

WMJH Course Selection Night

Welcome Future Jaguars!
2025-2026



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Looking forward to 6th Grade @ WMJH!

- TEA School of Seven Distinctions
- The Best Teachers in Katy ISD
- Academics + Fine Arts + Extracurriculars
- Amazing School Culture (25 Orange Crushes)

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Differences between Elementary & Junior High



- School times are 8:55 AM - 4:05 PM
- 48 minute class periods & 4 minute passing periods
- Students have 7 classes PLUS lunch & advisory
 - Advisory (6th period) allows time to do homework, study, organize, and complete character lessons.
- Academic Core Classes:
 - English Block, Math, Science & Social Studies
- Non-Core Classes
 - PE & Elective



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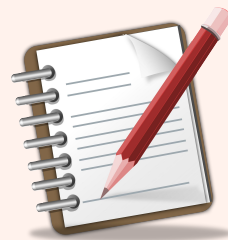
- Cafeteria - Multiple Options
 - Different lunch lines with different offerings
 - You can sit where you want at lunch (unless no ID)
- Tardies! Students need to get to class on time every period
- Expect more homework, responsibilities, & self-management
- Attend tutorials
- All courses use Canvas... check regularly
- Student IDs/lanyards **must be worn at all times**



Differences between Elementary & Junior High



- Backpacks are carried to each class. NO lockers.
- Students go between classes, to the restroom, lunch, and PE by themselves... not escorted by teachers.
- Getting a student planner to track assignments, homework, and due dates is highly recommended.
- Note: Students are NOT allowed to use cell phones any time they are in the school building.



Choosing Courses

Three Class Levels

Academic: For everyone, on grade level, more time to review concepts (*Elementary classes are Academic level*)

KAP: More challenging, faster pace, prepares students for AP classes in high school. (*We recommend that students have an A average in Academic level class*)

GT: Must be currently screened and identified

Choosing Courses

The decision to take Academic or KAP should be made between you, your parents, and your teachers. Think about:

- Your strengths and interests
- 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
- Study habits
- Extracurricular activities and time commitments
- How quickly you understand new material

KAP Program Information

- Although we highly encourage students to stay in a KAP class, they may exit a course **during the first 6-week grading period or at the end of the first semester.**
- The student must have teacher and parent approval to exit.
- If the student's **6-week average falls below 70, the student will be moved to an Academic class at the end of the grading period** unless otherwise recommended by the teacher.



Math for 6th Graders



6th, 7th, and 8th grade math classes are the foundation for high school math and should not be rushed.

Academic Math - on grade level curriculum

- Students will learn 6th grade skills/concepts only
- Weekly homework to practice concepts

KAP Math - accelerated math class covering 6th grade and about $\frac{1}{2}$ of 7th grade curriculum

- A new concept is learned almost every day
- Student have math homework nightly to practice concepts
- KAP math prepares students to take High School Algebra I in 8th grade
- Students who earn “Masters” on 5th grade STAAR are automatically placed in 6th Math KAP

More about Math KAP in Junior High

KAP compacts the junior high curriculum from 3 years to 2 years so that your child would be able to take Algebra I (a high school credit class) by 8th grade

By taking your first high school math class in junior high, this frees up your child's senior year to choose to take AP Calculus, AP Statistics, or other dual-credit college credit math classes.



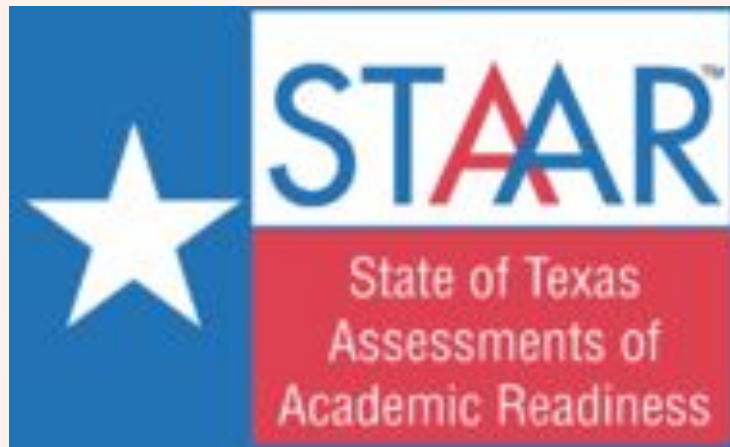
Other Core Classes



- The difference in Academic and KAP level English/Reading, Science, and Social Studies comes in the **materials used** and **performance expectations**
- KAP is built upon the core academic curriculum and designed to build student capacity to understand more rigorous content.
- KAP prepares students for advanced classes in high school.
- English/Reading is “blocked” meaning it is 2 class periods long.

Masters Level on STAAR

- If a student scores “Masters” level on their 5th grade STAAR in Math, Science, or Reading, they will automatically be placed into KAP for that subject.
- **If you would prefer that we honor the level or courses on the course selection sheet, please reach out to your child’s counselor.**



Possible Required Courses

These courses take the place of your elective class:

- **Math Lab:** designed to help refine math concepts and fill in gaps
- **Reading Elective:** designed to help improve reading proficiency and comprehension

Placement may be mandatory as a result of KISD standards and graduation requirements.

STAAR results are used to determine placement in the above courses.

*** Students needing a Dyslexia class... this will also replace their elective.

P.E. and P.E. Waivers

PE

All students will be enrolled in a Physical Education class. We do not offer Pre-Athletics at the start of 6th grade.

