Frequently Asked Questions about Katy Advanced Program (KAP)

How can I learn more?
KAP Parent Awareness Session
Thursday, December 8, 2022
6:30 PM
Zoom Link (A recording will be posted on the GT/AAS website.)

What is KAP?
KAP is an above-grade level academic program designed to prepare students for success in high school and Advanced Placements courses. In junior high, KAP courses are available in math, science, english language arts, and social studies.

Who can be in KAP?
Anyone! We have open enrollment for all students in junior high and high school.

What is the difference between a KAP course and Academic course?
Academic courses cover grade-level content. KAP courses cover the same content in a deeper, more complex way. You can expect KAP courses to offer a bit more challenge than the academic courses.

Does my child need to be gifted and talented to take a KAP course?
No. Anyone can take the course.

If my child is GT, can he/she take a KAP course?
Yes! GT students are required to take KAP/GT courses in their areas of identification.

Does a KAP course affect GPA?
Not in junior high. Only high school credit courses, like Algebra I, are applied toward the student’s GPA in junior high. In high school, KAP and AP courses are graded on a 5-point scale.

Should my child take all KAP courses or just one?
It depends. Students are encouraged to take the most challenging courses in which they can be successful, generally defined as a C or better. Students with strong grades in 5th grade are generally successful in KAP.

**How do we sign up for KAP courses?**
Choose KAP courses during the course selection process in January.

**What support is offered for students in KAP courses?**
Teachers are required to offer tutorials for students who need them. Students who receive accommodations through Special Education or Section 504 are eligible to participate in KAP, so long as the accommodations do not require a modification of the curriculum.

**What if my child finds KAP difficult?**
KAP courses are designed to be challenging, but junior high is a safe place for students to learn to struggle productively. Students may need to seek additional support from teachers for the first time, and that’s okay! Experiencing struggle early in their educational journey will allow students to develop study skills, grit, perseverance, and organizational skills that will continue to strengthen as they get older.

**Should I allow my child to get used to junior high before trying KAP courses?**
It’s easier for students to try KAP and then move to Academic if necessary than to do the opposite.

**Do KAP classes have more homework?**
Usually, yes. But parents and students typically say that the amount of homework is appropriate.

**Can my child still participate in extracurricular activities?**
Yes! Many athletes, cheerleaders, music students, etc. take KAP and AP courses.