

KAP (Katy Advanced Placement)



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A space shuttle is shown in the middle of a launch, ascending vertically. It is surrounded by a massive, billowing cloud of white and orange smoke and fire. The shuttle is white with orange external tank and white boosters. The background is a clear blue sky with some scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there is a large, flat, light-colored area, possibly a launch pad or a field, with some structures and a water tower visible on the right side. The overall scene is dynamic and powerful.

Take Off/Touch Down Activity

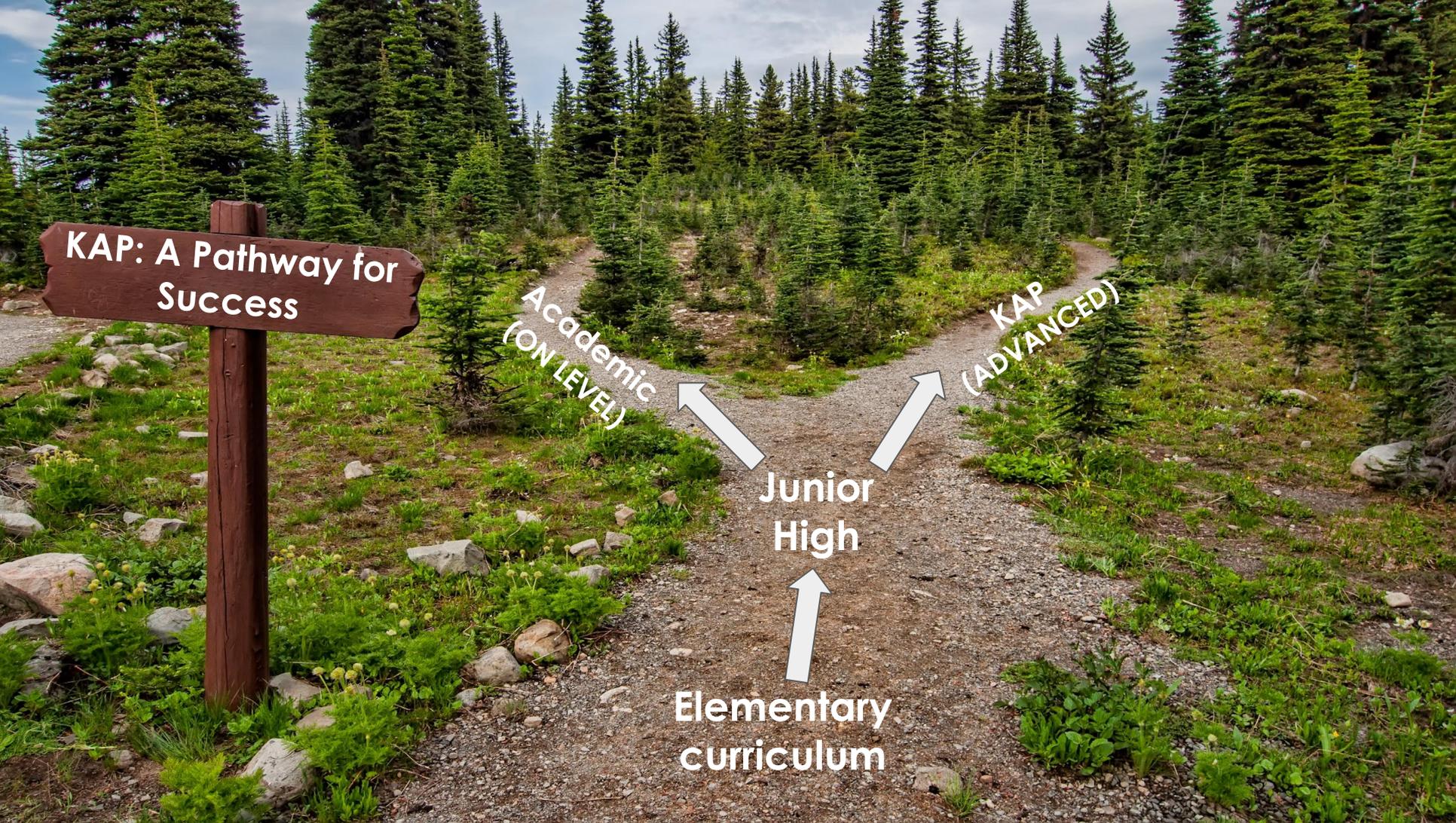
KAP: A Pathway for Success

**Academic
(ON LEVEL)**

**KAP
(ADVANCED)**

**Junior
High**

**Elementary
curriculum**





Advanced learners need support!

