



KEY PENINSULA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Cougars

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Lakebay, WA 98349
Main Office: (253) 530-4200

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Office Staff	Office Manager: Kari Trivette Secretary: Jaime Ramsey-McGrath Health Tech: Alisa Abernathy Librarian: Elaine Gilman Bookkeeper: Teresa Smith

P.R.I.D.E. CORE PRINCIPLES

At KPMS, we take **PRIDE** in:

Perseverance
Responsibility
Integrity
Dignity
Excellence

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Peninsula School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the District's Title IX and Compliance Officer, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator, John Yellowlees, at (253) 530-1081, email yellowleesj@psd401.net. Mailing address: 14015 62nd Ave, NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98332.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Attendance

Attendance makes a great impact on student success! Please arrive at school after 7:50 AM and be on time to all classes, beginning at 8:15 AM. On Wednesdays, classes begin at 9:15 AM.

Parents or Guardians must call the school (253) 530-4200 if a student is expected to be tardy or absent. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail message including your student's name, your name, the reason for the absence and a phone number in case we need to contact you. If this call is *not* made on the day of the absence, parents or guardians must send a note to school including the student's first and last name, date(s) of absence, and reason for absence, the first day of the student's return to school. Please include your daytime telephone number or email address.

Requests for missed work are granted **after the second day** of a student's excused absence from each class. **Please allow up to 24 hours' notice for missed work requests.** Students should make arrangements with teachers to make up in-class activities on their return to school. If you have an excused absence you will be allowed to make up your work based on your teacher's make-up policy. It is the **student's** responsibility to obtain and complete missed assignments. **We recommend that parents access their Parent Portal account** to email teachers and get make- up assignments.

Examples of excused absence/tardy:

- Illness (A health provider's note may be required if a student is absent from school for more than 10 days.)
- Serious illness or bereavement
- Religious holiday
- Doctor or dental appointment

Examples of unexcused absence/tardy:

- Transportation problems or missing the bus
- Oversleeping
- Skipping classes
- Babysitting siblings
- Chronic absence due to illness (without a health care provider's note when required)

Unverified Absences

All unverified absences must be excused within 3 school days after the absence or they will become unexcused. State law requires that we report to the state all unexcused absences each month. A legal process may occur after 5 unexcused absences in a month or 10 in a school year. This process is from the Becca Bill that was passed in 1995 and requires all school districts to track student absences and to notify parents when their children have violated attendance

	<p>procedures. Unexcused absences and tardies may result in disciplinary action. After excessive absences in a year a doctor's note may be required.</p> <p><u>Pre-arranged Absences</u></p> <p>If you are planning some time away during normal school days, please send your student to the office with a note stating the days he/she will be gone and why you are leaving. We will give your student the Pre-Arranged Absence Form to take around to his/her teachers, get a parent signature and then return the form to the main office. The student could then get any school work prior to leaving that he/she can do ahead of time or take with him/her. The form will go to our Assistant Principal for approval and all absences will be marked excused. Remember that teachers will need more than a day to get student's work together. Please notify us as soon as you know you will be out of town.</p> <p>Students are required to leave campus at the end of the school day unless participating in a supervised activity. Students may not leave campus from sports or club events and return to campus for any reason.</p>
Late Arrival	<p>When a student has a morning appointment prior to school, and they will arrive late, please call to excuse and give an estimated arrival time. If calling is not possible the student must be signed in at the main office by an adult. Do not drop the students off in the parking lot, even if they have a note. Without an adult to excuse them or a Doctor/Dentist note, this will be counted as an unexcused tardy.</p>
Early Dismissal	<p>Parents need to come into the main office to sign a student out. We will call them to the office from class at that time. Please allow your student a couple of minutes to gather their things from their locker.</p> <p>If someone other than a parent is picking up a student prior to the 2:45 school dismissal time, please make sure that person is on the student's emergency form and allowed to pick up your student; otherwise, we will not be able to release the student. A phone call or a note from the parent stating that someone else has your permission to pick up your student from school today is required for anyone not on the emergency form.</p> <p>Please call the Main Office if there are changes in your address, phone number and parent daytime contact numbers. We must have current emergency contact information on file for each student. Forms are sent home during the first week of school and are available in the Main Office.</p>
Bookkeeper Fees & Fines	<p>The Bookkeeper's Office is open to students before school and at Lunch/Honor Time only.</p> <p>P.E. uniforms, Band and Choir supplies, Cougar Sweatshirts and T's, locks, and fundraising items (i.e., magazines and cookie dough) are sold through the Bookkeeper's Office. Fines for lost or damaged materials and elective class fees also are paid at the bookkeeper's office. Class fees may be waived or reduced using the same guidelines that apply to the Free/Reduced Lunch applications. Fill out the Free & Reduced Fee Waiver form and indicate that the information may be shared with the bookkeeper. The form may be obtained from the school office and must be on file in order to receive waived or reduced fees. A <i>new</i> Fee Waiver form must be submitted each year.</p>

