

WoodCreek Junior High

Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night:
Course Selection 2024-2025



Welcome to WCJH

★ **Principal**

- Dr. Andrew Lowry

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- Karla Beek
- Lauren Merriman
- Ryan Saam
- Derek Ankney

★ **Counselors**

- Jessie Clay
- Meghan McCarthy
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Types of Classes

- ★ Academic
- ★ Katy Advanced Placement (KAP)
- ★ Gifted & Talented- must already be identified before you can select GT courses:
 - *GT is NOT a pullout program like in elementary*

Academic Classes

- ★ Instruction & learning is on grade level
- ★ Prepares students for college and post-secondary education
- ★ Provides more time for review



KAP Classes

- ★ Offer above-grade level program curriculum
- ★ Usually have more homework but the amount of HW is appropriate
- ★ Prepares students for KAP & AP courses in high school
- ★ Moves at a faster pace, less time for review
- ★ Covers the same content as academic, but in a deeper more complex way

Automatic KAP Placement

- ★ This only applies to students who do not choose KAP courses
- ★ Incoming 6th grade students who perform in the top two quintiles (40%) on Reading, Math, or Science STAAR exams in 5th grade will be automatically placed in the corresponding KAP course.

How to Opt-Out of Automatic KAP Placement

- ★ Parents are REQUIRED to circle "Opt-OUT" on the Course Selection Sheet if they do NOT agree to automatic placement for each of the subject areas listed below:

English Language Arts and Reading "OPT-OUT"

Math "OPT-OUT"

Science "OPT-OUT"

Social Studies "OPT-OUT"

KAP Math Pathway

Pathway Option 1:

Grade Level	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Course	Math 6 Academic	Math 7 Academic	Math 8 Academic
Description	All of the 6th grade math TEKS	All of the 7th grade math TEKS	All of the 8th grade math TEKS

Pathway Option 2:

Grade Level	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Course	Math 6 KAP*	Math 7 KAP*	Algebra I (High school credit)
Description	All of the 6th grade math TEKS +	The remaining 7th grade math TEKS +	All of the high school Algebra I TEKS *Taking Algebra I as an 8th grader sets students up to take Calculus in high school.
	Approximately half of the 7th grade math TEKS	All of the 8th grade math TEKS	

- ★ KAP Math- Fast paced and more challenging than Academic 6th grade Math
- ★ We encourage students who want to try KAP Math to start in 6th grade

Exiting KAP Classes

- ★ Students petitioning to exit a KAP course must meet the following criteria:
 - Conference with the KAP teacher
 - Complete missing assignments
 - Attend recommended tutorials
 - Participate in reteach/retest opportunities
 - If the student continues to struggle after meeting the criteria, the student needs to see their grade level counselor to discuss next steps
- ★ Granting this petition is based on input from the teacher, counselor, student performance in the course, and the timing of the request
- ★ Students experiencing success (able to maintain a C average) should remain in the course

6th Grade Schedule

- ★ 7 classes: approx. 45 minutes in length
- ★ 30 minute lunch & advisory
- ★ 4 minute passing period
- ★ 5 core classes:
 - ELA Block
 - Math
 - Science
 - Social Studies
- ★ 1 Fine Arts elective
- ★ P.E.

Sample Schedule

Period	Subject	Room #
1	English	2118
2	Reading	2118
3	Science	2117
4	Band	Band Hall
5	Math	2120
	Lunch	Cafe
6	P.E.	GYM
7	Social Studies	2115
8	Advisory	2122

Electives

- ★ Band
- ★ Orchestra
- ★ Choir
- ★ Theatre
- ★ Art



NOTE: If your child is interested in band or orchestra they need to start in 6th grade

**Supply fees required for ALL electives

**Students will remain in the same elective for the entire school year

PE

- ★ Boys and girls have separate PE classes
- ★ Graded class
- ★ Attend everyday
- ★ Students dress out in PE uniforms
- ★ No competitive sports in 6th grade



Pre Athletics

- ★ Purpose is to prepare students to try-out for competitive sports and/or join the Athletics program in 7th grade
- ★ Pre Athletics is NOT a separate PE class
- ★ Pre Athletics happens during regular PE classes
- ★ Everyone's schedule will say PE