- Organization (backpacks and digital files)
- Check grades daily/weekly
- Prioritize major/minor grades
- Schedule/plan work completion
- Attend Tutorials
- Ask questions
- Study skills
- Self advocacy
- Note taking
- Goal setting
- Time management
- To-do lists

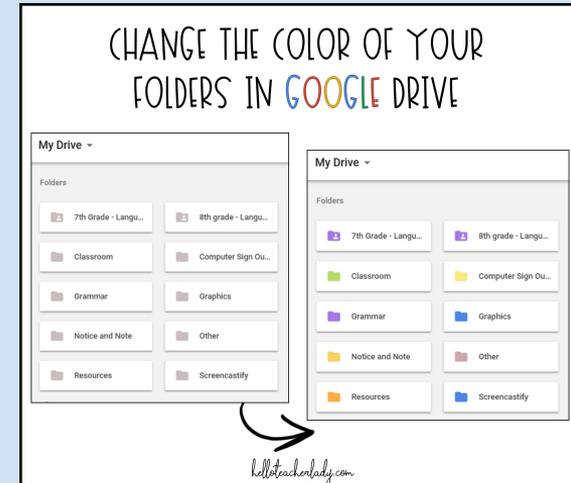
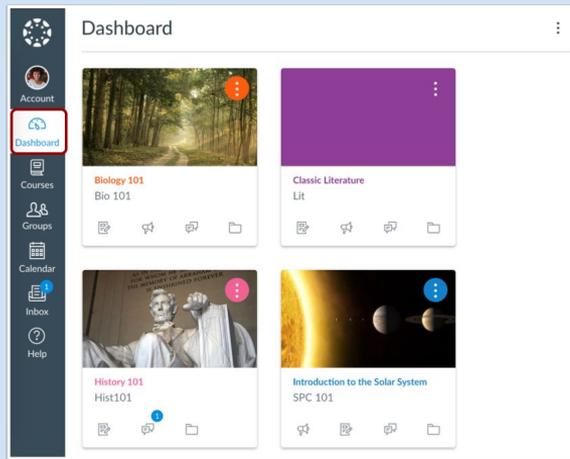
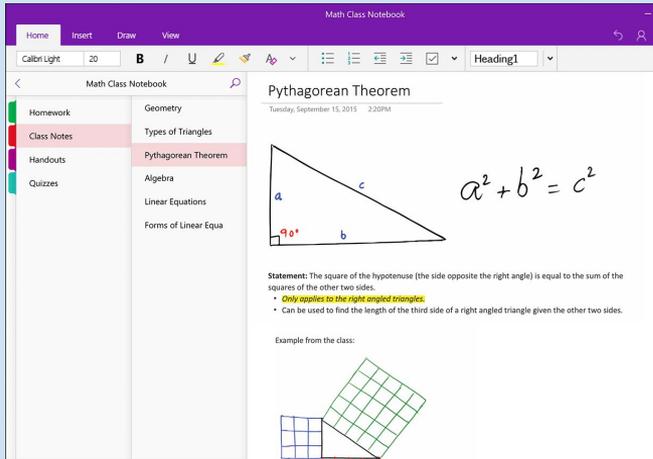
Organization



Partner Talk: How do you stay organized at home? Schedule chores/activities?



Online Programs to Know



Grades





KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

HAC FAQ

OUR DISTRICT

BOARD

FAMILIES

CAREERS

COMMUNITY



District Links

- Awards/Recognition >
- Board Election Results >
- Calendar >
- Child Find/504 >
- District Data Dashboard >
- District Map +
- Financial Transparency >
- Frequently Access Pages +
- Handbooks +
- Homeless Information >



TEA STAAR/EOC RESULTS RELEASE TIMELINE

State Assessment	Release date in the Family Portal
TELPAS Alternate	May 31, 2023
STAAR Alternate (EOC)	July 12, 2023
TELPAS	July 28, 2023
STAAR Alternate 3-8	August 3, 2023
STAAR EOC	August 11, 2023
STAAR 3-8	August 16, 2023
STAAR June EOC	September 5, 2023

