



## Beck Junior High School

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Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Guardian,

Today, we had the opportunity to meet with your child's class to discuss 6<sup>th</sup> grade required and elective course opportunities. The different core course formats of KAP, academic, and G/T were reviewed. Each student received a course offering sheet. Your child was encouraged to explore course options and seek your assistance in making an informed choice about courses that will best meet his or her educational needs.

### Course levels to decide upon:

**Academic**- on grade level and designed to prepare students for high school and college

**KAP**- Katy Advanced Placement; expect course to be fast-paced and rigorous, designed to help prepare students for Advanced Placement courses (college level instruction) while in high school

**GT**- Gifted and Talented; must qualify for these courses

Katy ISD has established guidelines to assist parents and students as they consider course requests for the upcoming school year. To determine what level is best for your students please look at the following criteria:

- Grades earned in fifth grade core content classes
- STAAR results from fourth grade
- Teacher recommendation

Please review your child's report card and test scores in making course request decisions. Please note that students often enroll in a combination of course formats. **Each course should be considered separately when making a decision regarding academic or KAP courses.**

Students will be selecting their courses online through SchoolLinks starting February 3rd – February 7th. Instructions on how to access SchoolLinks are attached and will also be sent through an e-mail as well.

In SchoolLinks, your child will request the following courses:

- English Language Arts/ Reading Block
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- P.E.
- Elective
- 3 Alternate Electives in order of preference

Students who do not show proficiency on the reading or math portion of the STAAR test **will be placed** into a reading intervention class or math lab in place of their elective or PE. Reading/ Math skills are crucial to pass the STAAR test and to earn a high school diploma as well as to meet college entrance requirements.

Course selection through SchoolLinks will end on February 7, 2025. You have the opportunity to review your child's selections in SchoolLinks and make any last-minute changes after your counselor meets with your child. Thank you for your careful consideration of courses for your child.

Sincerely,  
Beck Junior High Counselors