AJH Course Selection

Welcome Future Vikings 2025-2026





Our Viking Family

Principal: Marc Kampwerth

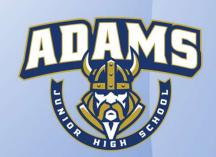
6th Grade AP: Jason Sansom

6th Grade Counselor: Brianna Pollinger

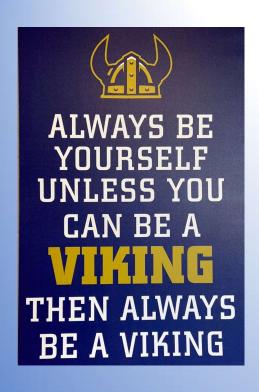






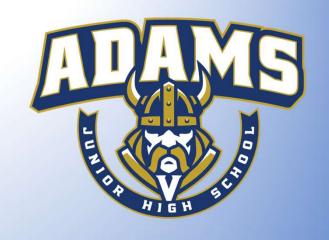


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Mascot: Viking

School Colors: Navy & Gold



Viking Virtues:

Courage, Perseverance, & Truth

Differences between Elementary & Junior High

MORE FREEDOM!

- School starts @ 8:55 AM
- School ends @ 4:05 PM
- Most 6th grade Classes are on the 1st floor
- 7 classes plus lunch and advisory
 - All students have advisory to allow time to do homework, study, organize work,
 Character Strong (community building/character lessons)
- 45 minute class periods & 5 minute passing period
- Lockers available
- Core classes
 - Math, Science, English, Reading & Social Studies
- Non-core classes
 - · Elective, PE

Differences between Elementary & Junior High

MORE FREEDOM!

- Cafeteria Multiple options
 - · Different lunch lines that offer snack bar options, hot lunch, etc
 - · You can sit wherever you want at lunch
- Many Clubs & Activities
- The opportunity to make a lot of new friends
- Tardies!!: Students need to get to class on time every period
- · Expect more homework, responsibilities, & self management
- Attend tutorials
- Canvas is used in all courses
- · Student IDs/lanyards must be worn at all times

Differences between Elementary & Junior High

Backpacks are allowed to be carried to each class. Rolling backpacks are not allowed.

Technology allowed during lunch, and it is the responsibility of each student. Misuse of technology can lead to revocation of technology privileges at school.

Students go between classes, to the restroom, lunch, and PE by themselves, not escorted by teachers.

Student planner/tracker - highly recommend to organize classwork and homework for your 7 classes.

Choosing

Three Class Format:

Academic - For everyone, on grade level, more time to review concepts, prepares students for college as well as other postsecondary education. Your classes in elementary are at the Academic level.

KAP - More challenging, fast paced, prepares students for AP classes in high school. *We recommend students have an "A" average in an Academic class

GT - Must be currently screened and identified

Choosing

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

- Your interests and strengths
- · 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
- Standardized test scores
- Study habits
- Extracurricular activities and time commitments
- How quickly you catch on to 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-weeks grading period or at the end of the 1st semester.
- The student must have teacher and parent approval to exit.
- If the student's 6-weeks average falls below 70, the student will be placed into an Academic class at the end of the grading period unless otherwise recommended by the teacher.





The KAP Course Commitment form is included on the back of the course selection sheet.