****Test results will be available by end-of-day**

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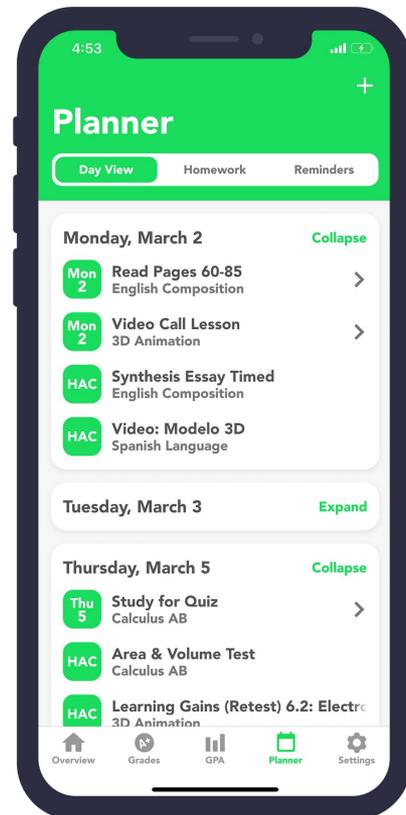
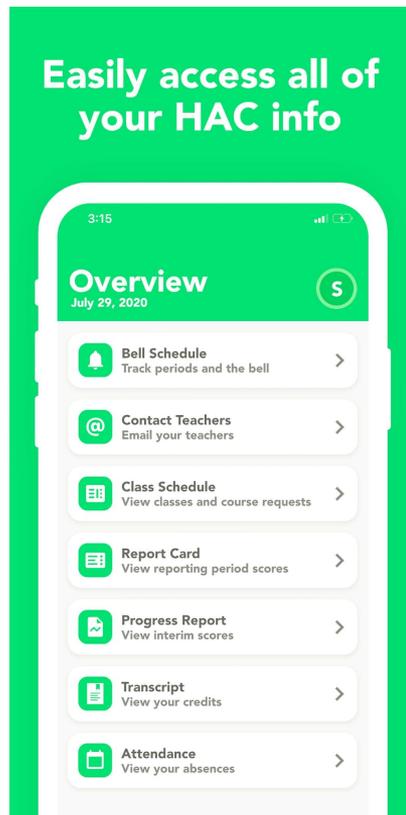
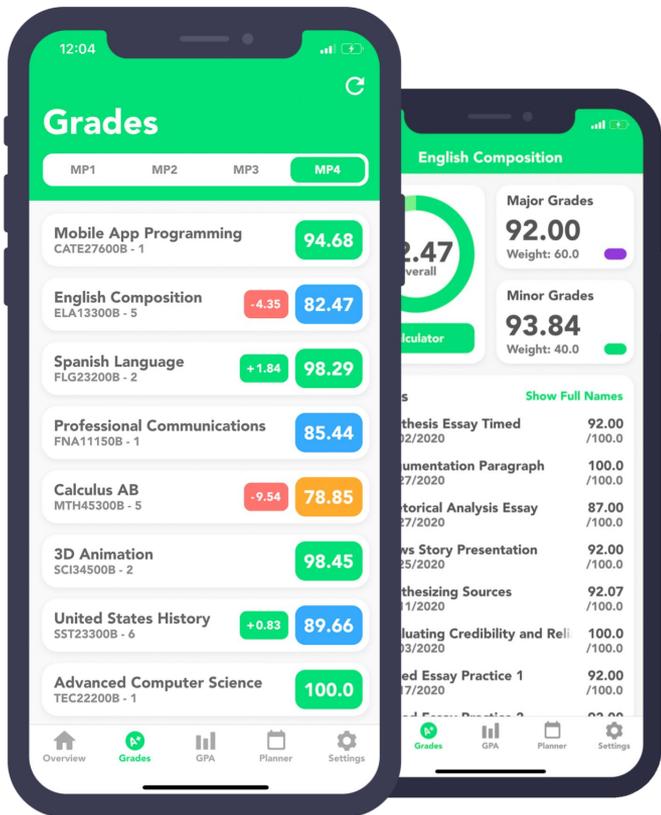
> Access your student's results in the Family Portal:



Gradeway App



GradeWay



Secondary: 6-week grading periods

5/20/2022

Katy Independent School District
HS Report Card


Principal:
Phone:

Student Name:		Grade:	12		School Year:	2022					
Student ID:											
Description	Teacher	1ST	2ND	3RD	EXM1	SEM1	4TH	5TH	6TH	EXM2	SEM2
GOVT		86	76	89	EX	84					
ECO-FE							84	90	88	EX	87
ENVIRSYS A		94	87	79	EX	87					
ENVIRSYS B							85	80	86	EX	84
CPREP ENG A		78	92	87	69	83					
CPREP ENG B							85	88	85	80	85
CPREP MATH A		87	89	92	83	88					
CPREP MATH B							86	90	91	70	86
FOOTBALL (SUBATH4)		100	100	100	100	100					
FOOTBALL (SUBATH4)							100	100	100	EX	100
GRADE SCALE:											
A=90-100											
B=80-89											
C=70-79											
F=69 and below											
EX=EXEMPT/ESOL											
I=INCOMPLETE *NO CREDIT GIVEN											



Let's take a break!



