

AJH Course Selection

Welcome Future Vikings
2026-2027



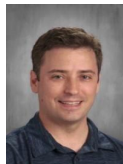

Kind HEART. *Fierce* MIND. *Brave* SPIRIT.
WE ARE VIKINGS!

Our Viking Family

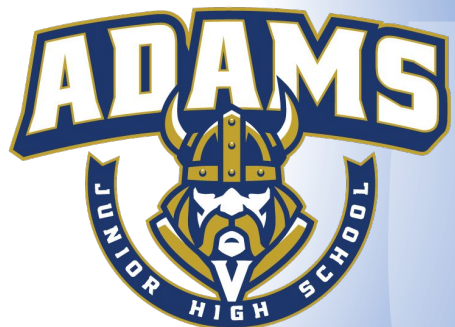
Principal:
Marc Kampwerth



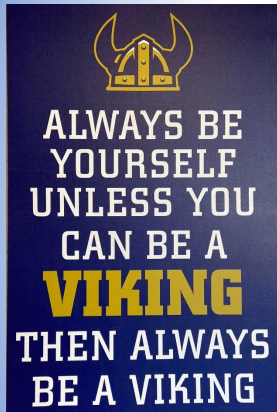
6th Grade AP:
James Cook



6th Grade Counselor:
Erin Freeland



Our Viking Family



Mascot:
Viking



School Colors:
Navy & Gold

Viking Virtues:
Courage, Perseverance, & Truth

Differences between Elementary & Junior High

MORE FREEDOM!!

- School starts @ 8:55 AM
- School ends @ 4:05 PM
- Most 6th grade Classes are on the 1st floor
- 7 classes plus lunch and advisory
 - All students have advisory to allow time to do homework, study, organize work, Character Strong (community building/character lessons)
- 45 minute class periods & 5 minute passing period
- Lockers available
- Core classes
 - Math, Science, English, Reading & Social Studies
- Non-core classes
 - Elective, PE



Differences between Elementary & Junior High

MORE RESPONSIBILITY!!

- Cafeteria - Multiple options
 - Different lunch lines that offer snack bar options, hot lunch, etc
 - You can sit wherever you want at lunch
- Many Clubs & Activities
- The opportunity to make a lot of new friends
- Tardies!!: Students need to get to class on time every period
- Expect more homework, responsibilities, & self management
- Attend tutorials
- Canvas is used in all courses
- Student IDs/lanyards must be worn at all times

Differences between Elementary & Junior High

- Backpacks are allowed to be carried to each class. Rolling backpacks are not allowed.
- Personal technology is not allowed during the school day, including lunch & advisory.
- Students go between classes, to the restroom, lunch, and PE by themselves, not escorted by teachers.
- Student planner/tracker - highly recommend to organize classwork and homework for your 7 classes.

Choosing Courses

Three Class Format:

Academic - For everyone, on grade level, more time to review concepts, prepares students for college as well as other postsecondary education. **Your classes in elementary are at the Academic level.**

KAP - More challenging, fast paced, prepares students for AP classes in high school. ***We recommend students have an "A" average in an Academic class**

GT - Must be currently screened and identified

Choosing Courses

The decision to take academic or KAP should be made between you, your parents, and your teachers. Think about:

- Your interests and strengths
- How hard you are willing to work
- The grades you have earned in school and the kind of grades you like to make
- Motivation and attitude
- Standardized test scores
- Study habits
- Extracurricular activities and time commitments
- How quickly you catch on to new material

KAP PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Although we highly encourage students to stay in a KAP class, they may exit a course **during the first 6-weeks grading period or at the end of the 1st semester.**
- The student must have teacher and parent approval to exit.
- If the student's **6-weeks average falls below 70, the student will be placed into an Academic class at the end of the grading period unless otherwise recommended by the teacher.**



Math for 6th Graders

6th, 7th, and 8th grade math classes are the foundations for high school math classes and should not be rushed.