	<p>All outstanding fees and fines must be cleared in order to participate in sports/activities and year end events. Release of yearbooks could be delayed to the last day of school. To assure participation, students may check with the school bookkeeper about the status of their account.</p>
<p>Cell Phone & Personal Electronics</p>	<p>Cell phones are allowed before school, during lunches, and after school. Cell phones are not to be accessed during class time or during passing time. Phones will be confiscated if this expectation is not met and may be held in the office until the end of the day or until a parent can pick it up. KPMS will not be responsible for lost or stolen personal items.</p> <p>Headphones and earbuds may be worn in the lunchroom and used with auditory curricular materials or as designated as an academic support tool. They may not be worn within the classroom or in the hallway without permission.</p>
<p>Textbook Policy</p>	<p>Basic textbooks are on loan for student use during the school year. Students will be charged for lost or damaged textbooks. At the end of the year, report cards and yearbooks may be withheld for non-payment of lost or damaged textbooks.</p>
<p>Computer Use Guidelines</p>	<p>Students receive a school issued Chromebook and must show responsible and appropriate use of their device. Please remember to charge your device at home every night and bring it with you each day. Any damage must be reported to the KPMS library. Fees may be applied.</p> <p>All students will have access to the Internet. Students must agree to log on only under their own assigned user ID. The Internet must be used appropriately and for the purpose of a student's education. The student may not go to inappropriate sites or use the Internet for personal text messaging. Students may never touch a teacher's computer, classroom computer, and/or other technology tools without specific teacher permission and direction. Student responsibilities for these district-owned Chromebooks are detailed in the <u>PSD Possibilities Responsibilities Manual</u>, which can be found online at: (https://www.psd401.net/learning/possibilities).</p>
<p>Bus Transportation</p>	<p>KPMS office must receive bus notes to travel on another bus. Please include the student's name, who he/she is going home with and the bus number. We also accept bus notes by fax or email. Students with bus notes should bring them to the main office before their 1st period class of the day. They may then pick up their bus note from the office during Honor Time at lunch. Bus notes turned in after the students 1st class of the day will not be honored. <u>Students are not allowed to make phone calls for bus notes at the end of the day.</u></p> <p>Our school day ends at 2:45pm. Transportation changes cannot be accommodated after 2:30pm.</p> <p><u>Emergency Bus Routes/Procedures</u> Emergency bus routes and procedures, including radio/television stations broadcasting emergency transportation messages during bad weather are provided to students in the fall. If Peninsula School District is not mentioned on the radio, (KIRO 710 AM, KOMO 1000 AM, KING 1090 AM, KGHP 89.3, 89.9. 104.5 FM, KIRO</p>