Partner Talk: Order the following tasks from Most to Least important (1-7):

- Buy school snacks for next week
- Unclog bathroom toilet
- Change sheets on your bed
- Plan Thanksgiving trip with spouse
- Dr. appt for child with fever/cough
- Pay your mortgage
- Declutter bookshelf in office

High Priorities:

Mortgage

Dr. appt

Unclog toilet

Lower Priorities:

Shop for snacks

Change sheets

Plan trip

Declutter books

23-24 Elementary Grading and Reporting Handbook

1st -5th
Grades

Grades 1 - 5 Katy ISD Template A		
Major	40%	Tests, in-class projects, formal assessments
Minor	50%	Class work, quizzes, projects completed at home, daily assignments
Other	10%	Homework, participation, effort, process, etc.

9. Projects assigned and completed in class under the direction of the classroom teacher may be weighted as a major grade.

10. Daily assignments refer to work completed in class during the school day.

- Teachers should record a minimum of 2 grades in each reporting category per grading period (9 weeks), with at least one major grade recorded prior to the interim progress report.
- By the end of each grading period, 10-14 grades should be recorded in RLA, Social Studies, Math, and Science.

23-24 Secondary Grading and Reporting Handbook

6th-8th
grades

SECONDARY GRADING TEMPLATE 2023-2024					
Class Type	Alpha Template	Weight Options	Major	Minor	Other
AP	F	70% ,20%,10%	70%	20%	10%
DUAL	H	90%, --, 10%	90%	0	10%
	P/F (pass/fail)	100%	HCC final grade will be converted to Katy ISD grading scale		
KAP					
Junior High	D	55% ,30%,15%	55%	30%	15%
High School	E	60% ,30%,10%	60%	30%	10%
ACADEMIC					
Junior High & High School	C	50% ,35%,15%	50%	35%	15%
FUNDAMENTAL					
Junior High & High School	C	50% ,35%,15%	50%	35%	15%
APPLIED					
	H	90%, --, 10%	90%	0	10%

- At least **two** grades must fall within the **major** category
- At a **minimum four** or more separate, unique grades should fall into the **minor** category
- Students should have **multiple** assignments included in the **homework/other** grading category

Major—tests, big projects, writing (essays)

Minor—quizzes, projects, science labs, writing projects, DLA

Other—homework, classwork, worksheets, ticket in/out

KAP Classes

Major	Minor	Other
55%	30%	15%

Grades:
A money example

A = \$900 or above

B = \$800-\$900

C = \$700-\$800

**Failing = less than
\$800**

Other (6+)

Other 1 – \$25 max

Other 2 – \$25 max

Other 3 – \$25 max

Other 4 – \$25 max

Other 5 – \$25 max

Other 6 – \$25 max

TOTAL = \$150 max

Minor (4+)

Quiz 1 – \$75 max

Quiz 2 – \$75 max

Quiz 3 – \$75 max

Quiz 4 – \$75 max

TOTAL = \$300 max

Major (2+)

Test 1 – \$275 max

Test 2 – \$275 max

TOTAL = \$550 max



Home Access Center (HAC): Example 1

Major: 
Minor: 
Other: 

0473B - 21 CHEM KAP B		Classwork Average 85				
Date Due	Date Assigned	Assignment		Category	Score	Total Points
05/16/2022		Quiz Thermo		Minor	95.00	100.00
05/10/2022		quick Check Lessons 1-2		Other	90.00	100.00
05/09/2022		Quick Activity		Other	100.0	100.00
05/03/2022		TEST: Acids Base		Major	75.00	100.00
04/28/2022		Lab: Titration Curves		Minor	83.00	100.00
04/27/2022		QUIZ Acids and Bases Lessons 1-2		Minor	76.00	100.00
04/21/2022		Acids Bases Practice 2		Other	0.00	100.00
04/18/2022		Acids Bases Practice 1		Other	97.00	100.00
04/13/2022		TEST: Solutions		Major	96.00	100.00
04/12/2022		Lab: Molarity and Dilution		Minor	93.00	100.00
04/11/2022		QUIZ 2 Solutions Lessons 5-6		Minor	97.00	100.00

Home Access Center (HAC): Example 2

Check Total Points value:

- Usually 100
- Occasionally different

M = Missing work. Counted as 0.