Math for 6th Graders

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

Academic Math - on grade level curriculum

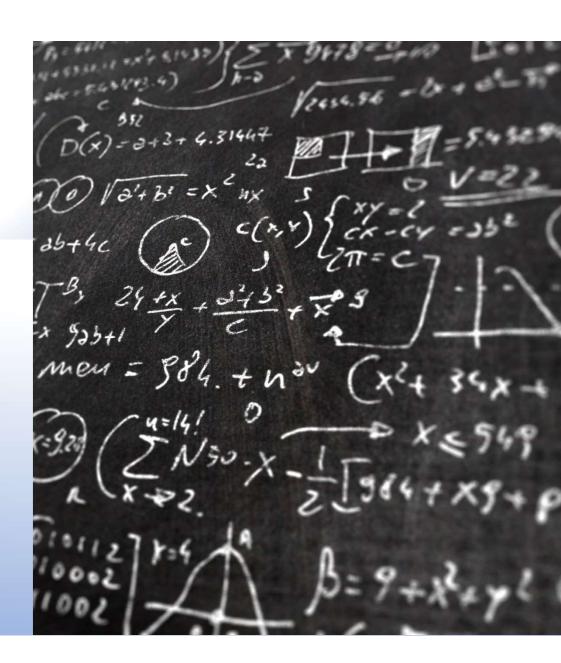
- Students will have math homework weekly to practice the concepts
- Students will learn 6th grade math skills/concepts only
- There are approximately 64 objectives covered

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

- * A new concept is learned almost every day
- Students will have math homework every night to practice the concepts
- KAP math focuses on preparing students for High School Algebra I in 8th grade
- ❖ There are approximately over 80 objectives (1/2 of them are 7th grade)
- Students who earn "Masters" on 5th grade STAAR are automatically placed in 6th Math KAP
- * 6th grade KAP Math Students will take the 6th grade STAAR
- * Current high achieving students in 5th grade math can take a Credit By Exam (CBE) for 6th grade Math this summer (June/July testing windows). Students who pass the 6th grade Math CBE will be eligible to take 7th grade KAP Math in 6th grade.

Characteristics of a KAP Math Student

- Problem solver in everyday situations
- Has developed strong learning & study habits
- Shows perseverance when challenged
- Displays emotional maturity when frustrated
- Demonstrates reasoning skills pertaining to mathematical concepts in everyday life
- Shows confidence in their own math abilities
- Strong/mastered fast facts skills
- Willingness to ask questions in class and seek out help
- Strongly values learning loves to learn!



KAP Math for 6th-8th Grade

KAP is the compacting of 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.





ELA-R, Science, and Social Studies

- The difference in academic and KAP for English Language Arts & Reading (ELA-R), Science, and Social Studies comes in the resources/materials used and performance expectations.
- *KAP is built upon the core academic curriculum and is designed to build student capacity to understand more rigorous content.
- *KAP is designed to help prepare students for advanced courses in high school.
- ELA-R is blocked meaning it is 2 class periods in a row with the same teacher.

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- If a student scores "Masters" on their 5th grade STAAR in Math or Reading, they will automatically be put into the correlating KAP course.
- In Schoolinks the KAP course will be preloaded for these students.
- If you would prefer that we honor the level of courses on the course selection sheet, please opt out of automatic placement on the course selection sheet.
- There will also be opt-out information coming for those who would be automatically moved into KAP courses.

Possible Required Courses

These courses take the place of your elective class.

- Math Lab: designed to help refine math concepts and fill in gaps
- Strategic Reading: 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.

- 6th grade is allowed to choose 1
 elective for the year.
- Please be aware that some electives require after school commitments.
- Electives have assignments & receive numeric grades.
- 6th grade electives:
 - Art, Band, Choir, Orchestra,
 Theatre, and Lead Worthy
 Intermediate
- Due to the high demand of certain electives, <u>placement in elective</u> <u>courses will be limited based on</u> <u>availability and is not guaranteed</u>.

Electives

Do Consider...

- Your interests and what you would like to learn about
- How much time outside of school is needed to participate/practice in the elective class
- What do you like to do for fun
- What outside time constraints do you have?

Don't Consider...

- Your friend's choice
- Cool field trips (a field trip is only one day)

Choosing an Elective Class

Elective Options





★ First Year Art Student (no art experience)

★ Students create with the elements of art and principles of design in mind while building skills for a successful year in art.

Just a sampling...we do so much more!

BEGINNING BAND

- No experience necessary! We will teach you everything you need to know.
- Directors will assist you in choosing the right instrument for you, <u>after</u> you choose band as your elective.
- Band students may participate in band <u>AND</u> athletics, pep squad, cheer, clubs, Sci-Oly, etc.
- There are only 2 after school rehearsals in Beginning Band.