State Mandated Intervention

- ★ Strategic Reading and Math Lab are intervention courses students are required to take if they do not meet the passing standard on STAAR
- ★ Intervention courses will replace an elective or PE

Cafeteria

- ★ Respectful dining room etiquette
- ★ Open seating
- ★ Hot tray line & snack bar line
- ★ Must stay seated & keep area clean
- ★ See KISD website for breakfast/lunch menus



Differences: Elementary v. Junior High

- ★ School hours:
8:55 AM to 4:05 PM
- ★ No recess
- ★ More responsibility & privileges
- ★ New friends & interests
- ★ Arrival/dismissal
- ★ Students are **REQUIRED** to wear their ID at all times

Course Selection Sheet

Course selection window:
February 5th – February 19th



WCJH 6th Grade Course Selection Sheet

KISD 2024-2025

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

DIRECTIONS: CHOOSE one course from each of the required areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE. Mark required courses by CIRCILING the 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. Use this sheet as a guide to help you select your classes in SchoolLinks. **IMPORTANT:** 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:

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

REQUIRED COURSES	
ENGLISH AND READING	
J600	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6
J606	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP
G606	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.

FINE ARTS ELECTIVE COURSES	
One year of junior high Fine Arts is required for all students. ALL Fine Arts placement is based on Director Approval.	
J941	Theatre 1
J911	Art 1
J921	Band 1
Director will contact the student regarding instrument selection. Participation in instrument selection is mandatory .	
J931	Orchestra 1
Director will contact student regarding instrument selection. Participation in instrument selection is mandatory .	
J951	Choir 1 - Boys
J961	Choir 1 - Girls
Other Elective Course	
J996	Lead Worthy Intermediate
LIST FOUR ELECTIVE CHOICES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE. LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE IN SOME COURSES.	
**Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice. Please list alternate choices.	
1.	_____ (first choice)
2.	_____ (second choice)
3.	_____ (third choice)
4.	_____ (fourth choice)
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.	

Parent Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____

Course Selection Sheet

- ★ Print student's legal first and last name
- ★ Level of core classes (ACA, KAP, or GT)
- ★ List four electives in order of preference
- ★ Parent & student signatures required
- ★ Scan QR code on the back to access the KISD Course Catalog
- ★ Return Course Selection Sheet to 5th grade teacher by elem. campus deadline

Ranking Electives

SAMPLE

Please rank your top 4 elective choices in the spaces below

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|----|-------|-----------------|--|
| 1. | _____ | (first choice) | |
| 2. | _____ | (second choice) | |
| 3. | _____ | (third choice) | |
| 4. | _____ | (fourth choice) | |

There's limited space in some electives. Scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice. Please list alternate choices.

SchooLinks:



- ★ 5th graders are required to enter their course requests into SchooLinks
- ★ Here's a picture of what the SchooLinks tile looks like on MyKaty Cloud
- ★ Your child's School Counselor will provide you with directions from a **Step-by-Step Guide** on how to enter course requests in SchooLinks
- ★ If you have difficulty entering your course requests, don't stress!
- ★ **The most IMPORTANT thing is that you turn in a completed Course Selection Sheet on time!**

Schedule Changes

- ★ Now is the time to discuss course options
- ★ After the course verification window closes (March 18-March 26), requests for changes will only be honored for these reasons:
 - Error in scheduling, such as data entry error;
 - Student failure in a prerequisite course;
 - Level changes as recommended by teacher and parent, School Counselor, or Principal
 - Student did not meet standard on STAAR