Academic Math - on grade level curriculum

- ❖ Students will have math homework weekly to practice the concepts
- ❖ Students will learn 6th grade math skills/concepts only
- ❖ There are approximately 64 objectives covered

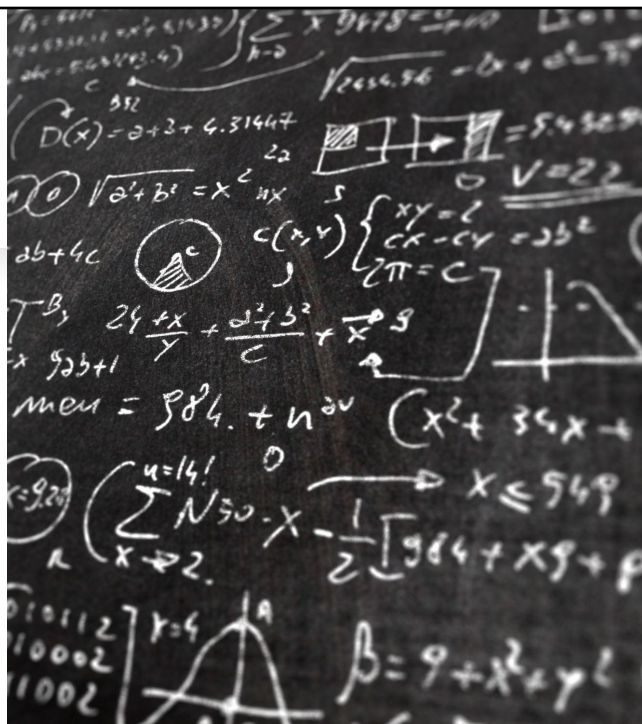
KAP Math - accelerated math class covering all of 6th grade and approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of 7th grade math curriculum

- ❖ A new concept is learned almost every day
- ❖ Students will have math homework every night to practice the concepts
- ❖ KAP math focuses on preparing students for High School Algebra I in 8th grade
- ❖ There are approximately over 80 objectives (1/2 of them are 7th grade)
- ❖ Students who earn "Masters" on 5th grade STAAR are automatically placed in 6th Math KAP

- * 6th grade KAP Math Students will take the 6th grade STAAR
- * Current high achieving students in 5th grade math can take a Credit By Exam (CBE) for 6th grade Math this summer (June/July testing windows). Students who pass the 6th grade Math CBE will be eligible to take 7th grade KAP Math in 6th grade.

Characteristics of a KAP Math Student

- Problem solver in everyday situations
- Has developed strong learning & study habits
- Shows perseverance when challenged
- Displays emotional maturity when frustrated
- Demonstrates reasoning skills pertaining to mathematical concepts in everyday life
- Shows confidence in their own math abilities
- Strong/mastered fast facts skills
- Willingness to ask questions in class and seek out help
- Strongly values learning - loves to learn!



KAP Math for 6th-8th Grade

KAP is the compacting of the junior high curriculum from 3 years to 2 years so that your child would be able to take Algebra I (a high school credit class) by 8th grade.

By taking your first high school math class in junior high, this frees up your child's senior year, to choose to take AP calculus, AP statistics, or other dual credit college credit math classes.





ELA-R, Science, and Social Studies

- The difference in academic and KAP for English Language Arts & Reading (ELA-R), Science, and Social Studies comes in the *resources/materials used* and *performance expectations*.
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- KAP is built upon the core academic curriculum and is designed to build student capacity to understand more rigorous content.
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- KAP is designed to help prepare students for advanced courses in high school.
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- ELA-R is blocked meaning it is 2 class periods in a row with the same teacher.



Masters Level on STAAR

- If a student scores "Masters" on their 5th grade STAAR in Math or Reading, they will automatically be put into the correlating KAP course.
- If your child Masters Math STAAR, they will be placed in KAP Math & KAP Science. If your child Masters Reading STAAR, they will be placed in KAP ELA-R & KAP Social Studies.
- If you would prefer that we honor the level of courses on the course planning sheet, please opt out of automatic placement on the Katy Option Portal (KOP). This can be found in the PARENT'S (not your student's) MyKaty Cloud.