BAND INSTRUMENTS

Flute Oboe Clarinet Bassoon Alto Sax Trumpet
Horn
Trombone
Euphonium
Percussion
Tuba



6th grade Choir NO AUDITION REQUIRED

Join the Viking Choir Family

- Solo competitions
- Concerts
- Social Events
- Sing in different languages
- Solo Opportunities
- Leadership Opportunities
- Learn how to read music
- Multiple 6th grade classes (6th boys and 6th girls)
- End of Year Choir Banquet
- Pop Show and LOTS MORE!

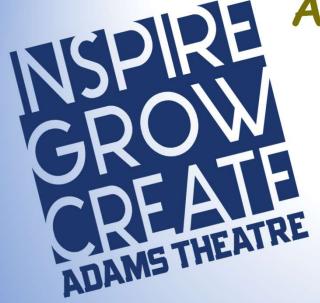


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Orchestra

- No experience necessary! We teach you everything you need to know.
- The orchestra director will help you choose the right instrument for you
- Instrument classes meet separately every day
- Your daily homework is to practice your instrument!

- Can choose one of 4 instruments:
 - Violin
 - Viola
 - 。 Cello
 - 。 Bass



Adams Theatre

YOU WILL LEARN

Ensemble building

Public speaking

Characterization

Improvisation

Theatre history

Pantomime

Storytelling techniques

Technical theatre

Professions in theatre

ALL Theatre classes touch on these topics at various degrees of complexity depending on the class level.







LEADWORTHY INTERMEDIATE (6TH)

Leadership development and character education specifically designed to empower 6th grade students to lead with heart.

Students will:

Make new discoveries about themselves and others

Grow connected with classmates through team-building activities

Think critically and thoughtfully about real life situations

Participate in group discussions and collaborate with classmates

Confidently share their thoughts, feelings, and opinions

Listen well to the ideas and perspectives of others

Understand personal responsibility

Lead with heart

9 Leadworthy Character traits are woven into the course. The curriculum teaches these traits explicitly and gives students the opportunity to practice each in a low-pressure space. They are:

Empathy Kindness
Self-Direction Courage

Teamwork Perseverance

Responsibility Integrity

Respect

P.E. & P.E. Waivers

- □ P.E.
 - All students will be enrolled in a Physical Education class
 - Both boys and girls (separate gyms)

Graded class/attend everyday

Dress out in uniforms: bring your own athletic shoes & socks

Lockers in locker room

Students will pay a \$15 fee at the beginning of the year for their PE uniform, locker, and laundry service.

- ☐ Off Campus P.E.
 - ☐ Off Campus P.E. forms will not be accepted until August 1, 2025 through the first week of school in the front office
 - ☐ If you participate in an approved individual sport for less than 15 hours per week, you will receive Study Hall as your replacement class
 - ☐ If you participate in an approved individual sport for 15 or more hours a week you may leave campus after 7th period. These students will sign themselves out daily at the attendance window
 - ☐ Forms should be printed from the AJH counselor website or the Katy ISD website
 - ☐ Information and applications can be found at:

 Health & Physical Education Curriculum / Off

 Campus PE (katyisd.org)

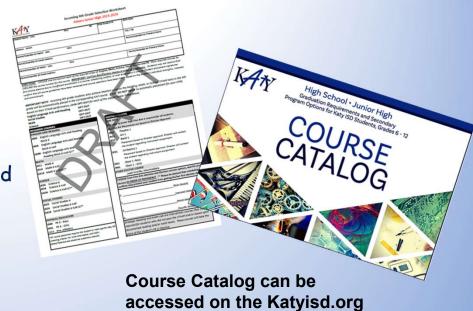
Athletics

Only for 7th & 8th graders – this is just so you know what's coming in the future!!

