

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Guardian,

Course selection for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year has begun. Important dates for course selection are listed below:

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| January 28, 2025 @ 5:30 pm     | Incoming 6th Grade Parent Information Night at MRJH                               |
| January 17 – February 14, 2025 | Students select courses in SchoolLinks using Course Planner and Personalized Plan |
| February 5 – March 5, 2025     | Counselors meet with students individually to review course requests              |
| February 28, 2025              | Course Verification – Parents verify courses and request course changes           |

Students received information about all required and elective courses that are available to them for the next school year. Now students need to make informed choices about courses that will best meet his or her educational needs.

There are different formats for the core courses from which to choose:

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

Katy ISD has an open enrollment policy for advanced academics. Early enrollment in these courses contributes to student achievement in later years. KAP courses are designed to challenge students beyond grade-level academic courses and prepare them for success in future advanced level coursework. 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 often enroll in a combination of course formats. Consider each course separately when deciding to select Academic or KAP.

**OPT-OUT Required:** Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who achieve Masters level on Reading, Math, or Science STAAR exams in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be placed as follows:

MASTERS ON STAAR	Placement
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Reading	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade KAP English Language Arts & Reading
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Reading	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade KAP Social Studies
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Science	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade KAP Science
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade STAAR Math (Meets OR Masters on STAAR)	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade KAP Math

On the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Selection Worksheet, your child will request the following courses: English/Language Arts Block, Math, Social Studies, Science, P.E., and list your top four elective choices in order of preference. Students identified as gifted may opt for a class designated as GT.

If your student changes his/her mind about course selections after January 31, your child will have an opportunity to request changes to their selections during Course Verification during the week of February 27 - March 5, 2025.

Thank you for your careful consideration of courses for your child.

After completing the worksheet, please see the next steps on how to enter courses in Course Planner in SchoolLinks.

	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Language Arts			
Science			
Social Studies			
Math			
Physical Education			
Fine Arts/Electives			



Directions for entering course requests in SchoolLinks



KISD Course catalog - view to read course descriptions

Student Name: Last, First MI	KISD Student ID	Birth Date:
Address: Street		City / Zip
Parent/Guardian #1 Name: Last, First	Parent/Guardian #1 Primary Phone:	
Parent/Guardian #1 Email Address:		
Parent/Guardian #2 Name: Last, First	Parent/Guardian #2 Primary Phone:	
Parent/Guardian #2 Email Address:		

**DIRECTIONS:** CHOOSE 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. 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:** 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:

English Language Arts and Reading	OPT-OUT	Math	OPT-OUT
Social Studies	OPT-OUT	Science	OPT-OUT

REQUIRED COURSES	
<b>ENGLISH AND READING</b>	
J600	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6
J606	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP
G606	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP/GT*
<b>MATH</b>	
J611	Math 6
J614	Math 6 KAP
G614	Math 6 KAP/GT*
<b>SCIENCE</b>	
J630	Science 6
J634	Science 6 KAP
G634	Science 6 KAP/GT*
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
J620	Social Studies 6
J624	Social Studies 6 KAP
G624	Social Studies 6 KAP/GT*
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	
J680	PE 6 - Boys
J688	Pre Athletics - Boys
J681	PE 6 - Girls
J689	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.	

ELECTIVE COURSES	
<b>FINE ARTS</b>	
<i>One year of junior high Fine Arts is required for all students. All Fine Art Placements are based on Director Approval</i>	
J941	Theatre 1
J911	Art 1
J921	Band 1
<i>Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.</i>	
J931	Orchestra 1
<i>Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.</i>	
J951	Choir 1 - Boys
J961	Choir 1 - Girls
<b>OTHER ELECTIVE COURSE</b>	
J996	Lead Worthy Intermediate
<b>CHOOSE from Fine Arts electives and Elective courses options, and list your choices IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE. ** Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her first elective choice.</b>	
1.	_____ (first choice)
2.	_____ (second choice)
3.	_____ (third choice)
4.	_____ (fourth choice)
<i>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.</i>	