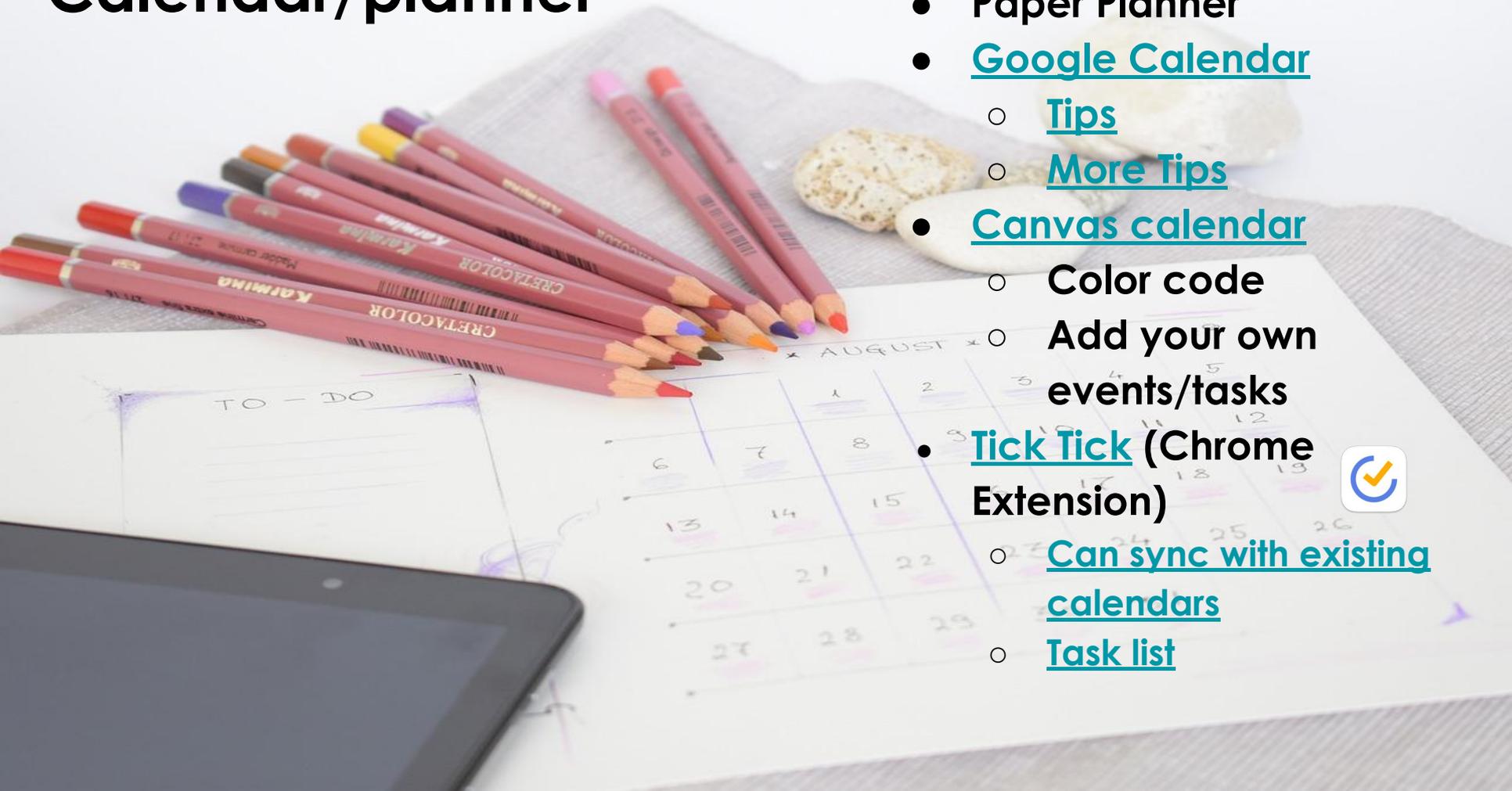
0142B - 18 ENG 2 KAP B		Classwork Average 82			
Date Due	Date Assigned	Assignment	Category	Score	Total Points
05/09/2022		NoC One-Pager	Major	81.00	100.00
05/06/2022		Vocab 14 Quiz	Minor	88.00	100.00
05/04/2022		STARM chart and paragraph	Other	79.00	100.00
05/02/2022		NOCRR #4	Other	78.00	100.00
04/29/2022		Vocab 13 Quiz	Minor	76.00	100.00
04/29/2022		#1 and #7 of One-Pager	Minor	17.00	20.00
04/25/2022		NOCRR #3	Other	81.00	100.00
04/22/2022		Vocab12 Quiz	Minor	80.00	100.00
04/20/2022		NOCRR #2	Other	90.00	100.00
04/12/2022		NOCRR #1	Other	85.00	100.00
04/11/2022		1st Page Annotations	Other	M	100.00
04/11/2022		Book Check	Other	M	100.00

