



Dr. Andrew Lowry, Principal

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Dear 5th Grade Parent/Guardian,

We had the opportunity to meet with your child's class to discuss 6th grade required and elective course opportunities. All course information can be found on the WCJH counselor website including a copy of the PowerPoint that was presented to your student, and a WCJH Course Selection Worksheet. Each student will receive a **6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet**. Your child was encouraged to explore course options and seek your assistance in making an informed choice about courses that will best meet his or her educational needs.

The different core course formats are Academic, KAP, and KAP/GT. Katy ISD academic courses are on grade level and are designed to prepare students for high school and college. Courses designated as KAP (Katy Advanced Placement), are designed to prepare students for Advanced Placement courses (college level instruction) while in high school. KAP courses move at a faster pace and are more rigorous. G/T (Gifted and Talented) placement requires the student to be screened and to have met specific KISD screening criteria to be accepted into the G/T program.

Katy ISD has established guidelines to assist parents and students as they consider course requests for the upcoming school year. To help you and your child make an informed decision, there are several sources of information available to assist you in determining your child's academic readiness. This information includes:

- Grades earned in fifth grade core content classes
- Teacher recommendation
- STAAR results from previous years

Please review your child's report card and test scores when making course request decisions. Please note that students often enroll in a combination of course formats. Each course should be considered separately when deciding between academic or KAP courses.

On the 6th Grade Course Selection Worksheet **AND** in SchoolLinks, your child will request the following courses: Reading/Language Arts Block, Math, Social Studies, Science, P.E., and **their top four elective choices in order of preference**. Students identified as gifted may opt for a class designated as G/T. Students will be selecting their courses online through SchoolLinks starting February 5th. **Please make sure the courses selected on the Course Selection Worksheet match what is selected in SchoolLinks.**

If your student changes his/her mind about course selections, your child will have an opportunity to request changes to their selections during the Course Verification window which is from March 18th-26th.

WoodCreek Junior High will host an Incoming 6th Grade Parent Night on January 24, 2024. This will include a Fine Arts Fair where teachers will be available to answer questions about electives offered to 6th graders, followed by a parent meeting.

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

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