	<p>100.7 FM), or TV (KING 5, KIRO 7, KOMO 4), or listed on the internet at www.schoolreport.org, assume that school is operating on a normal schedule. If snow occurs during a school day in sufficient quantity to release students early, the media will be informed. Students and parents should have a plan if weather or other emergency causes an early dismissal.</p>
<p>Food Service</p>	<p>Hot lunch is served daily and prices range from \$0.35 to \$3.00. Meals may be purchased in advance by placing money in an individual student account either by the student or on-line at the Peninsula School District website. Single lunches may also be purchased daily. Checks should be made out to “KPMS Foodservice.” You may use the ‘Mealtime Option’ program for depositing funds into your child’s account. (You cannot use the Mealtime Option program for paying for fees and fines, ASB Card, Yearbooks, or Fundraisers.) Applications for free and reduced lunch prices will be sent home with each student at the beginning of the year, or at any time upon request.</p> <p>Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria before classes begin in the morning. Offerings include breakfast sandwiches, bagels, fruit, pastries and cereal, milk and juice.</p>
<p>Grades</p>	<p>Grades are prepared and sent home at the end of the trimesters. Parent Portal is available for parents/guardians to view grades at any time on-line. Parent Portal can be accessed by student or parent password. Please contact the office for passwords. Check our website for dates of progress reports and report cards. Outstanding fine/fee reminders are also sent out at this time. Grade reports are held if a student owes fines and/or fees. See Peninsula School District Policy 3231.</p>
<p>Health Room</p>	<p>While good attendance is very important, students should not come to school if they have a rash, are not feeling well, within 24 hours of vomiting or diarrhea, or when running a fever of over 100 degrees. If they come to the health room with these symptoms, they will be sent home. If a student is feeling ill while at school, their teacher should be asked for a pass to see the nurse or health technician. Students will <u>not</u> be seen in the health room without a pass from a teacher except in the case of an injury or other medical emergency.</p> <p>Injuries and illnesses will be attended by the health technician, the school nurse and/or office personnel. Students should visit the health room prior to contacting a parent so we can determine the nature and extent of an injury or illness. No student will be released unless a parent or documented emergency contact person is contacted and arrangements are made for transportation and supervision.</p> <p><u>Medication at School</u> By law, all medications taken at school, whether prescribed by a doctor or over-the-counter, must be provided in the original container and kept in the health room except for inhalers. This includes aspirin, cold and allergy medications and cough syrup. Students may carry inhalers if a parent/doctor permission form is on file at the school. Law requires the doctor’s instructions for administering (signed by the doctor) as well as written parent permission for a student to be given medication at school.</p>

	<p><u>Student Medical/Dental Insurance</u> Medical and dental insurance is offered through the school on a group policy supplied by an independent provider for a nominal cost. Information is available in the main office and may be purchased annually. All students involved in athletics must be covered by a personal medical insurance plan.</p>
Library Media Center	<p>The Library is located in the center of our school and is open from 10:30 am - 3:00pm daily, including Honor Time. NOTE: Students who sign out library materials will be held financially responsible for any loss or damage to those materials.</p>
Lockers	<p>Each student will be assigned a locker at the start of the school year. Students are encouraged to only carry required items with them to and from class and to regularly clean out their lockers throughout the school year.</p> <p>Do not share your locker combination with anyone. This is what causes most of the personal loss from lockers. The lockers are school property and may be opened by school staff at any time when it is deemed necessary.</p>
Lost & Found	<p>All articles of value found in the building should be turned in to the office. Unmarked items will be placed in the "Lost and Found" box in the commons. Small items or electronics will be held in the school office. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity throughout the year.</p>
Office Phone	<p>Due to a shortage of incoming lines, student use of the office phone must be limited to emergencies only. Messages to students will be delivered at the end of class periods or during lunch periods to minimize disruptions to classes. Students may use the phone before school and during honor time.</p>
Visitor Policy	<p>To meet with a specific staff member during regular school hours a parent can call and make an appointment. All visitors must first check in at the main office and obtain a guest badge to wear while on our campus. As teachers and other staff are often committed and required at during-school, before/after school meetings, we ask for 24 hours notice prior to the visit by calling the Main Office. School administrators will be notified.</p>

KPMS Behavior Management System

Behavior Expectations	<p>At KPMS, we take PRIDE in:</p> <p>Perseverance Responsibility Integrity Dignity Excellence</p>
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The last few pages of the handbook display a behavior matrix that defines what **PRIDE** looks and sounds like in all areas of the school. The following matrix provides guidelines for student behavior and is not an exhaustive list. These behaviors are universal, meaning they apply to the **bus, hallway, commons, classroom, during honor time, and the office.**

Following KPMS expectations and guidelines is a crucial part of developing a learning environment that is safe, engaging, and inclusive of all students every day.