- ❖ Based on tryouts at the end of your 6th and 7th grade school year
- * Coaches determine placement into athletics
- Athletic period (Fall) sports:
 - Football
 - Volleyball
 - Basketball
- After school (Spring) sports not placed in the athletic period:
 - * Track
 - Soccer
 - Tennis
- Pre-Athletics will take place during your 6th grade year through your PE Class
- Please see the coach if you are interested in playing a sport in 7th or 8th grade
- Coaches will give the counselors a list of students to be scheduled into the athletic period later this semester

course kequests Overview

- Monday, January 27th: Course Selection Planning sheets go home with all 5th graders
- FEBRUARY: Signed Course Planning Sheets due to 5th Grade teachers.
 - ~Exact dates determined by elementary campus
- February 3rd March 6th: Students make course selections in Schoolinks (enter login through myKaty Cloud login). Follow elementary specific directions.
- February3-March 6: Elementary Counselors will meet individually with each 5th grader to enter requests into Schoolinks.
- If you are moving or planning to move, you still must complete a course selection sheet.
- Both the student and parent must sign the course sheet
- Follow elementary campus specific directions and deadlines.



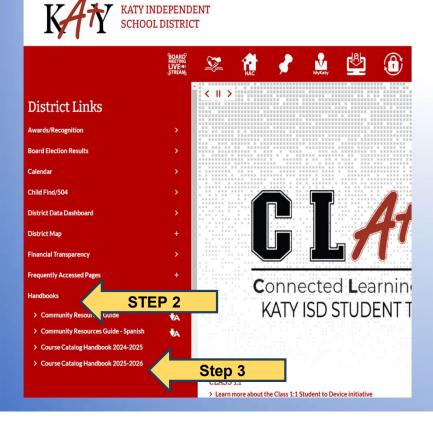
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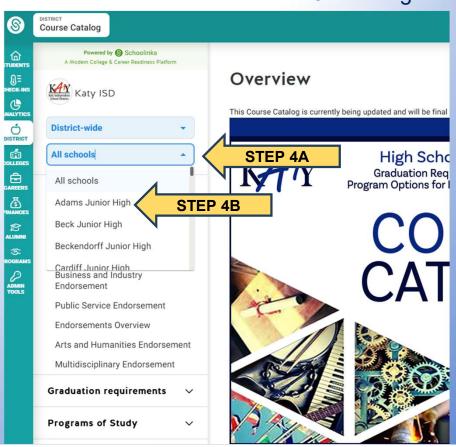
Accessing the Course Catalog

*Step 1: Go to Katy ISD Homepage: www.katyisd.org

*Step 2: Click on Handbooks on the left Side *Step 3: Click on Course Catalog 2025-2026

*Step 4: Click on "All Schools" and Select Adams Junior High





The Course Planning Sheet

Student Name: Last.	First	MI	Birth Date:	KISD Student ID
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	Block 6 KAP	J911 Art 1
G606	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP/GT*	J921 Band 1 Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.
MATH		J931 Orchestra 1
J611	Math 6	Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.
J614	Math 6 KAP	J951 Choir 1 - Boys
G614	Math 6 KAP/GT*	J961 Choir 1 - Girls
SCIENCE		OTHER ELECTIVE COURSE
J630	Science 6	J996 Lead Worthy Intermediate
J634	Science 6 KAP	10.00.10.5.10.7.0.7.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00.00
G634	Science 6 KAP/GT*	CHOOSE from Fine Arts electives and Elective course options, and list your choices <u>IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE</u> ** Please be advised that scheduling conflicts
SOCIAL STUDIES		may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice.
J620	Social Studies 6	
J624	Social Studies 6 KAP	1. (first choice)
G624	Social Studies 6 KAP/GT*	(iist dioce)
PHYSICAL EDUCAT	TION	2(second choice)
J680 Boys PE	J684 Pre-Athletics Boys	2 (third choice)

Automatic KAP Placement Opt-Out

- * Masters Reading -> automatic placement in KAP ELA and Social Studies
- ★ Masters Math → automatic placement in KAP Math and Science
- ★ If you wish us to honor Course Planning Sheet requests → Opt-Out
- ★ Even if you think your child won't Master

Use this list of courses as a guide to help you select your classes in SchooLinks. Each student must select one course from each of the required areas:

English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE. GT placement requires the student to have met specific Katy ISD screening criteria.