Electives

- 6th grade is allowed to choose 1 elective for the year.
- Please be aware that some electives require after school commitments.
- Electives have assignments & receive numeric grades.
- 6th grade electives:
 - Art, Band, Choir, Orchestra, Theatre, and Lead Worthy Intermediate
- Due to the high demand of certain electives, placement in elective courses will be limited based on availability and is not guaranteed.

Do Consider...

- Your interests and what you would like to learn about
- How much time outside of school is needed to participate/practice in the elective class
- What do you like to do for fun
- What outside time constraints do you have?

Don't Consider...

- Your friend's choice
- Cool field trips (a field trip is only one day)

Choosing an Elective Class

Elective Options



Art 1 = Create, Grow, & have FUN!



*Sketchbook + skill
development*

*Paint, Draw +
collaborate*



Clay + 3d art

★ First Year Art Student (no art experience)

★ Students create with the elements of art and principles of design in mind while building skills for a successful year in art.

Just a sampling...we do so much more!

BEGINNING BAND

- No experience necessary! We will teach you everything you need to know.
- Directors will assist you in choosing the right instrument for you, after you choose band as your elective.
- Band students may participate in band AND athletics, pep squad, cheer, clubs, Sci-Oly, etc.
- There are only 2 after school rehearsals in Beginning Band.

BAND INSTRUMENTS

Flute	Trumpet
Oboe	Horn
Clarinet	Trombone
Bassoon	Euphonium
Alto Sax	Percussion
	Tuba



6th grade Choir

NO AUDITION REQUIRED

Join the Viking Choir Family

- Solo competitions
- Concerts
- Social Events
- Sing in different languages
- Solo Opportunities
- Leadership Opportunities
- Learn how to read music
- Multiple 6th grade classes (6th boys and 6th girls)
- End of Year Choir Banquet
- Pop Show and LOTS MORE!



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Orchestra

- No experience necessary! We teach you everything you need to know.
 - The orchestra director will help you choose the right instrument for you
 - Instrument classes meet separately every day
 - Your daily homework is to practice your instrument!
- Can choose one of 4 instruments:
 - Violin
 - Viola
 - Cello
 - Bass

INSPIRE
GROW
CREATE
ADAMS THEATRE

Adams Theatre

YOU WILL LEARN

Ensemble building

Public speaking

Characterization

Improvisation

Theatre history

Pantomime

Storytelling techniques

Technical theatre

Professions in theatre

ALL Theatre classes touch on these topics at various degrees of complexity depending on the class level.

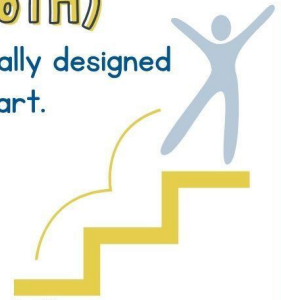


LEADWORTHY INTERMEDIATE (6TH)

Leadership development and character education specifically designed to empower 6th grade students to lead with heart.

Students will:

- Make new discoveries about themselves and others
- Grow connected with classmates through team-building activities
- Think critically and thoughtfully about real life situations
- Participate in group discussions and collaborate with classmates
- Confidently share their thoughts, feelings, and opinions
- Listen well to the ideas and perspectives of others
- Understand personal responsibility
- Lead with heart



9 Leadworthy Character traits are woven into the course. The curriculum teaches these traits explicitly and gives students the opportunity to practice each in a low-pressure space. They are:

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| Empathy | Kindness |
| Self-Direction | Courage |
| Teamwork | Perseverance |
| Responsibility | Integrity |
| Respect | |

P.E. & P.E. Waivers

☐ P.E.

- ☐ All students will be enrolled in a Physical Education class
- ☐ Both boys and girls (separate gyms)
- ☐ Graded class/attend everyday
- ☐ Dress out in uniforms: bring your own athletic shoes & socks
- ☐ Lockers in locker room
- ☐ Students will pay a \$15 fee at the beginning of the year for their PE uniform, locker, and laundry service.



☐ Off Campus P.E.