KPMS STUDENTS ARE THE

PRIDE

OF THE PENINSULA

PERSEVERE when facing a challenge.

Take **RESPONSIBILITY** for yourself & our school.

Act with **INTEGRITY** by doing what is right.

Respect the **DIGNITY** of others.

Strive for and celebrate **EXCELLENCE.**



CLASSROOM

Persevere when facing a challenge.

Remain engaged as an active learner, even when facing something difficult.

Take **R**esponsibility for yourself & our school.

Show up prepared for class and willing to learn.

Act with **I**ntegrity by doing what is right.

Be honest with yourself and each other when doing your work.

Respect the **D**ignity of others.

Show kindness by working respectfully with others.

Strive for and celebrate **E**xcellence.

Take PRIDE in always expecting excellence for yourself and celebrating the excellence of others.

#COUGARPRIDE!



LOCKERS

Persevere
when facing
a challenge.

**Give yourself enough time to use your locker
between classes.**

Take
Responsibility for
yourself & our school.

Keep your locker organized and clean.

Act with
Integrity by doing
what is right.

**Make the hallways a calm, kind, and safe space for
everyone.**

Respect the
Dignity
of others.

**Provide space so that others can get into their
lockers around you.**

Strive for and
celebrate
Excellence.

**Take PRIDE in your locker as your own personal
space here at school.**

#COUGARPRIDE!



SCHOOL BUS

Persevere
when facing
a challenge.

Leave the bus even cleaner than you found it.

Take
Responsibility for
yourself & our school.

**Remain seated, keep volume at a quiet, indoors
level, and keep the aisle clear.**

Act with
Integrity by doing
what is right.

**Act the same way that you would when riding in
a car with your family.**

Respect the
Dignity
of others.

**Be respectful of other people's safety and personal
space.**

Strive for and
celebrate
Excellence.

**Have an excellent ride and always listen to the
driver's instructions.**

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COMMONS

Persevere
when facing
a challenge.

Be patient when you need to wait for something.

Take
Responsibility for
yourself & our school.

Clean up after yourself and others.

Act with
Integrity by doing
what is right.

**Be respectful by listening to others and keeping
your hands to yourself.**

Respect the
Dignity
of others.

**Welcome each other, invite new people and show
gratitude.**

Strive for and
celebrate
Excellence.

**Take PRIDE in our Commons as a clean, welcoming
space to develop a sense of belonging for all.**

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RESTROOMS

Persevere
when facing
a challenge.

**Use the facilities efficiently and return to class
without lingering for extra time.**

Take
Responsibility for
yourself & our school.

**Keep our restrooms clean and report messes to
staff immediately.**

Act with
Integrity by doing
what is right.

Only use the restroom for its intended purpose.

Respect the
Dignity
of others.

**Respect other people's privacy and keep your
phones & electronics put away.**

Strive for and
celebrate
Excellence.

**Take PRIDE in our restrooms being clean and
comfortable for everyone.**

#COUGARPRIDE!



HALLWAYS

Persevere
when facing
a challenge.

Follow the most direct route when moving between locations.

Take
Responsibility for
yourself & our school.

Walk safely, quietly, and with purpose.

Act with
Integrity by doing
what is right.

Look out for and step up to help each other when needed.

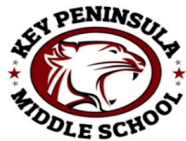
Respect the
Dignity
of others.

Keep your phone/electronics put away and be kind to those around you.

Strive for and
celebrate
Excellence.

Take PRIDE in our hallways as positive, welcoming spaces that connect us.

#COUGARPRIDE!



OUTDOORS

Persevere
when facing
a challenge.

Make sure you have enough time to get where you're going next.

Take
Responsibility for
yourself & our school.

Return any borrowed or found equipment to the proper location.

Act with
Integrity by doing
what is right.

Only visit outdoor spaces that are approved and supervised by staff.

Respect the
Dignity
of others.

Welcome each other, be respectful, and show kindness.

Strive for and
celebrate
Excellence.

Take PRIDE in our outdoors being safe and litter free.

#COUGARPRIDE!

