



SEVEN LAKES
JUNIOR HIGH

5th Grade Parent Night

For the 2023-2024 School Year

Rising 5th to 6th grade
Course Selection Presentation

PRESENTED BY
THE SLJH
COUNSELORS

Hello!

We are your 22-23 SLJH counseling team

Kristina Brown- 6th Grade

Tatiana Iglesias- 7th Grade

Becky Parker- 8th Grade

Dana Benoist- Student Support



Administration Team



Kristin Harper- Principal

Polly Dusek-6th Grade AP

Colby Bohac- 7th Grade AP

Justin Williamson-8th Grade AP

Allison Travis-Student Support



Junior High World

- **All classes meet every day including elective and PE (no more recess)**
- **NO MORE walking in STRAIGHT LINES**
- **More responsibilities and privileges**
- **Open lunchroom seating inside and outside**
- **Students MUST wear their KISD Student ID badge**
- **Lockers are provided to students upon request in September**
- **Over 20 different clubs that meet before and after school**
- **SLJH Shield-organizational tool taught to 6th graders**



Junior High World



- **School Hours 8:55-4:05**
- **5-minute transition time**
- **7 classes – 45 minutes in length each**
 - **ELA Block (90 minutes)**
 - **Math**
 - **Science**
 - **Social Studies**
 - **Elective**
 - **PE (physical education)**
- **30 minute lunch**
- **30 minute advisory (ELT) period**
 - **rotates through all classes within two weeks**



Course Selection Process

January 17-20: Course selection worksheet goes home.

January 20-31: Course selection window for parents and students to select courses in Schoolinks. Complete course selection worksheet and return to elementary schools.

- Directions for Schoolinks provided at the end and on the course selection worksheet.

February 6-March 10: Elementary counselors meet with 5th graders to review course selections.

March 20-28: Course verification window for parents to view courses and confirm selections. Last opportunity to request changes for your child's schedule.

Course Selection Worksheet

Fill out student information



Opt Out Opportunity



Select Classes



Required Courses:

- English and Reading
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE (physical education)
- Include 4 electives as options for next year. List elections in order from 1st choice to 4th choice.



5th Grade Course Selection Worksheet KISD 2023-2024

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

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 Fine Arts/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 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Incoming 6th grade students who achieve Masters Level on the Reading, Math, or Science STAAR tests in the 5th grade will be automatically placed in the corresponding KAP course. If you **DO NOT agree** to automatic placement for your child, based on their STAAR performance, circle **OPT-OUT** for each of the subject areas listed below:

- English Language Arts and Reading **OPT-OUT**
- Social Studies **OPT-OUT**
- Math **OPT-OUT**
- Science **OPT-OUT**

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
J681	PE 6 - Girls
JXXX	Pre- Athletics

*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.

ELECTIVE COURSES	
FINE ARTS	
One year of junior high Fine Arts is required for all students. ALL Fine Art Placements are 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 courses options, and list your 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)
2.	_____ (second choice)
3.	_____ (third choice)
4.	_____ (fourth choice)
<small>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.</small>	

OPT-OUT Requirement

Students who achieve masters level on Reading, Math, or Science STAAR exams will be placed as follows:

Masters on STAAR

Placement

STAAR Reading

6th Grade KAP RLA

STAAR Reading

6th Grade KAP Social Studies

STAAR Math

6th Grade KAP Math

STAAR Science

6th Grade KAP Science

Remember to indicate on the course selection worksheet your preferences.

Schoolinks will predict a student's best fit class based on previous STAAR scores.

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Math	OPT-OUT
Science	OPT-OUT



Core Course Formats



- **Academic**- on grade level and designed to prepare students for high school and college
- **KAP (Katy Advanced Placement)**- prepare students for Advanced Placement courses (college level instruction) while in high school
- **KAP/GT (Gifted and Talented)**- placement requires the student to have met specific KISD screening criteria and have been accepted into the G/T program.



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KAP



Designed to challenge motivated students and prepare them for success in advanced coursework.

These courses:

1. typically move at a faster pace,
2. are academically challenging,
3. require more independent learning, self-motivation and
4. require more homework than academic courses at times.



Katy ISD has an open enrollment policy for advanced academics. Consider each course separately when deciding to select Academic or KAP.