- ☐ Off Campus P.E. forms will not be accepted until August 1, 2026 through the first week of school in the front office
- ☐ If you participate in an approved individual sport for less than 15 hours per week, you will receive Study Hall as your replacement class
- ☐ If you participate in an approved individual sport for 15 or more hours a week you may leave campus after 7th period. These students will sign themselves out daily at the attendance window
- ☐ Forms should be printed from the AJH counselor website or the Katy ISD website
- ☐ Information and applications can be found at: [Health & Physical Education Curriculum / Off Campus PE \(katyisd.org\)](https://www.katyisd.org/Health%20Education%20Curriculum%20-%20Off%20Campus%20PE)

Athletics

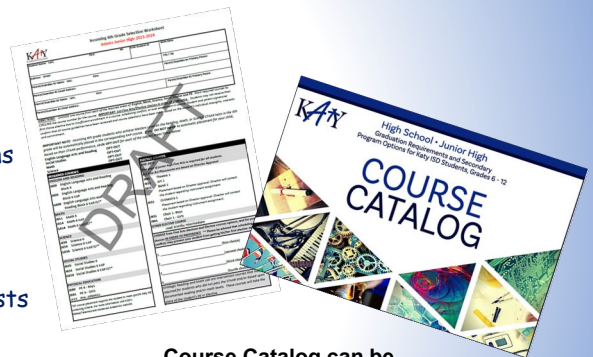
Only for 7th & 8th graders – this is just so you know what's coming in the future!!

- Based on tryouts at the end of your 6th and 7th grade school year
- **Coaches determine placement into athletics**
- Athletic period (Fall) sports:
 - Football
 - Volleyball
 - Basketball
 - Soccer
- After school (Spring) sports not placed in the athletic period:
 - Track
 - Tennis
- Please see the coach if you are interested in playing a sport in 7th or 8th grade
- Coaches will give the counselors a list of students to be scheduled into the athletic period later this semester

**** Pre-Athletics will take place during your 6th grade year through your PE Class ****

Course Requests Overview

- Course Selection Planning sheets will go home with all 5th graders
- **Signed Course Planning Sheets due to 5th Grade teachers.**
~Exact dates determined by elementary campus
- **February 2 – March 6:** Students make course selections in SchoolLinks (**STUDENTS** login through myKaty Cloud). Follow elementary specific directions.
- **February–March:** Elementary Counselors will meet individually with each 5th grader to finalize course requests in Schoollinks.
- If you are moving or planning to move, you still must complete a course selection sheet.
- Both the student and parent must sign the course planning sheet
- **Follow elementary campus specific directions and deadlines.**



Course Catalog can be accessed on the Katyisd.org homepage & in SchoolLinks

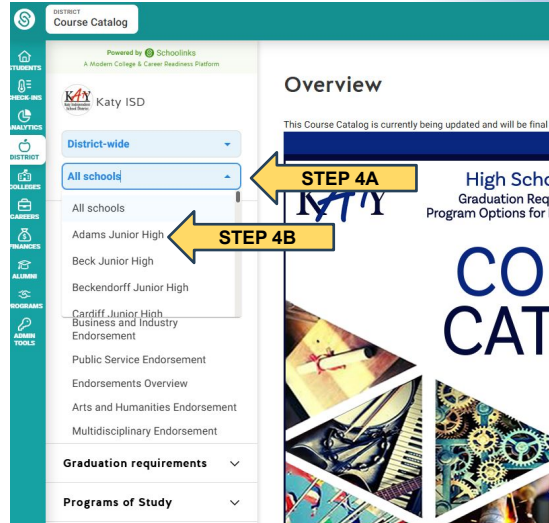
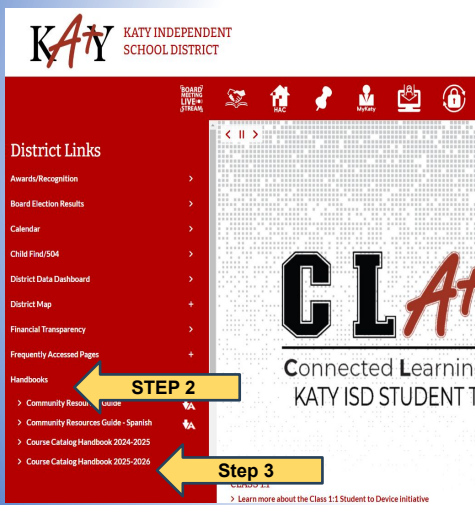
Accessing the Course Catalog