<u>DIRECTIONS:</u> CIRCLE one course from each of the required areas of **English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE**. 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. Final placement into courses is contingent upon campus approval. 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: 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 perfomance, circle OPT-OUT for each of the subject areas listed below:

Reading Math OPT-OUT

Science Social Studies

Completing the elective portion of the course selection planning sheet

ELEC	TIVE COURSES
FINE	ARTS
One y	ear of junior high Fine Arts is required for all students.
J941	Theatre 1
J911	Art 1
J921	Band 1 Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.
	Orchestra 1 Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.
	Choir 1 - Boys
	Choir 1 - Girls
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J996	Lead Worthy Intermediate
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1	(first choice)
2	(second choice)
3	(third choice)
4	(fourth choice)
	Strategic Reading and Math Lab are intervention courses that provide
	frea , students who did not pass the STAAR and/or have apon documented
readi	ng and/or math levels. The student's PE or

Sample

Please rank your top 4 elective choices in the spaces below				
1.	Orchestra	(first choice)		
2.	Art	(second choice)		
3.	Theatre	(third choice)		
4.	Choir	(fourth choice)		

- ★ Number your electives in order of preference 1-4
- * Return course selection worksheet to your teacher by the due date determined by your elementary campus

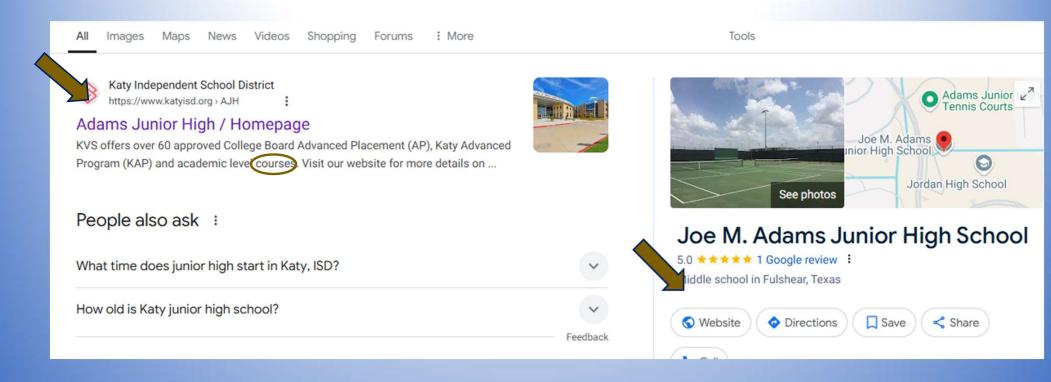
6th Grade Schedule Example

Lunch will either be after 2nd period (A Lunch) or after Advisory (B Lunch)