Resources



Calendar/planner

- Paper Planner
- [Google Calendar](#)
 - [Tips](#)
 - [More Tips](#)
- [Canvas calendar](#)
 - Color code
 - Add your own events/tasks
- [Tick Tick \(Chrome Extension\)](#) 
 - [Can sync with existing calendars](#)
 - [Task list](#)



Canvas Calendar

31 1

7 8

14 15

21 22

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

16 17 18 19 20 21 22

23 24 25 26 27 28 29

30 31 1 2 3 4 5

Week Month Agenda +

< May 2020 >

26 27 28 29 30 1 2

3 4 5 6 7 8 9

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

31 1 2 3 4 5 6

CALENDARS

UNDATED

Calendar Feed

Sean

Create a Branching Scenario in Canvas

Educational Technology and Psychology

How To Canvas

Photoshop in Education

Teaching with Technology

Tutorials

Capstone Project 2

UNDATED

Calendar Feed

Today ← → May 3 - 9, 2020

Week Month Agenda +

3 4 5 6

SUN MON TUE WED

all-day

7am

8am

9am

10am

11am

12pm

1pm

2pm

3pm

11:00 - 12:00
Big Meeting

CALENDARS

UNDATED

Calendar Feed

Account

Admin

Dashboard

Courses

Calendar

Inbox

Commons

Canvas Help

Choose the view of the calendar

Create a new event or assignment

Access the Calendar from your user menu

Show or hide specific calendars

TUE WED THU FRI

29 30 31

Creating an accessible document

Class Meeting

Captioning a video

Canvas Studio: webcam

Edit Event

Event Assignment My To Do

Title:

Date: Jan 5, 2022

From: to

Location:

Calendar: Sean

Access the Calendar from your user menu

Tick Tick (App & Chrome Extension)

To-do List



Inbox

TODAY

- Jogging
- Eat breakfast

TODAY

- Jogging
- Eat breakfast
- Clean the room
- Check emails

NEXT 7 DAYS

- Learn new technologies
- Join community events
- Check health status

Calendar

Today

Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

29 30 31 1 2 3

Sep, Today

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri S

4 5 6 7 8

07:00 - 08:00
Jogging

08:00 - 08:45
Plant flowers

09:00 - 10:00
Check emails

10:00 - 12:45
Grocery shopping
eggs, milk, bread, tissue

13:00 - 15:00
Keep a diary

15:00 - 16:30
Learn problem-solving skills

17:00 - 19:00
Learn dessert making

Priority Matrix

I Urgent & Important

- Work Report
- Project Meeting
- Design Poster
- Data Collection

II Not Urgent & Important

- Grocery Shopping
- Write Project Brief
- Check Emails
- Marketing Plan
- Visit Museum

III Urgent & Unimportant

- Distribution Plan
- Blog Writing
- Guest Post Review
- Do Chores
- Plant Flowers

IV Not Urgent & Unimportant

- Plan a workout
- Bedtime Reading
- Exercise memory

Reminder

TickTick

11:00 am

Grocery shopping

Sep

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Toady, 15:00 Mindful Living

Grocery shopping

eggs, milk, bread, tissue

Snooze

Done



List making/Prioritization

- Post it notes/writing pads/templates
- [Google Keep](#) 
- [Google Tasks](#) 
- [Keep vs Tasks vs Notes](#)
- **Prioritize**
 - Super Important (first)
 - Then do this
 - This can wait



Study Skills Resources

A student in a red shirt is sitting at a desk, looking at a small blue card. The desk is covered with papers, a laptop, and a pen. The background is slightly blurred, showing another person's hands and a laptop.

- **Cornell Notes**
- **Quizlet**
- **Study Skills Tips**
- **HW and Study Habits**
- **Khan Academy**
(content knowledge)
- **YouTube**
 - **Crash Course**
 - **Mr Parr (Science)**
- **Goblin Tools** (breaking down tasks into smaller chunks)
- **GT/AAS Webpage**

Lingering Questions?



Even advanced learners need a Coach!



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the cell phone policy/allowance?

A: Changes have been made since going [1:1 with Chromebooks](#). Updates will be made to Student Handbook and Discipline Plan. Please refer to the most updated Student handbook for clarification.

Q: How can parents access textbooks?