Dress & Appearance Expectations	<p>Students are expected to dress appropriately for school. The District Dress Code applies to ALL school days and at ALL school events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do not wear clothing or accessories that present a health or safety hazard or would damage school property. ● Clothing must cover the torso/midriff, cleavage, and undergarments. ● Clothing, accessories or displays associated with gang affiliated behavior are not permitted. ● Sunglasses are not to be worn indoors. ● Clothing, accessories such as face coverings, or jewelry that displays or promotes alcohol, tobacco, drugs, weapons, illegal actions, or obscene and vulgar messages or interrupts the educational process are not permitted.
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KPMS STUDENT BEHAVIOR INFRACTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

Behavior Interventions	<p>Our Cougar values are important in our daily routines and interactions with one another. At KPMS, we take PRIDE in:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Perseverance Responsibility Integrity Dignity Excellence </p> <p>Students are responsible for demonstrating these values at all times, and students also have the right to expect others to demonstrate these values as well.</p> <p>Students who are not meeting Key Peninsula Middle School behavior expectations or the expectations in the PSD Parent/Student Handbook may result in a Behavior Incident Report that is referred to the main office. An Incident Report leads to a disciplinary consequence so that the student can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Reflect on why the behavior happened 2.) Repair damage and harm that occurred 3.) Prepare for improved behavior in the future. <p>Examples of consequences include written reflection, formal apology, lunch detention, restorative action/restitution, after-school detention, loss of a privilege, or suspension from class.</p> <p>The consequence required depends on several factors including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Severity - Did the behavior have a significant impact on the safety and security of our school? Did the behavior cause a significant disruption to learning? Consequences escalate based on the behavior's severity. ● Frequency - Is there a pattern of repeated behavior in Incident Reports? Consequences escalate based on the behavior's frequency.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility - Does the person responsible for the behavior also demonstrate responsibility for repairing any harm that it created? Consequences may be lessened when commitment to repairing and learning is demonstrated. <p>Details relating to student conduct, discipline, and rights and responsibilities are specifically detailed in the <i>Student/Parent Rights and Responsibilities Parent/Student Handbook</i> available on the PSD website: https://www.psd401.net/learning/parent-student-handbook</p>
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KPMS SUPPORTS

<p>School Counseling</p>	<p>Counselors are available to help students with school and personal concerns. During the school year, our counselors coordinate and administer the student testing program (SBAC), register and orient students, provide individual and group counseling groups, assist students in conflict resolution, make outside counseling contacts and referrals, and monitor student academic and social/behavioral performance.</p> <p>Students <u>must</u> have a signed pass to see a counselor during class time. Students may request an appointment to see a counselor by putting their name and reason on a request slip in the Counseling Center.</p>
<p>Student Planner</p>	<p>All students will be provided a Student Planner/Agenda during the first week of school. Bring this planner to each class daily. It will serve as a record for assignments in each class throughout the year. This student planner is designed to be a quick reference for students and families and a useful communication link between school and home and is part of our AVID organizational focus.</p>
<p>ASB Student Store</p>	<p>The Student Store is operated by ASB and KPMS Bookkeeper. The student store is open 3-4 days per week during lunches. Students may purchase snack items with cash only and cannot use their student id number for purchases. Students may also exchange cougar pride tickets after lunch drawings on Fridays.</p>

KPMS STUDENT RECOGNITION and REWARD

School-wide Recognition	Perseverance	Responsibility	Integrity	Dignity	Excellence
	<p>The Grit and Perseverance Award (GPA) Makes a conscious effort to learn; completes the work assigned despite personal challenge; comes to class prepared to work and with a “can do” attitude</p>	<p>The Good Friend Award (Criteria: follows school safety rules and encourages others to engage in safe behaviors; reports bullying; helps students access counselors to resolve conflicts; keeps hands/feet/objects to self; listens to and follows the directions of adults)</p> <p>The Employability Award (Criteria: 100% work turn in; regularly brings supplies/materials to class; arrives on time to class; listens to and follows the direction of adults; actively participates in class)</p>	<p>The Growth Mindset Award (Criteria: recognition for student who made most growth in engaging in positive student behaviors)</p>	<p>The Good Neighbor Award (Criteria: role model to other students; great manners; even when upset, treats others with dignity; uses kind and considerate words; honors the personal space and property of others; an interactive listener; positive attitude; attempts to help others feel welcome and/or make friends)</p>	<p>Honor Roll (GPA based)(per Trimester)</p> <p>Perfect Attendance (per Trimester)</p> <p>The Creative Risk Taker Award (Criteria: recognizes students who take creative risks and produce distinguished levels of performance in an elective class. EX: Band, Choir, Art, Photography, Robotics, Computers, MMP, etc)</p>
<p>The “Ultimate” Recognition Achievement Award: <u>The Cougar Pride Award</u>--- the students that embody all the criteria from The Good Neighbor Award, The Employability Award, and the Good Friend Award <i>combined</i> consistently throughout the Trimester</p>					

