



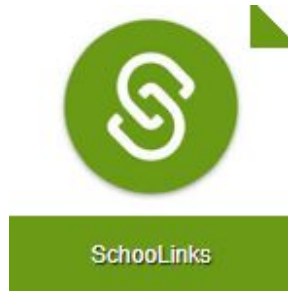
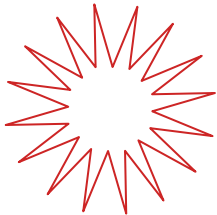
2025-2026 8th Grade Course Selection Information





Course Selection Timeline

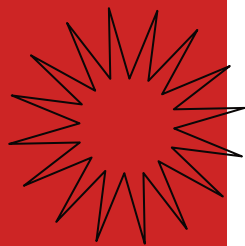
- **January 27th** - Course selection presentation during social studies classes
- **January 31st** - Course selection sheets sent home in social studies classes (please return as soon as possible to your SS Teacher)
- **February 3rd - February 28th** - Students and Parents complete course selection in **SchooLinks** (MyKaty Cloud)
- **February 3rd-March 7th** - Counselor will meet with you individually to go over your course selections.
- **March 8th-March 18th** - Parent course verification online through **SchooLinks**



Choosing Courses- Class Formats



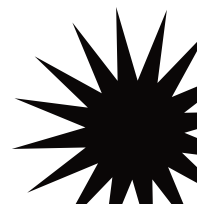
- **Academic courses** - on grade level and designed to prepare students for high school and college
- **KAP courses (Katy Advanced Placement)** - prepare students for Advance Placement (AP) courses (college level instruction) while in high school
- **GT courses** - placement requires the student to have met specific KISD screening criteria and have been accepted into the GT program.



KAP Program Information

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:

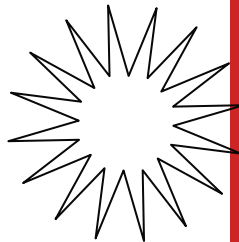
- typically move at a faster pace,
- are academically challenging,
- require more independent learning





KAP Exit Guidelines

- Students may exit a KAP 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, it is recommended to exit the class at the end of the grading period.



Courses for 2024-2025



- If you are moving or planning to move, you still must fill out the course offerings worksheet and turn it in.
- Both the student and parent must sign the course sheet.
- Choose 7 classes -
 - English
 - Math / Algebra I
 - Social Studies
 - Science
 - PE / Athletics
 - **TWO** electives and two alternate electives

Electives for 8th Grade

- Band
- Boys Choir/Girls Choir
- Orchestra
- Theatre
- Art
- Leadworthy
- Student Aide
 - help in attendance office, front office, library, counselor's office, and sometimes PE – must be willing to be placed in any of these offices
 - Must be highly responsible, like filing, organizing, alphabetizing, and doing repetitive tasks.
 - Must be reliable, helpful and able to keep information confidential
 - Grades and any office referrals will be considered.
 - Not everyone applying will be chosen for an Aide position.
 - Principals make the final decision.

Applications Required:

- Publications 1 (Yearbook) - Room 124 Ms. Smith
- Publications 2 (Yearbook) - Room 124 Ms. Smith



High School Credit Electives

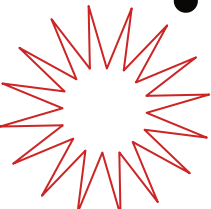


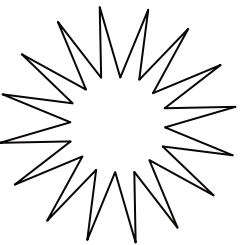
- High School Credit classes will go on a High School Transcript. A high school transcript will impact the rest of your educational career.
 - GPA (Grade Point Average)
 - Class rank
 - Colleges first snapshot of you
- You will take a midterm and final exam

High School Course Exit Policy for Junior High Students



- Students may only **REQUEST** to exit a HS credit course through the **end of the 1st grading period**
- Students who earn an "F" at the end of the first or second grading period in a HS credit course will be automatically removed unless recommended by the teacher and administrator.
- Students who earn a first semester failing grade will have the grade recorded on their transcript, and will be removed from the course for the second semester.
- Students will **NOT** have an opportunity to drop the HS credit course during the second semester





High School Credit Courses

- **Algebra** - Successful completion of 7th Grade Math KAP (1 math credit)
- **Spanish I** (1 foreign language credit)
- **Spanish for Spanish Speakers** (2 foreign language credits, must qualify based on screening)
- **Art I** (1 fine art credit) - Prerequisite: Art 1 or Art 2
- **Principles of Info Tech** (1 elective credit)
- **Principles of Human Services** (1 elective credit)
- **Principles of Applied Engineering** (1 elective credit)
- **Principles of Manufacturing - Woodshop** (1 elective credit)
- **Principles of Arts, A/V, Technology, and Communications** (1 elective credit)
- **Business Information Management 1** (1 elective credit)
- **Career Launchpad** (1 elective credit)

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PE/Athletics



- If you are currently in athletics, and you want to stay in athletics:
 - You will circle athletics on your course offerings worksheet.
- If you are currently in PE and want to be in athletics:
 - You will circle PE on your course offerings worksheet
 - Talk to your coach about wanting to be in athletics for 8th grade
- Coaches will let the counselor know who will be in athletics for 8th grade.
- Dance

KJH Dance Expectations

- Replaces Athletics / PE
- Fee Required which covers the cost of required leggings, shoes, shirts, etc.
- Must be committed to work hard physically, but studying is also involved
- Performance required at Winter Showcase and Pep Rally



Winter Showcase

Other Courses

Strategic Reading (Reading Elective)

Designed to help improve reading level
and basic reading skills in preparation for
the STAAR test

Math Lab

Designed to help refine and review math
skills in preparation for the STAAR test

*** You will be recommended to
take these classes if you do not
pass the Math or Reading section of
the 7th grade STAAR test. (or attend
summer school This class will
replace your elective.***



Remember

- Choose 7 courses (2 electives) for 8th grade and 2 alternate elective courses.
- Enter courses in SchooLinks at home with your parents February 3rd - February 28th.
- **Choose your courses wisely because electives will not be changed.**

