



Counselor Corner

Kaufman High School
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Welcome Students and Parents!

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How we will support you?

- Counselors support all students by providing Academic, Career, Personal/Social-Emotional Services.
- We are available to students during the school day and we encourage all of the students to get to know their counselor individually.
- Students are welcome to visit the Counseling Center to make an appointment with their Counselor or we can be reached through email and meeting requests through QR codes. (QR codes posted in classrooms, hallways and outside Counseling Center)

COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

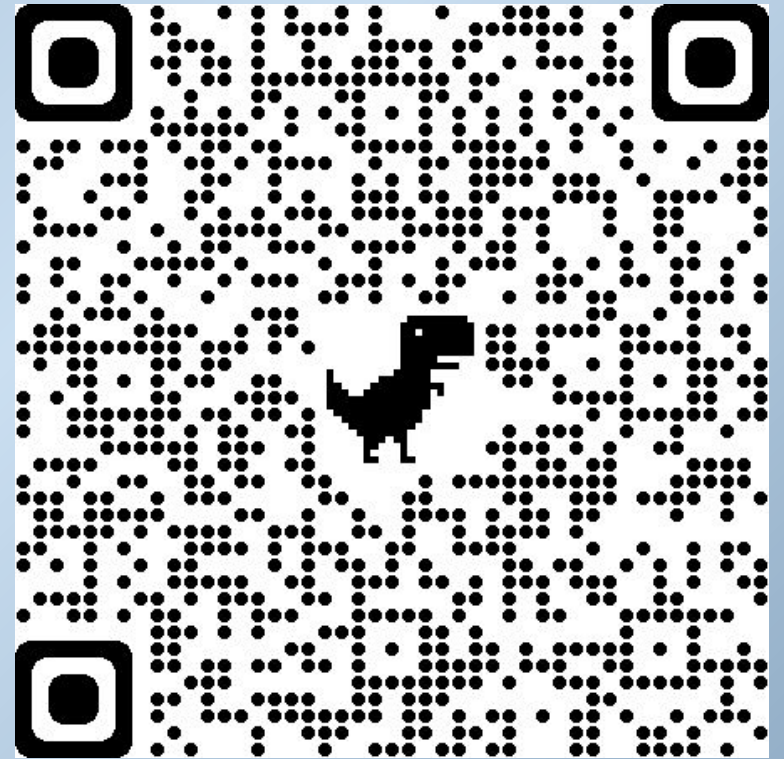
KHS and Counselors use different ways to communicate to students and parents.

-Remind
Important information- dates, events, campus announcements, etc.

To sign up for Remind - use QR code or text @klion2025 to 81010

-Email
We also communicate through email. It is imperative that students check their email. It is also important parents have updated their email address in Skyward.

-Skyward
We use Skyward to communicate important messages. Please keep physical address as well as email address update.



Schedules

- Students can view their schedule online (Skyward)
- Students can visit classrooms/teachers after all the presentations.
- Students can request schedule changes – QR code and Form available on KHS – Counselor Website.
- Students are expected to follow the schedule they are assigned the first day of school. **NO SCHEDULES WILL BE CHANGED THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF SCHOOL.**
- Requests for schedule changes **must** be made within the first 10 days of school. No schedule changes will be made after August 25th.

CAN I CHANGE MY SCHEDULE?

YES

My schedule is missing a graduation requirement.

I'm scheduled for an 11th grade class but only in the 10th grade

I need to get out of Honors or AP class.

I have nothing scheduled for a certain period.

I need to get out of athletics.

I already have a credit for the class on my schedule.

NO

My 6th period class is too far away from my 7th class

I don't know anyone in my 2nd period.

I don't like anyone in my 3rd period.

My boyfriend/girlfriend/best friend is in a different lunch.

I don't want PE 1st period.

I hear my teacher is too hard!

My lunch period is too late/early.

Schedules Changes

- REMEMBER:
 - The master schedule is carefully constructed to match the requests of the greatest number of students each year. Therefore, it is imperative that students give time, thought, and ample consideration to their course selections. Changes are only considered for sound educational reasons, not a change of one's mind. Not all course changes can be honored due to class size restrictions and scheduling conflicts.
 - Students will be UNSCHEDULED from ALL classes, then the computer will auto schedule into the smallest classes available (entire schedule subject to change).
 - The number of classes open for additional students will be limited.
 - Schedule changes will only be possible if seats are available in the desired class.