	<p>Other PRIDE Recognition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cougar Pride Recognition: Students who “get caught” by staff embodying the expected behaviors defined in the KPMS Behavior Matrix will be recognized with a reward system. These will be awarded per staff discretion. ● Grade Level Recognition: Each grade level teacher team has developed specific criteria for students to be recognized and rewarded. Grade level teachers will teach students at the beginning of the year and re-teach throughout the school year what students will need to do to receive recognition in these categories. ● The Principal’s Award—Eligibility: 8th graders that embody all the criteria from The Good Neighbor Award, The Employability Award, and the Good Friend Award combined consistently throughout their entire schooling years at KPMS. Teacher nominated; Principal selected.
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KPMS ACTIVITIES, ATHLETICS, & CLUBS

Associated Student Body (ASB)	<p>At KPMS, we have an active Associated Student Body, Student Council and Leadership class. Through elected representatives, all students have the opportunity to voice their opinion concerning school activities and projects.</p> <p><u>KPMS ASB leaders:</u> Jaelynn O’Donnel -President; Camrynn Anderson - Vice President; Brenna McCabe -Secretary; Sofie Babbitt -Treasurer; Savannah Dilley -Senator Chair</p>
Activity Cards	<p>Activity cards are one source of income for the ASB fund. The cost for the cards is \$20.00 and these funds help to pay after school clubs, activities, Honor Time equipment and much more. Students who purchase an ASB card will receive discounts on dance activities, yearbooks, entry into special activities and other privileges throughout the year. ASB cards are required to participate in all sports. ASB card discounts apply only to the person whose name appears on the card. Please see your counselor for special financial need circumstances. If you are on Free/Reduced Lunch, this fee will be waived.</p>
Activities & Clubs	<p>Many clubs and activities will be offered through ASB. We also partner with a variety of community groups who provide after-school clubs and activities. Listen closely to morning announcements for opportunities to have fun, make friends and improve skills in a variety of areas. Each club/activity has guidelines and expectations. Many special activities and events take place throughout the school year.</p>
Dances	<p>Dances are sponsored by the ASB and are supervised by staff and parents. Tickets are sold the day of the dance during both lunches. Students cannot leave the building <i>prior</i> to the dance. Dances begin at 3:00 pm and end at 4:30 pm. Following all rules, displaying respectful behavior and being picked up promptly will ensure continued</p>