A: Textbooks are online and accessed through your child's My Katy Cloud account.

(FAQ)

Q: My (6th grade) child passed the 6th KAP Math CBE. What class will they be in?

A: If they are a GT student, they will be in **7th** KAP/GT Math. If they are a KAP student, they will be in **7th** grade KAP Math.

Q: If KAP doesn't require an assessment to get in (open enrollment), how is that different than KAP/GT?

A: GT services are provided in specific sections of KAP taught by a GT certified teacher and with a cluster of GT identified students. Teachers provide differentiated instruction and projects for the GT students. Some ELA courses, like 7th GT ELA, are pure GT classes.

(FAQ)

Q: What did my child learn while I was in this presentation?

A: Your child rotated through three classes: time management/organization, Amazing Race: An intro to JH (trivia, facts about campuses, etc), and an interest inventory that we connected to clubs/electives. The goal is to give them an overview of JH and get them excited about the opportunities they will have as JH students.

Q: What does a typical day in 6th grade look like?

A: There are 8 class periods (ELA (2-period block), math, science, social studies, PE, elective, advisory) plus lunch. Class periods are about 45 min each (ELA is about 90 min). It's a long day with a lot of movement.

(FAQ)

Q: Is there a class period like study hall that students can use to do work?

A: Different campuses use advisory for different purposes. Some use it for additional classroom instruction/practice. Other campuses use it like a study hall/homework period. You will find out in August how your campus uses the advisory period and what your child's options are.

Q: Will we know our child's (class) assignments ahead of time so we can help them prepare?

A: Yes! Please check Canvas daily so you are aware of all of your child's assignments. It is especially important that students complete test reviews to prepare for their tests.

(FAQ)

Q: What is the process of moving from GT to KAP?

A: Students do not move from GT to KAP, as the curriculum/objectives are the same (exception: 7th ELA you can move from GT to KAP because the 7th GT ELA class is compacted and 7th KAP ELA is not). If a child is not successful in an (advanced) KAP/GT or KAP class, then they would move to an ACA (on level) class. This can be done at any time by parent request (contact counselor). It may be initiated by the teacher and/or GT Facilitator if the child fails one or more grading periods.

(FAQ)

Q: What will happen if they fail KAP? Will they be promoted to the next grade level?

A: KAP students who fail a grading period (<70) will be moved to an academic class. A GT student who fails (<70) a grading period in a KAP/GT class will be put on a GT Growth plan and work with their GT Facilitator (for the next grading period). If they are unable to show growth, they will exit GT services in that area and be moved to an ACA class.

(FAQ)

Q: Can they start earning HS credit in 6th grade?

A: No. There are no HS credit classes offered to 6th graders.

Q: How do JH teachers handle missed days? Can students get work ahead of time?

A: No. Work is made up once the student returns to school. Arrangements will be made (before/after school/advisory) to make up missed tests/quizzes.

(FAQ)

Q: Do you recommend that a student take all KAP classes in 6th grade?

A: JH is a low-risk environment to try (KAP) advanced classes. JH courses are not calculated into GPA. I encourage your child to try as many KAP classes as they are interested in.

Q: Can I add more KAP classes to my child's schedule before school begins?

A: Yes! Please reach out to the counselor in August with your request.

(FAQ)

Q: Does my child need a phone in JH?

A: No. Phones will not be permitted in classes. Please refer to the 2024-2025 Student Handbook and Discipline Management Plan for the most updated policy.

Q: How do we get feedback on assignments/graded work?

A: Check Canvas, Aware, Google Forms, etc to see your child's score on different work. In Aware, you can see missed questions on tests/quizzes (for a limited time, once the teacher opens the assignment).

Q: Is there a list of club programs available at each campus?

A: Each campus will have a list of the clubs offered. Reach out to your campus for that information.

(FAQ)

Q: Is there an option for parent/teachers meetings?

A: Reach out to the teacher if you have things to discuss. They will communicate through email and arrange a phone call or F2F meeting if needed.

Q: How soon/often are grades/missing assignments posted in HAC?

A: [23-24 Secondary Grading Handbook](#) states: “Teachers will post grades within 5 days for most assignments.” Please refer to updated 24-25 Grading Handbook for current information. Reach out to teachers if you have questions about the grading policy.

(FAQ)

Q: In a grading period, how many days before progress report (IPR) or report card (RC) does the teacher have to submit grades?

A: Teachers submit IPR and RC grades 2-3 days before they are viewable to parents.

Q: Are tutorials available?

