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# **Katy Junior High**

## **2025-2026**

### **6th Grade**

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# Katy Junior High Team



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Principal



**Mrs. Norma Santos**  
6th Grade Assistant  
Principal



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7th Grade Assistant  
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8th Grade Assistant  
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**Mrs. Holly Martinez**  
6th Grade Counselor



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7th Grade Counselor



**Mrs. Pam Ruderman**  
8th Grade Counselor



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# Junior High School Day

- There are 7 classes, including 4 core courses, P.E., an elective, and an Advisory period.
  - All classes meet every day
  - A rotating advisory (or ISP) is held every day during 6th period.
    - During this time, students rotate through their other classes to do small group/reteaching/extension activities and complete Character Strong lessons.
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# Sample 6th Grade Schedule

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Period	Subject	Room
1	English/Reading Block	144
2		144
3	Math	146
4	Social Studies	151
	LUNCH	Cafeteria
5	PE	Gym
6	Advisory	159
7	Science	136
8	Art	161

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# Choosing Course- 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**

are more challenging than  
academic. They are  
fast-paced and often  
require more independence  
and responsibility.

## **GT Courses**

require students to be  
screened and identified for  
placement in GT courses.  
*(Counselors will be given a  
list of students who have  
qualified.)*



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# KAP Program Information

- Designed to challenge motivated students and prepare them for success in advanced coursework.
  - KAP courses work beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced level coursework.
  - Katy ISD has an open enrollment policy for advanced academics. Early enrollment in these courses contributes to student achievement in later years.
  - Students may require encouragement and support from both family and campus to be successful in advanced academics.
  - Please review your child's report card and test scores in making course level decisions.
  - Please note that students can enroll in a combination of course formats. Consider each course separately when deciding to select Academic or KAP.
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# 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/Pre-Athletics
6. One elective choice and three alternate electives (just in case your first choice is full)

Course Worksheet Due Feb. 20

Incoming 6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet  
Katy Junior High 2024-2025

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Student Name: Last, First MI	DOB Student ID	Birth Date:
Address: Street		City / Zip
Parent/Guardian #1 Name: Last, First	Parent/Guardian #1 Email	
Parent/Guardian #1 Home Phone:	Parent/Guardian #1 Cell Phone:	Parent/Guardian #1 Work Phone:
Parent/Guardian #2 Name: Last, First	Parent/Guardian #2 Email	
Parent/Guardian #2 Home Phone:	Parent/Guardian #2 Cell Phone:	Parent/Guardian #2 Work Phone:

**DIRECTIONS:** CHOOSE one course from each of the required areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE. Mark required courses by CIRCULING 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, interest 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 performance, please circle below OPT-OUT for each of the subject areas listed below:

SUBJECT	OPT-OUT	SUBJECT	OPT-OUT
English Language Arts and Reading	OPT-OUT	Math	OPT-OUT
Math	OPT-OUT	Science	OPT-OUT

<b>REQUIRED COURSES</b>	<b>ELECTIVE COURSES</b>
<b>ENGLISH AND READING</b>	<b>FINE ARTS</b>
J000 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6	One year of Junior High Fine Arts is required for all students. All Fine Arts Placement is based on Director Approval.
J006 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP	J041 Theatre 1
G009 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP/IGT*	J051 Art 1
<b>MATH</b>	J021 Band 1*
J011 Math 6	Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.
J014 Math 6 KAP	J031 Orchestra 1*
G014 Math 6 KAP/IGT*	Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.
<b>SCIENCE</b>	J051 Choir 1 - Boys*
J030 Science 6	J061 Choir 1 - Girls*
J034 Science 6 KAP	<b>OTHER ELECTIVE COURSE</b>
G034 Science 6 KAP/IGT*	J096 Lead Worthy Intermediate
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	<b>CHOOSE FROM FINE ARTS ELECTIVES AND ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS TO LIST (CIRCLE) IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE. *Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice.</b>
J020 Social Studies 6	1. _____ (first choice)
J024 Social Studies 6 KAP	2. _____ (second choice) alternate
G024 Social Studies 6 KAP/IGT*	3. _____ (third choice) alternate
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	4. _____ (fourth choice) alternate
J080 PE 6 - Boys*	
J084 Pre Athletics- Boys*	
J081 PE 6 - Girls*	
J085 Pre Athletics- Girls*	

\* OT course placement requires the student to meet specific entry (OT screening checklist, for more information visit KJHSJ) (JHSJ) (JHSJ) and approved Academic website.

\*Classes with Course Fees

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.



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# Physical Education

Encourages students to work toward achieving a basic level of fitness and wellness, and a beginning or intermediate level of skill in each sport or activity through daily curriculum.