- Boys and Girls have separate gyms
- PE is a graded class
- Dress out in uniforms: bring your own athletic shoes and socks
- Lockers in the locker room

Off- Campus PE

- Off campus PE forms will not be accepted until August 1, 2025 through the first week of school in the front office.
- Information and forms can be printed from the Katy ISD website



- 6th graders are allowed to choose 1 elective for that year
- Please be aware that some electives require after school commitments and/or have course fees.
- Electives have assignments and receive numeric grades
- 6th Grade electives:
 - Art
 - Band
 - Choir
 - Orchestra
 - Theatre
- **Due to the high demand of certain electives, placement in elective courses is limited based on availability and is not guaranteed.**

Electives

Choosing an Elective Class

Do Consider...

- Your interests and what you would like to learn about
- How much time outside of school is needed to practice or participate
- What you like to do for fun

Do NOT Consider...

- Your friend's choice
- Cool field trips (these are only one day!)



**Now let's hear from our
elective teachers!**

Electives





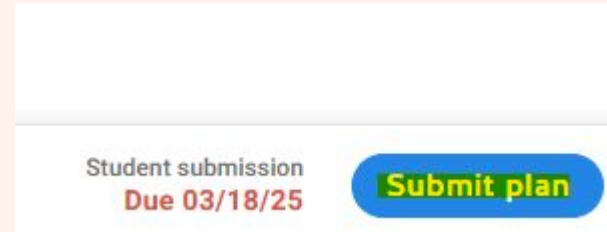
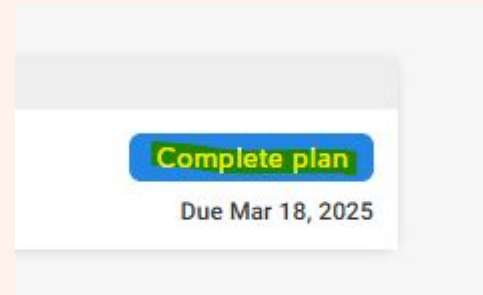
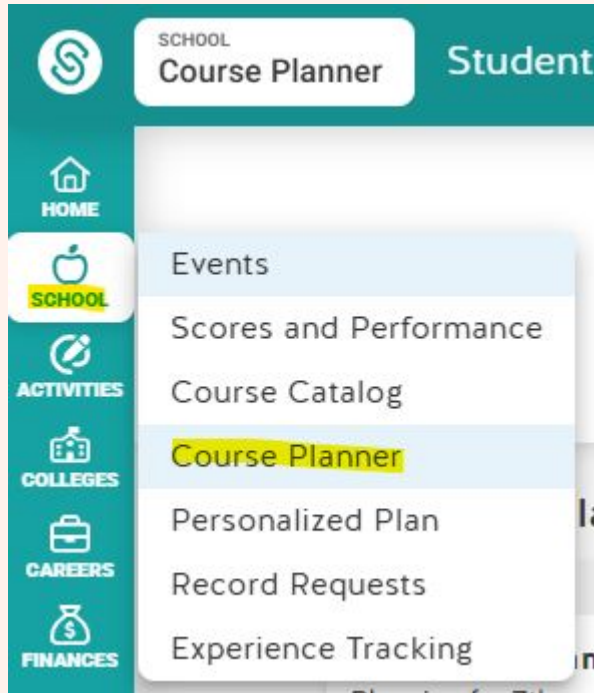
Course Selection Instructions

Accessing SchooLinks



1. Log in to MyKaty Cloud
2. Click on the SchooLinks tile
3. Left Column Menu: Select “School”
4. Select “Course Planner”
5. Select “Complete Plan”
6. Select classes for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades for each subject + one elective
7. Once you are done, all selections will be shown.
8. Select “Submit Plan” to finish.

Navigating SchoolLinks



Completed 3-Year Plan

Planned School West Memorial Junior High			Graduation Plan Junior High Completion Plan			Course Catalog →		
2025-2026 - 6th grade			2026-2027 - 7th grade			2027-2028 - 8th grade		
NEXT YEAR'S COURSES			FUTURE COURSES					
Language Arts - English	English Language Arts & Reading Block 6 (J600) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		English Language Arts & Reading Block 7 (J706) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		English Language Arts and Reading 8 (J802) 0.0 / 0.0 credits			
Math	Math 6 (J611) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		Math 7 (J711) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		Math 8 (J811) 0.0 / 0.0 credits			
Science	Science 6 (J630) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		Science 7 (J730) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		Science 8 (J830) 0.0 / 0.0 credits			
Social Studies	Social Studies 6 (J620) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		Social Studies 7 (J720) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		Social Studies 8 (J820) 0.0 / 0.0 credits			
Physical Education	PE 6 (Girls) (J681) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		PE 7 (Girls) (J781) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		PE 8 (Girls) (J881) 0.0 / 0.0 credits			
Fine Arts	Art 1 (JH) (J911) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		Theatre 1 (J941) 0.0 / 0.0 credits		Art 1A (High School credit) (J7511A) 0.5 / 0.5 credits			
					Art 1B (High School credit) (J7511B) 0.5 / 0.5 credits			
Electives					Spanish 1A (J6319A) 0.5 / 0.5 credits			
					Spanish 1B (J6319B) 0.5 / 0.5 credits			
Alternate Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Orchestra 1Theatre 1Choir 1 (Girls)							

Remember!!



- ALL communication regarding course selection must go through your child's elementary counselor.
- Follow all directions and deadlines given by your elementary campus.
- Choose your courses wisely - think carefully about your choices.
- Talk to your teachers about KAP placement.
- Choose the elective that is most interesting to you.
- **LIST ALTERNATE ELECTIVES**

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