	<p>participation in activities. Students are expected to be at school all day prior to the event in order to participate.</p> <p>Students need to arrange after school transportation home well in advance. From mid-September until the end of May, KPMS provides activity buses on Tuesday and Thursdays for students attending clubs, tutoring, and other school related activities. Students attending school activities are required to remain at the site of the event and may not wander around the campus. Once a student leaves the building, they are unable to reenter. Students must be picked up within fifteen (15) minutes following the end of an activity or event or the privilege of attending future events/activities may be lost.</p>
<p>Fundraising Activities</p>	<p>Each year students help raise funds for clubs and to support school-wide activities for students. Money earned from fundraisers are spent on ASB equipment and services, such as co-curricular and athletic equipment, sports referees, uniforms, special assemblies, leadership and yearbook training programs, and student recognition programs and awards.</p>
<p>Athletics</p>	<p>Many students enjoy a variety of after-school sports programs at KPMS. These athletic programs focus on skill development and encourage student involvement as part of a team and promote a spirit of cooperation, fair play and good sportsmanship. Students have opportunities to compete against other student athletes in the district. Because travel is necessary, students are sometimes taken out of afternoon classes early and miss class work which they are expected to complete and turn in following each teacher's make-up work policy. 6th grade students can participate in sports in bold below. Schedules are posted on the KPMS website and shared through Parent Square.</p> <p>We conduct closed practices for safety reasons; meaning we cannot have anyone, family, friends, etc... hanging out inside the gym or on the fields during our practices.</p> <p><u><i>2023-24 Athletics Schedule</i></u></p> <p>Registration Link: https://kpm.psd401.net/cougars/athletics</p> <p>Season 1 Cross Country, Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer (September 11- October 19) Season 2 Wrestling (October 30-December 9) Season 3 Girl's Basketball (January 8-February 8) Season 4 Girls Soccer and Boys Basketball (March 4-April 4) Season 5. Track and Field (April 8- May 22)</p>
<p>Eigibility</p>	<p>Students must <u>submit the following documents</u> by the stated deadlines and pay the following fees to the school bookkeeper to be eligible to participate in any school athletics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A current physical completed and signed by a licensed health care provider must be on file at school. (Valid for 2 years/24 months from date of physical)

- Required *Student Information for Participation in Athletics/Activities* (Salmon)
- PSD *School Eligibility Form* (Lavender)
- *Risk Management Pool – Sport Specific Safety Guidelines* (Buff)
- PSD **Secondary Parent/Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook – Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form** Student **must** hold a current KPMS Associated Student Body (ASB) card, \$20
- All outstanding fines and fees must be paid prior to participation. See Bookkeeper for information

Student athletes' grades will be checked prior to the start of tryouts. "Most current" grades may be the previous trimester grades if a new term has just begun.

Students must have a 2.0 GPA and no more than one "F" prior to the first practice/tryout. Please be prompt to pick up students for after school events. Coaches and advisors will contact parents after 1-2 late pickups to discuss the situation and continued participation or plans to address the concern.

If a student athlete does not meet the academic requirements prior to the first practice/tryout, the student athlete will be placed on a one week probation to meet the minimum academic eligibility requirements. During this probationary week, the student athlete is allowed to participate in practices/tryouts. After one week, if the student athlete meets the minimum requirements for eligibility, he/she will be eligible to compete until the mid-season grade check. If after one week, the student athlete still has not met the minimum academic requirements for eligibility, the student athlete becomes ineligible to compete for the remainder of the season.

A mid-season grade check will occur, for all athletes, after the 2nd contest of that sport season. Student athletes who fail to meet the minimum academic requirements will be placed on a one week probation. During this probationary week, student athletes are required to attend practice, however, they will not be eligible to participate in athletic contests during this week. As well, the Athletic Director and/or coach may direct an athlete to attend Homework Support. If a student athlete was placed on probation during the first week of practices/tryouts and they again do not meet the minimum academic requirements during the mid-season grade check, he/she will be ineligible for the remainder of the sport season.

Athletic Directors are permitted to make discretionary decisions regarding Athletic Eligibility in special circumstances (Family crisis, student work ethic, etc.). Learn more about the available sports and season calendars at: <https://kpm.psd401.net/cougars/athletics>.

Parents and students: Please review and refer to the Peninsula School District (PSD) ***Parent/Student Rights and Responsibility Secondary Handbook***. This handbook and a detailed explanation of school facilities, policies, programs, and routines can be found at <https://www.psd401.net/learning/parent-student-handbook>.

2023-24 BELL SCHEDULE

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday			Wednesday	
Cougar Academy	8:15-8:45		Late Arrival	
Period 1	8:49-9:40		Period 1	9:15-10:02
Period 2	9:44-10:35		Period 2	10:06-10:53
Period 3	10:39-11:30		Period 3	10:57-11:44
1st Lunch	11:30-12:00		1st Lunch	11:44-12:14
Period 4	12:04-12:55		Period 4	12:18-1:05
Period 4	11:34-12:25		Period 4	11:48-12:35
2nd Lunch	12:25-12:55		2nd Lunch	12:35-1:05
Period 5	12:59-1:50		Period 5	1:11-1:56
Period 6	1:54-2:45		Period 6	2:00-2:45