, draw and mix colors to create contrast, and draw from imagination. Students also learn art vocabulary, art history and ceramics.

Theatre

Students develop expression and acting skills, learn history of theatre and are introduced to theater production. Students must participate and perform in in-class and/or after school productions.

Course fee: \$40 fee for play and t-shirt

Other Elective Options

Leadworthy Intermediate

- is a highly engaging class that develops the leadership skills of students which empowers them to become leaders in their communities.
 - The foundational learning for this course is becoming individually responsible through time-management and organization.
 - Opportunities for students to be creative, critical thinkers, and collaborators are used to build student confidence and personal growth.
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Other Electives

Students who do not pass the Math or Reading section of the STAAR test will be recommended to take these classes in place of the elective choice.

Reading Elective **(Strategic Reading)**

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

Math Lab

is designed to help refine and review math skills in preparation for the STAAR test.

Course Selection Worksheet

Choose only one from each subject area.

REQUIRED COURSES

ENGLISH AND READING

J600 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6

J606 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP

G609 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP/GT*

MATH

J611 Math 6

J614 Math 6 KAP

G614 Math 6 KAP/GT*

SCIENCE

J630 Science 6

J634 Science 6 KAP

G634 Science 6 KAP/GT*

SOCIAL STUDIES

J620 Social Studies 6

J624 Social Studies 6 KAP

G624 Social Studies 6 KAP/GT*

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

J680 PE 6 - Boys^

J684 Pre Athletics- Boys^

J681 PE 6 - Girls^

J685 Pre Athletics- Girls^

* GT course placement requires the student to meet specific Katy ISD screening criteria. For more information visit KISD's Gifted/Talented and Advanced Academics website.

^Classes with *Course Fees*

ELECTIVE COURSES

FINE ARTS

One year of junior high Fine Arts is required for all students

ALL Fine Art Placement is based on Director Approval

J941 Theatre 1

J911 Art 1

J921 Band 1^

Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.

J931 Orchestra 1^

Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.

J951 Choir 1 - Boys^

J961 Choir 1 - Girls^

OTHER ELECTIVE COURSE

J996 Lead Worthy Intermediate

CHOOSE FROM FINE ARTS ELECTIVES AND ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS TO LIST CHOICES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE **Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice.

1. _____ (first choice)

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3. _____ (third choice) alternate

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Then list your electives in order of preference.

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OPT-OUT

Social Studies

OPT-OUT

Science

OPT-OUT

Located above the courses on the course selection worksheets

Entering Courses in SchooLinks

- Students use their school username and password to access SchooLinks tile on the MyKaty Cloud February 3rd-28th.
- Students use their course worksheet to choose the 4 core classes and elective for 6th grade. ****Please only focus on 6th grade courses! SchooLinks will likely show that there is an error if 7th and 8th courses are not filled out. Please ignore this error and only put in 6th grade courses. Your child's counselor will meet with them every year to choose the next grade classes.****
- Enter alternate courses in order of preference.
- They must confirm the classes and save.
- February 3rd-March 7th elementary counselors will meet with students individually to ensure correct courses were selected
- March 8th-March 18th parents will verify Personalized Plans in SchooLinks



Remember!

- Course selection sheets need to be returned to 5th grade teachers
 - Choose courses wisely – think carefully about your choices
 - Choose the elective that's most interesting to you
 - List alternate electives
 - **If you have any questions, please contact your elementary counselor**
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6th Grade Parent Orientation and Tour

When: Tuesday, May 6th 5:30-6:30

Where: KJH Cafeteria