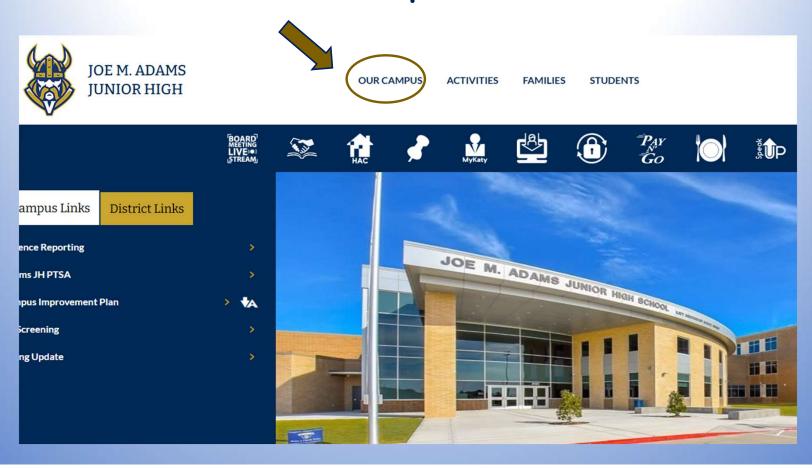
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PERIOD	SEM.	ROOM NO.	SUBJECT	TEACHER	COURSE NO.
1	BS	1020	Eng/Read 6 Block KAP	Casbon, R	J606
2	BS	1020	Eng/Read 6 Block KAP	Casbon, R	J606
3	BS	1301	Advisory 6 ELA-R	Pickard, L	J695
LUNCH	BS	CAFE	Lunch 6 Block	Thoen, S	LUNCH
4	BS	Gym	PE 6 (Boys)	Campbell, C	J680
5	BS	1019	Science 6 KAP	Smith, M	J634
6	BS	1034	Soc Studies 6 KAP	Anderson, A	J624
7	BS	1301	Art 1 (JH)	Pickard, L	J650
8	BS	1023	Math 6 KAP	Pope, M	J614

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - STUDENT SCHEDULE

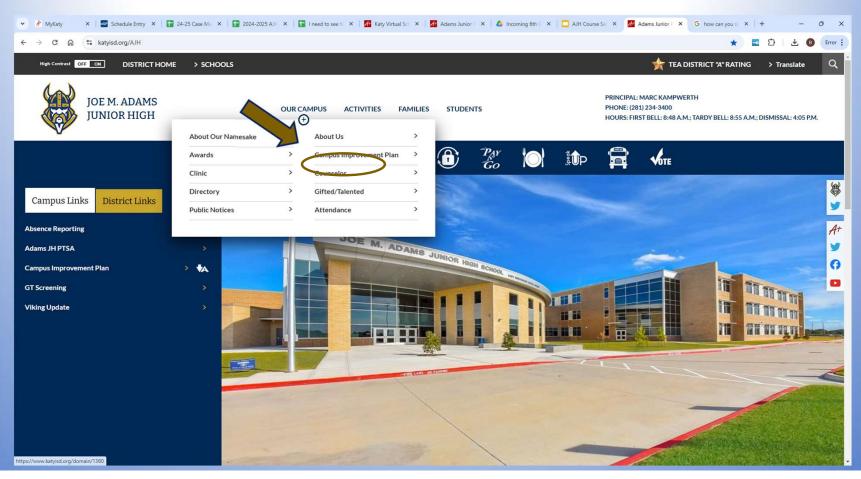
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STEP 2: Hover over "Our Campus



STEP 3: Click on "Counselor



Lots of great information on everything from Registration and Student Resources TO Tutorial Schedules and a virtual calming room.



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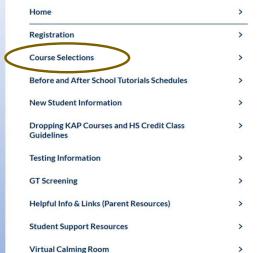






Click on Course Selections





Adams Junior High Counseling Page



All course selection information can be found here!



Scan the QR code
to get to our
website for more
Course Selection
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- 6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet
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- 8th Grade Course Selection Worksheet



Future 6th Grade Course Selection

Student Information

Step 1:

- · ACE, JRE, MJE & RJWE 5th graders visit AJH on January 8
- . Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night on January 8 @ 5:00pm in the AJH Cafeteria

- Follow all directions and deadlines given by your elementary campus.
- Keep your course selection planning sheet neat and clean. Take good care of it!
- Choose your courses wisely think carefully about your choices.
- Talk to your teachers about KAP placement.
- Choose the elective that's most interesting to you.
- List alternate electives.
- Sign and return the course planning sheet on time!
- Any changes to course selections after turning in planning sheet must be made in writing to your child's current counselor.

Remember!!



Welcome Future Vikings!