A: Yes! All teachers are required to provide FREE tutorials before or after school. Your child's teachers will let you know their tutorials schedules.

(FAQ)

Q: My child had NO homework in 5th grade. Are 6th grade teachers aware of this?

A: I'm not sure. This is something you can bring up with admin (at both schools), but expect your child to have homework in JH.

Q: Can a child move from ACA to KAP classes?

A: Yes! KAP classes are open enrollment. You can make that change next year when filling out course selection. Some schools allow students to move from ACA to KAP during the school year. Reach out to your campus for more information.

(FAQ)

Q: Is the Gradeway App only for kids, or for parents as well? Can we see grades for multiple kids?

A: Yes, [Gradeway](#) is for parents and students. Parents can see multiple kids on one device. See app information for details.

Q: My kids are in club and select level sports. How much homework is to be expected daily/weekly?

A: Each teacher determines the homework load for their class. Reach out to your teachers/campus with questions/concerns.

(FAQ)

Q: Is it hard to move your child from KAP to ACA? I've heard it's frowned upon.

A: We want all kids to have the opportunity to try an advanced curriculum. A low "A", a "B", or even high "C" is not a good reason to move to ACA. It's about finding the right pace of learning for your child, even if they aren't getting an A. Productive struggle can be a powerful learning experience.

Q: Do classes have a syllabus?

A: No. You will not get a semester or year syllabus like you would with a college course. Teachers post assignments and due dates on Canvas, typically 1 week (sometimes 1 unit) at a time.

(FAQ)

Q: Are assignments graded on a Bell curve?

A: No. Students receive the grade that they earn based on the number of questions completed and answered correctly or the adherence to a project rubric.

Q: Can I sync Canvas calendar with my [Google](#)/[Apple](#) calendar?

A: Yes!

Q: Does JH offer summer school classes?

A: No. Summer courses are only for kids who failed a course during the year, or for English Language Learners.

(FAQ)

Q: How do supply lists given fit into helping our children stay organized?

A: Schools create supply lists for their specific needs. Any organizational system for your child can be customized using supplies from the list.

Q: What if a child takes Algebra 1 in 8th grade but doesn't want KAP classes in HS?

A: They can select ACA Geometry for 9th grade. They are not required to continue to take KAP level classes. They can switch to ACA classes at any time.

High School (FAQ)

Q: What is the difference between weighted and unweighted GPA?

A: Weighted GPA includes all classes graded on a 4-point scale and a 5-point scale. Unweighted GPA grades counts all classes on a 4-point scale.

Q: Is a “B” in a KAP class weighted the same as an “A” in an academics class in HS?

A: Yes. for HS credit classes, KAP and AP courses are graded on a 5-point scale. Dual Credit is graded on a 4.5 scale. Academic classes are graded on a 4-point scale.

High School (FAQ)

Q: For Dual Credit (DC) classes, do students still have to take a test to get credit?

A: There is not an exam for credit, like an AP class. DC classes are community college classes taught at the HS. You pay the cost of the community college class and complete all the course work to receive credit.

Q: Do you have to take KAP classes to be eligible for AP courses?

A: No. KAP and AP courses are open enrollment (as long as all prerequisites are met). However, KAP classes are designed to prepare students for success in AP classes (higher rigor).

High School (FAQ)

Q: Do you have to pay, take , and pass an AP test to get (college) credit?

A: Yes. There is not a fee to take an AP course in HS. However, to earn college credit, you must pay to take the exam and meet the required minimum score for colleges to accept it as credit. Students can take an AP class and choose not to take the AP exam. They will receive HS credit for the class, but will not get any college credits.

Q: Does a score on an AP exam affect GPA?

A: No. The child's grade in the course is calculated into their GPA. The AP exam score determines whether or not the student will receive college credit for the course.

High School (FAQ)

Q: Do you continue taking a subject once you pass the AP exam (ex: history)?

A: There are many different courses in each content area (ex: AP US History, AP World History, etc). Your HS counselor can help you navigate how many credits are required for graduation in each content and what AP courses are available.

Q: What is Dual Credit (DC)?

A: High School Dual Credit (DC) courses are available for a fee. They are Community College (CC) courses that are taught at the HS by a CC/HS certified teacher. The child passes the class and receives both HS and CC credit for it.

High School (FAQ)

Q: Which is better, AP or DC?

A: Depends on your goals. AP exam credits are accepted at most Universities as college credit (either content or elective). DC is a great option if you are planning to go to an in-state University. DC gives you Community College (CC) credits that are typically more easily transferable to in-state schools than to out-of-state Universities. Please contact your HS counselor for more information.