Course Selection Timeline

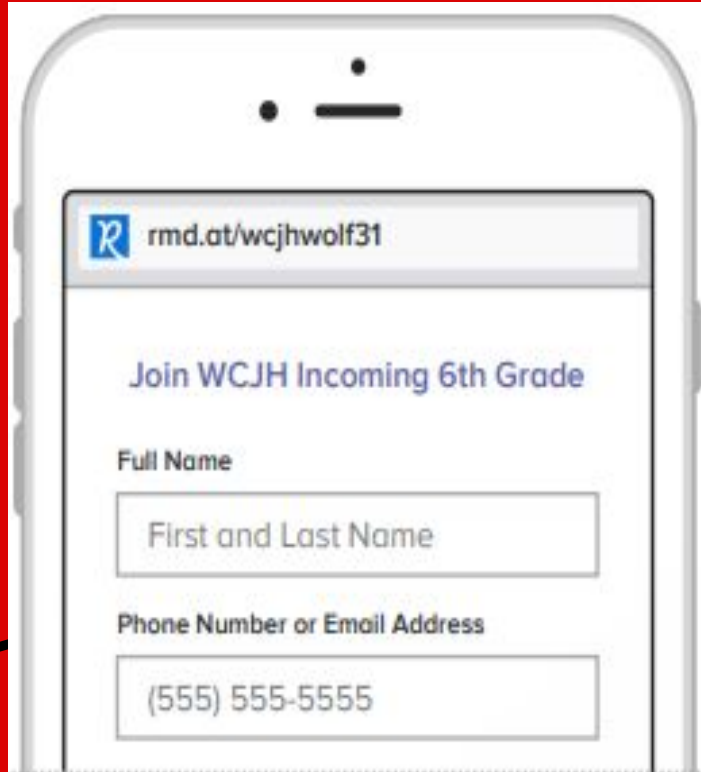
- ★ **February 5th -19th:** Course selection window is open
 - Complete Course Selection Sheet and enter course requests in SchoolLinks
 - **NOTE: The courses you enter in SchoolLinks, need to match what is selected on the sheet**
 - Remember to enter alternate elective choices in SchoolLinks in order of preference
 - **Course requests need to be entered by February 19th**

- ★ **February 20th:** SchoolLinks Course Planner becomes “viewable only” for parents and students

- ★ **February 5th-March 8th:** Elementary counselors meet with students individually to review their course requests in SchoolLinks

- ★ **March 18th-March 26th:** Course verification window. Parents and students will verify courses and submit course change requests, if needed.
 - You will get directions for completing the course verification process from your child’s elementary School Counselor.

Stay Connected



The image shows a smartphone screen displaying a registration form. At the top, there is a URL bar with the text "rmd.at/wcjhwolf31". Below the URL bar, the heading "Join WCJH Incoming 6th Grade" is displayed. The form consists of two input fields. The first field is labeled "Full Name" and contains the placeholder text "First and Last Name". The second field is labeled "Phone Number or Email Address" and contains the placeholder text "(555) 555-5555".

- ★ Get information for WCJH right on your phone:
 - Sign up for Remind:
 - Get updates about school from Dr. Lowry
 - WCJH electronic newsletter called Timberwolf Times
 - Start receiving these notifications after rollover happens in the Summer

- ★ If you have a smartphone, get push notifications by using this link:

rmd.at/wcjhwolf31

- ★ Follow the directions to sign up for Remind.

Stay Connected



- ★ If you don't have a smartphone, you can get text notifications.

- ★ Follow these steps:
 - Text the message @wcjhwolf31 to the number 81010

 - If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @wcjhwolf31 to (484) 241-4261.

More Ways to Stay Connected

- ★ Home Access Center (HAC)
 - Grades
 - Attendance
 - Teacher Contact Info
- ★ Canvas
- ★ KISD Pay N' Go

CLASS 1:1

Connected Learning for Academic Student Success

(KISD Student to device initiative)

- ★ Every KISD 3rd-12th Grade student will be provided with a Chromebook for both classroom and home use for the Fall 2024 school year



Important information about the CLASS 1:1 initiative

Upcoming Events

- ★ **Timberwolf Trek:**
 - New student orientation
 - Held at WCJH in August
 - We will send details about the date and time during the summer
 - This information will also be posted on the WCJH website

- ★ **Schedule Pick Up Day:**
 - Students can walk their schedule and find their classes before the first day of school

- ★ **Open House:**
 - Opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn about the curriculum

Woodcreek JH PTA

We Need You!

Join The WoodCreek Junior High
 **PTA** 

or NOMINATE someone!



Scan QR code or use link below:

<https://forms.gle/f9iotZLHj6nu3mUH6>

Nominations are due by February 22, 2024

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Thank you for coming!

We look forward to seeing you
around campus next year.

GO TIMBERWOLVES!