It is all about CREDITS!

How many credits are needed to graduate from high school?

KISD High School Graduation Plans					
Subject	Credit & Course Requirements				
English Language Arts	4 Credits (English I, English II, English III and an Advanced English)				
Mathematics	4 Credits (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and fourth Advanced Math)				
Science	4 Credits (Biology, Chemistry or Physics, a third and fourth Advanced Science)				
Social Studies	3 Credits (World Geography or World History, U.S. History and Government and Economics)				
Languages Other Than English (LOTE)	2 Credits Spanish				
Fine Arts	1 Credit				
Physical Education	1 Credit				
Electives / Endorsement	7 Credits .5 credit Speech, 1 credit Technology (This includes a minimum of four Endorsement Credits from one of the endorsement options)				
TOTAL CREDITS	26 CREDITS				
Assessment Mastery	End-Of-Course Exams (English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology, and US History)				
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Graduation

- Students must complete a minimum of 26 credits to be eligible for graduation.
- Must achieve satisfactory score on 5 STAAR EOC Assessments
 - Eng I
 - Alg I
 - Biology
 - Eng II
 - US History
- Complete an Endorsement (If you need information regarding the endorsement your student selected please speak with the counselors)

GPA

- GPA – **G**rade **P**oint **A**verage
- It is a number that represents your overall academic performance and how you compare to other students in the class.
- There are two types of GPA
 - Weighted
 - Unweighted
- Grades are broken down into Daily Work 50% and Tests 50%
- Semester Exam is $\frac{1}{5}$ (20%) of Semester Average

GPA

- Weighted – Core classes and Foreign Languages
- Unweighted – All courses.
- Course are weighted differently.
Example Eng I - 4.0
Eng Honors - 5.0

Grade	Regular	Pre-AP/Honors	AP/Dual Credit
100	4.0	5.0	6.0
99	3.9	4.9	5.9
98	3.8	4.8	5.8
97	3.7	4.7	5.7
96	3.6	4.6	5.6
95	3.5	4.5	5.5
94	3.4	4.4	5.4
93	3.3	4.3	5.3
92	3.2	4.2	5.2
91	3.1	4.1	5.1
90	3.0	4.0	5.0
89	2.9	3.9	4.9
88	2.8	3.8	4.8
87	2.7	3.7	4.7
86	2.6	3.6	4.6
85	2.5	3.5	4.5
84	2.4	3.4	4.4
83	2.3	3.3	4.3
82	2.2	3.2	4.2
81	2.1	3.1	4.1
80	2.0	3.0	4.0
79	1.9	2.9	3.9
78	1.8	2.8	3.8
77	1.7	2.7	3.7
76	1.6	2.6	3.6
75	1.5	2.5	3.5
74	1.4	2.4	3.4
73	1.3	2.3	3.3
72	1.2	2.2	3.2
71	1.1	2.1	3.1
70	1.0	2.0	3.0

Credits

- 9th grade- 0-6.5 credits
- 10th grade – 7-11.5 credits
- 11th grade – 12-18.5 credits
- 12th grade – 19 plus credits

If you fail any courses during the school year you will need to retake the class in summer school or retake next school year. Note any classes retaken will not go towards your GPA. Unfortunately, the first grade you receive applies to your GPA.

Attendance also can affect your credits. Students are required to have 90% attendance to receive credit for the class.

NO PASS - NO PLAY!

- ANY SPORT, BAND, UIL, DRILL, CHEER, THEATRE, ARCHERY, BASS CLUB
- All classes count toward eligibility. It is important to keep up with your grades throughout the Quarter. Attend tutorials, talk to your teachers, complete homework and study.

HIGH SCHOOL TIPS

- Come to school every day!
- Study
- Manage your time wisely
- Get involved
- Use your resources

Resources

- [Counselor Appointment](#)
- [Schedules](#)
- [How to handle STRESS](#)
- [How to develop Study Skills](#)
- [How to best manage your time](#)
- [Transition – must read for parents](#)

Questions & Answers