



**2022-2023 Katy ISD**

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**Course Selection**

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*Information for Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Students and Parents*

# Dr. Paz's Three Keys to Success to Prepare for Junior High!

1. Do your homework and study for tests!



1. Attend all of our events that we invite you to.

- a. Preview Night on January 18th
- b. Incoming 6th grade Scavenger Hunt in May
- c. Pup Camp in August



1. Don't Listen to Scary Stories about Junior High!



# Haskett Hallmarks

- Greatness

- Greatness is not a state, but a goal. We aspire to be great in all that we do.

- Growth

- All people are learners. Your talents and abilities can be improved over time.

- Integrity

- Leading with honesty will always guide us to do the right thing.

- Community

- There is strength in shared goals. We will invest in you and we want you to invest in us and yourself.



# Welcome to Haskett JH!!!



**Mascot: Husky**

**Colors: Indigo Blue  
and Silver**

**#WeAreHaskett**



# Welcome to Haskett JH!!!

**Dr. Paz, Principal**

**Mrs. Stevens, 6th Grade Assistant Principal**

**Mrs. Walsdorf, 6th Grade Counselor**

**Mrs. White, 7th Grade Assistant Principal**

**Mrs. Williamson, 7th Grade Counselor**

**Mr. Wood, 8th Grade Assistant Principal**

**Ms. Williams, 8th Grade Counselor**

**Mrs. Fox, Student Support Counselor**



# The JH School Day

- Each class period is approximately 45-50 minutes long.
- Lunch is 30 minutes.
- The Junior High School day is **8:55am-4:05pm**.
- Tutoring is available both before and after school.
- Extended Learning Time (ELT) **meets every day**. This is a time to study/do homework, get extra help, retake tests, and Character Strong lessons.
- Students have a 4-minute passing period to get to each class. Students will be marked **tardy** if not in class on time.\*
- Principals, teachers, and counselors will be available in the hallways between classes to help.



# Course Request Timeline

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

The Course Request Window is January 28-February 4

1. Course Request Forms will go home with students on Friday, January 28.
2. Course Request Form must be completed and submitted to your Homeroom teacher on or before Friday, February 4.
3. Course Verification Sheets will be sent home on Monday, March 21. Return the signed Verification Sheet to your Homeroom teacher on or before Friday, March 25. This will be your last chance to make changes before August.





# Choosing Courses – 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 offer more challenging work than academic. They are fast-paced and often involve more independent work (decided between the student and the parent with the current teachers' input).
- GT courses require students to be screened and identified for placement in GT courses.



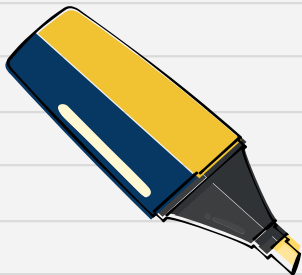




An “A” average in the academic class, or a “B” in the KAP class, is a good indicator of future success in a KAP class. KAP courses are designed to challenge motivated students and prepare them for success in advanced coursework.

These courses:

- typically move at a faster pace,
- are academically challenging,
- require more independent learning, and
- require more homework than academic courses.



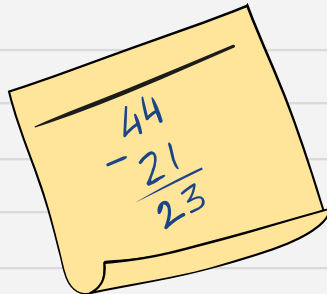
*KAP Social Studies is recommended for students taking the KAP English/Reading block.*



## KAP Program Information (cont.)



- Students may exit a KAP course during the first 6-weeks grading period or at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
- Students must have teacher and parent approval to exit.
- If the student's 6-weeks average falls below 70, it is recommended to exit the class at the end of the grading period.



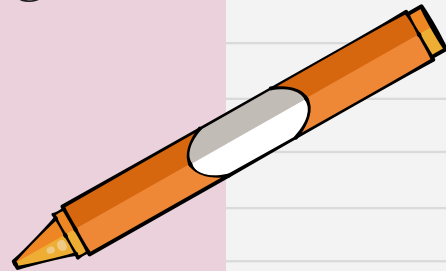


# Choosing Courses for Next Year



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
6. Elective (Students will rank these in order from most preferred to least preferred)





# P.E. and Electives

P.E. is a graded class that meets daily.

- Students must dress out.
- Students will be assigned a gym locker that locks
- Students may select “Pre-Athletics” (subject to scheduling and enrollment numbers)



6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives are specialty fine arts classes in various areas of interest.

- DO- choose the elective you are most interested in
- Remember you will stay in the same elective all year.



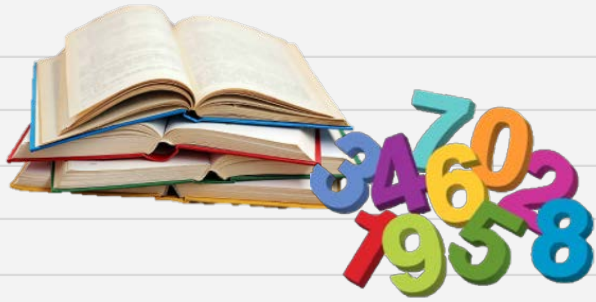


# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

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



*Students must rank their choices in order of  
most preferred to least preferred*



# Other Courses

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.

- ❖ **Math Lab** is designed to help refine and review math skills in preparation for the STAAR test.
- ❖ **Reading Elective** is designed to help improve reading level and basic reading skills in preparation for the STAAR test.

*Students who earn “**Masters**” on the Math STAAR will be placed in KAP*

# Course Request Form

**DIRECTIONS:** CIRCLE one course from each of the required areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE. The KAP, KAP/GT agreement on the back of this page must be signed if any KAP or KAP/GT courses are selected. Mark required courses by circling 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. Final placement into courses is contingent upon campus approval. GT placement requires the student to have met specific Katy ISD screening criteria.

## 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

**Pre-Athletics**

\* GT course placement requires the student to meet specific Katy ISD screening criteria.

## FINE ARTS\*\*

**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

## PLEASE LIST FINE ARTS ELECTIVE CHOICE IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE- LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE IN SOME COURSES

1. Band (first choice)
2. Theatre (second choice)
3. Choir (third choice)
4. Orchestra (fourth choice)

\*\*Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice. Please list alternative choices.

*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.*

# Course Verification

**IMPORTANT**

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Students will receive a Course Verification sheet **March 22** listing course requests (this is NOT your schedule).

- Review all requests for accuracy. Make any changes on the Verification Sheet.
- Both the student and parent **must sign** the Course Verification Sheet
- Turn in the Course Verification sheet to your Homeroom teacher **on or before March 25**. *This is a firm deadline.*



# Course Verification & Schedule Changes



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Course Verification is the time to make changes to the course requests.

Once the Course Verification sheet has been turned in, schedule changes for the 2022-2023 school year will be allowed only in the following cases:

1. Error in scheduling by the school (data entry error);
2. Student has not met course prerequisites;
3. Level changes as recommended by the teacher and counselor, with parent and principal approval;
4. Student did not meet standard on STAAR/EOC exam.



# JUNIOR HIGH *Preview Night*



Welcoming all our incoming 6th Graders  
2022-2023

Join us to learn more about options for Junior High to  
help with your course selections.

TUESDAY | JANUARY 18, 2022 | 6PM-7PM  
HASKETT JUNIOR HIGH | 25737 CLAY RD, KATY  
TX 77493 | COMPETITION GYM



*Any Questions?*