***Step 1:** Go to Katy ISD Homepage:
www.katyisd.org

***Step 2:** Click on Handbooks on the left Side

***Step 3:** Click on Course Catalog 2026-2027

***Step 4:** Click on "All Schools" and Select Adams Junior High



Course Planning Sheet - DRAFT

STUDENT GUIDE TO 3 YEAR COURSE PLANNING IN SCHOOLINKS

1 START HERE

2 ENGLISH

3 MATH

4 SCIENCE

5 SOCIAL STUDIES

6 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

7 FINE ARTS

8 ELECTIVES

9 ALTERNATES

Course Planning Sheet - DRAFT

★ One year of Junior High Fine Arts is **REQUIRED** for all students.

★ For Band & Orchestra, placement is based on Director approval. Directors will notify you for instrument selection in the Spring.

★ Add 1-3 alternate options in order of preference in case scheduling doesn't allow for your 1st choice

6th Grade Schedule Example

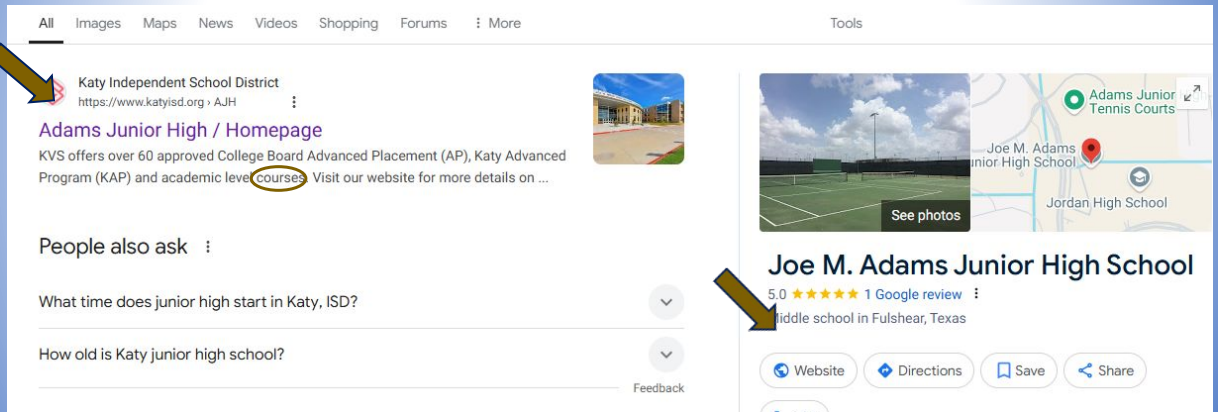
Lunch will either be after 2nd period (A Lunch) or after Advisory (B Lunch)

PERIOD	SEM.	ROOM NO.	SUBJECT	TEACHER	COURSE NO.
1	BS	1020	Eng/Read 6 Block KAP	Casbon, R	J606
2	BS	1020	Eng/Read 6 Block KAP	Casbon, R	J606
3	BS	1301	Advisory 6	Pickard, L	J695
LUNCH	BS	CAFE	Lunch 6	Thoen, S	LUNCH
4	BS	Gym	PE 6 (Boys)	Campbell, C	J680
5	BS	1019	Science 6 KAP	Smith, M	J634
6	BS	1034	Soc Studies 6 KAP	Anderson, A	J624
7	BS	1301	Art 1 (JH)	Pickard, L	J650
8	BS	1023	Math 6 KAP	Pope, M	J614