- **P.E.** is a graded class that meets daily.
  - You dress out daily
  - You will be assigned a gym locker and a combination lock.
  - User fee \$15.00 per year
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# Pre-Athletics

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- Designed to prepare students for successful participation in the middle school athletic program.
    - Including team sports, individual sports and off season participation skills and behaviors.
  - The main focus of the program would be to provide students with a preview of upcoming UIL sports in which they will be eligible to participate as 7th graders and to prepare them for the behavioral and academic expectations associated with being a participating member of the Katy ISD athletics programs in the future.
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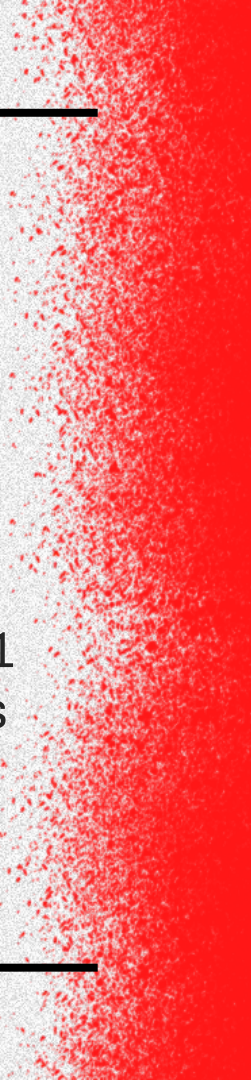


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# Fine Art Electives

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

- DO- consider your interests carefully and choose the elective that interests you most.
- DON'T- Let your friends influence your choice!
- You will be in your elective course the entire school year.
- You only get to have ONE elective.

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

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## Band

Band directors meet with the student to determine the best woodwind, brass or percussion instrument.

***Course fee: \$50.00 not including the instrument rental or purchase fee.***

- There will be 2 nights in April for students and parents to choose an instrument.
- The band instrument must be purchased or rented.
- Students should practice 30 minutes daily outside of the regular school day.
- There are two or three evening band concerts/events per year.

## Orchestra

Students learn to play a stringed instruments: violin, cello, viola or bass, which must be purchased or rented.

***Course fee: \$50.00 not including the instrument rental or purchase fee.***

- There will be 2 nights in April for students and parents to meet with Mr. Ellsworth and choose an instrument.
  - Students must rent or buy an instrument.
  - Cellos and basses are provided an instrument for school use. There is a usage fee for the instrument that covers the student for the year.
  - Students should practice up to 30 minutes daily outside of the regular school day.
  - There are two to three evening orchestra concerts per year.
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# Fine Arts Electives

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## Choir

Students sing, read music and perform concerts. There are three to four evening choir concerts per year.

*Course fee: \$50.00*

## Art 1

Students paint, draw and mix colors to create contrast, and draw from imagination. Students also learn art vocabulary, art history and ceramics.

## Theatre

Students develop expression and acting skills, learn history of theatre and are introduced to theater production. Students must participate and perform in in-class and/or after school productions.

*Course fee: \$40 fee for play and t-shirt*

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# Other Elective Options

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## Leadworthy Intermediate

- is a highly engaging class that develops the leadership skills of students which empowers them to become leaders in their communities.
  - The foundational learning for this course is becoming individually responsible through time-management and organization.
  - Opportunities for students to be creative, critical thinkers, and collaborators are used to build student confidence and personal growth.
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# Other Electives

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*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.*

## **Reading Elective** **(Strategic Reading)**

is designed to help improve reading level and basic reading skills in preparation for the STAAR test.

## **Math Lab**

is designed to help refine and review math skills in preparation for the STAAR test.



# Course Selection Worksheet

Choose  
only one  
from each  
subject  
area.

## 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^

**J684** Pre Athletics- Boys^

**J681** PE 6 - Girls^

**J685** Pre Athletics- Girls^

\* GT course placement requires the student to meet specific Katy ISD screening criteria. For more information visit KISD's Gifted/Talented and Advanced Academics website.

^Classes with *Course Fees*

## ELECTIVE COURSES

### FINE ARTS

*One year of junior high Fine Arts is required for all students*

*ALL Fine Art Placement is based on Director Approval*

**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^

### OTHER ELECTIVE COURSE

**J996** Lead Worthy Intermediate

CHOOSE FROM FINE ARTS ELECTIVES AND ELECTIVE COURSE OPTIONS TO LIST CHOICES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE \*\*Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice.

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one elective.

Then list your  
electives in order  
of preference.



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Science

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**Located above the courses on the course  
selection worksheets**

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# Entering Courses in SchoolLinks

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- Students use their school username and password to access SchoolLinks tile on the MyKaty Cloud February 3rd-28th.
- Students use their course worksheet to choose the 4 core classes and elective for 6th grade. **\*\*Please only focus on 6th grade courses! SchoolLinks will likely show that there is an error if 7th and 8th courses are not filled out. Please ignore this error and only put in 6th grade courses. Your child's counselor will meet with them every year to choose the next grade classes.\*\***
- Enter alternate courses in order of preference.
- They must confirm the classes and save.
- February 3rd-March 7th elementary counselors will meet with students individually to ensure correct courses were selected
- March 8th-March 18th parents will verify Personalized Plans in SchoolLinks





# Remember!

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- Course selection sheets need to be returned to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers
  - Choose courses wisely – think carefully about your choices
  - Choose the elective that's most interesting to you
  - List alternate electives
  - **If you have any questions, please contact your elementary counselor**
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# **6th Grade Parent Orientation and Tour**

**When:** Tuesday, May 6th 5:30-6:30

**Where:** KJH Cafeteria

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