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - STUDENT SCHEDULE

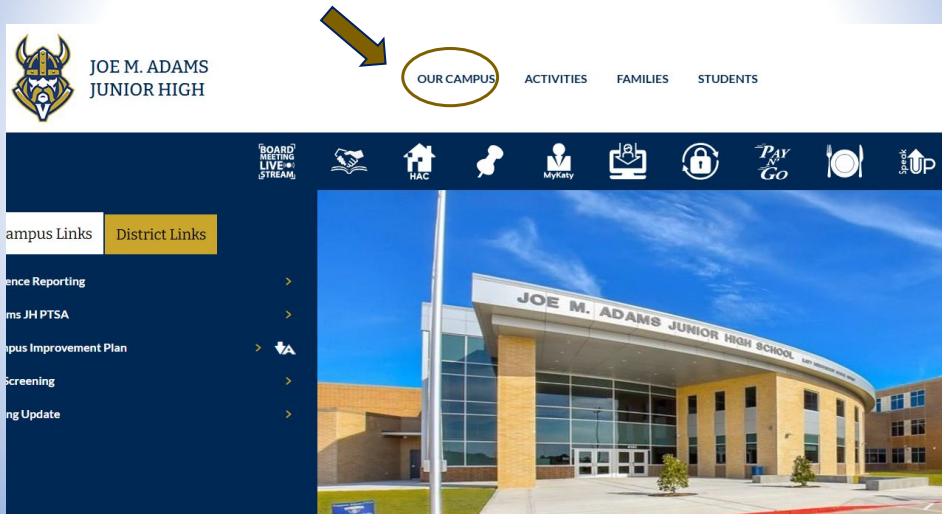
AJH Counseling Website

STEP 1: Google Adams Junior High



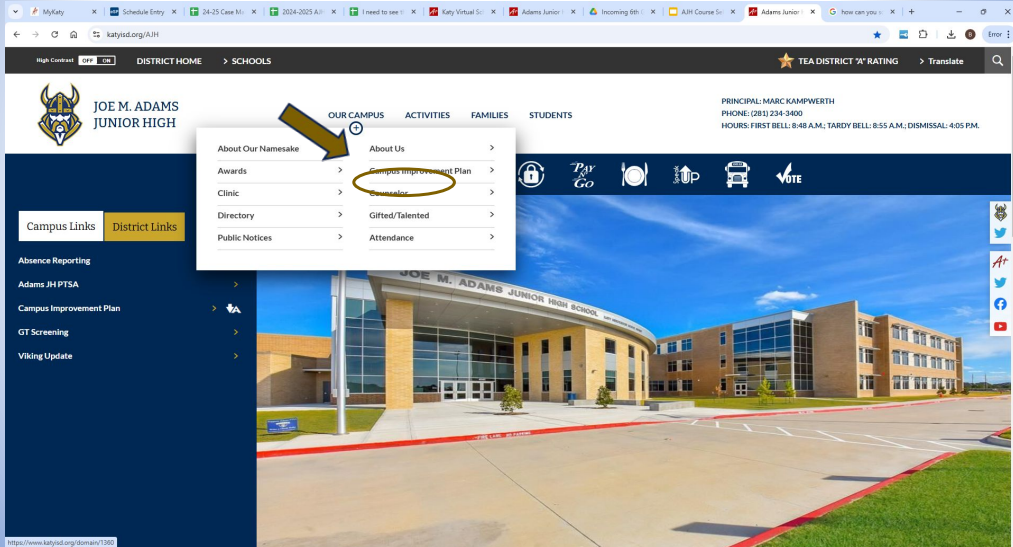
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STEP 2: Hover over "Our Campus"



AJH Counseling Website

STEP 3: Click on "Counselor"



AJH Counseling Website

Lots of great information on everything from Registration and Student Resources to Tutorial Schedules and a virtual calming room.

Click on Course Selections, click Future 6th Grade & follow the information under that section



- Follow all directions and deadlines given by your elementary campus.
- Keep your course planning sheet neat and clean. Take good care of it!
- Choose your courses wisely - think carefully about your choices.
- Talk to your teachers about KAP placement.
- Choose the elective that's most interesting to you.
- List alternate electives. ★
- Sign and return the course planning sheet on time!
- Any changes to course selections after turning in planning sheet must be made in writing to your child's ELEMENTARY counselor. ★

Remember!!



Students will come to cafe to meet up with parents!

After reuniting with your student, you may tour the 1st floor and visit the different electives.

Band, Choir, Orchestra - in their classrooms
 Art - Learning Stairs
 Leadworthy - Library
 Theatre - cafeteria



(ELA classrooms in the portables are closed so students/parents do not exit the building.)

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Vikings!

