

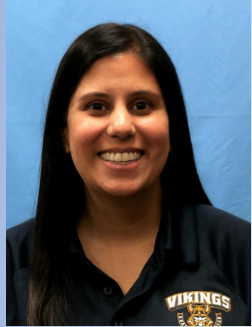
AJH Course Selection

Incoming 7th & 8th Graders
2026-2027



Our Viking Family

7th Grade AP:
Hemali Shah



7th Grade Counselor:
Brianna Pollinger



Principal:
Marc Kampwerth



8th Grade AP:
Scott Thoen



8th Grade Counselor:
Shelly Watson



7th & 8th Grade Promotion

To be promoted to 7th & 8th grade:

- You must have an overall average of 70 or higher in all courses.
- You must also have an overall average of 70 or higher in 3 of the 4 core subject areas:
 1. English and Reading
 2. Math
 3. Science
 4. Social Studies



promotion

Students who do not meet these requirements must either attend summer school or repeat your current grade.

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

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 7th 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 7th grade math skills/concepts only

KAP Math – accelerated math class covering the remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ of 7th grade and all of 8th 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 1 in 8th grade
- ❖ 7th grade KAP Math Students will take the 8th grade STAAR

* Current high achieving students in 6th grade KAP Math can take a Credit By Exam (CBE) for 8th grade Math this summer (June/July testing windows). Students who pass the 8th grade Math CBE will be eligible to take Algebra in the 7th grade.

* 6th Graders currently in ACA Math can choose to take 7th Grade KAP Math in 7th Grade. It is highly recommended to attend Math Bridge Program over the summer to teach missed concepts from 6th Grade KAP Math. (more details coming closer to summer)

Math for 8th 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 8th grade math skills/concepts only

- ❖ **Algebra 1** – High School credit math class covering Algebra 1 curriculum

- ❖ A new concept is learned almost every day
- ❖ Students will have math homework every night to practice the concepts
- ❖ Students will receive HS credit upon completion of the course
- ❖ 8th grade Algebra 1 students will take the Algebra 1 EOC

*** Current high achieving students in 7th grade Aca Math can take a Credit By Exam (CBE) for 8th grade Math this summer (June/July testing windows). Students who pass the 8th grade Math CBE will be eligible to take Algebra in the 8th grade.**

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*.
- ❖ KAP is built upon the core academic curriculum and is designed to build student capacity to understand more rigorous content.
- ❖ KAP is designed to help prepare students for advanced courses in high school.
- ❖ KAP/ACA ELA-R classes are blocked in 7th grade (meaning it is 2 class periods in a row with the same teacher). 7th grade GT ELA-R and 8th grade KAP/GT/ACA ELA-R classes are only 1 class period long.

Electives

- ❖ 7th grade students will receive **1 elective** for the year
- ❖ 7th grade GT ELA-R students will receive **2 electives** for the year as the GT ELA-R course is only one class period long
- ❖ 8th grade students will receive **2 electives** for the year
- ❖ Please be aware that some electives require after school commitments.
- ❖ Electives have assignments & receive numeric grades.
- ❖ **Due to the high demand of certain electives, placement in elective courses will be limited based on availability and is not guaranteed.**

Elective Options



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

Oboe

Clarinet

Bassoon

Alto Sax

Trumpet

Horn

Trombone

Euphonium

Percussion

Tuba



ADVANCED BANDS

- Students who have completed a full year of daily Beginning Band class will audition for placement in one of our three advanced bands.
- All Advanced Bands meet in full band class daily and attend one before or after school section rehearsal per week.
- All Advanced Bands perform and compete throughout the school year.
- Students may participate in Band AND athletics, pep squad, cheer, clubs, Science Olympiad, etc.

ADVANCED BAND ACTIVITIES and BENEFITS

Parties

Concerts

Competitions

Football Game

Pep Rallies

Field Trips

Friendships

Movie Night

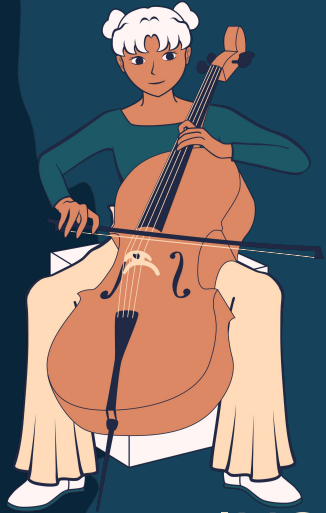
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MUCH, MUCH, MORE!



First Year Orchestra

(0 Years Experience)



INSTRUMENTS WE
OFFER:

Violin

Viola

Cello

Double Bass

- No experience necessary!
- We can help you find the right instrument for you.
- Instrument classes meet separately every day.
- Your daily homework is to practice your instrument!
- Andretti Karting & Games trip for FYO students.
- FYO Festival performance at MErrill Center and stop for lunch afterwards.



Performing Orchestra

(1 or more years of experience.)

- Performance-based course that builds on fundamental techniques and skills every year, from FYO and beyond.
- All orchestras perform a variety of music and presents several concerts throughout the year, including UIL music evaluations.
- Opportunity to perform in Region Orchestra Auditions and Solo & Ensemble Contest.
- Upper level ensembles will require weekly 45 minute sectionals in the morning.
- Students will audition for placement into a performing orchestra in April.

We host fun activities throughout the year!

- Instrument Wrap Party in December
- Andretti Karting & Games
- Waterpark Trip in May
- Outdoor games & picnic
- Movie Night in the Fall



Viking Choir



All are welcome to join the
Viking Choir Family. No
auditions necessary!

- **Perform** at Concerts and Competitions
- **Audition** for Region Choir
- **Sing** in different languages
- **Shine** with solo opportunities
- **Lead** as a member of the Choir Council
- **Learn** to read music
- **Belong** to a safe and supportive group
- **Travel** on the End of Year Trip
- **Enjoy** singing in Pop Show and Lots More!



VikingTheatre

Foundations of Theatre

Acting

Dramatic Structure

Playwriting

Auditioning

Ensemble building

Characterization

Improvisation

Theatre history

Pantomime

Technical theatre

Professions in theatre

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

Join us!



Find out
more!



Earn points
for:



INTERNATIONAL
THESPIAN SOCIETY

Points are earned
based upon work
done in
productions &
technical work as
well as community
service.

Theatre 2 & Theatre 3

- This class is for students who have successfully completed Theatre 1 and are interested in increasing their theatre skills. Further emphasis on acting skills, history of theatre, technical, and design work are explored.
- Students who are interested in furthering their acting or technical skills in front of a larger audience are encouraged to audition for the annual spring show, and to volunteer as ushers for our productions.
- After school participation for this course is not required, but encouraged.



Theatre 2/3 Production

Completion of Theatre 1 and an audition is required to be considered for this class. Packets and audition information are handed out at the beginning of March.



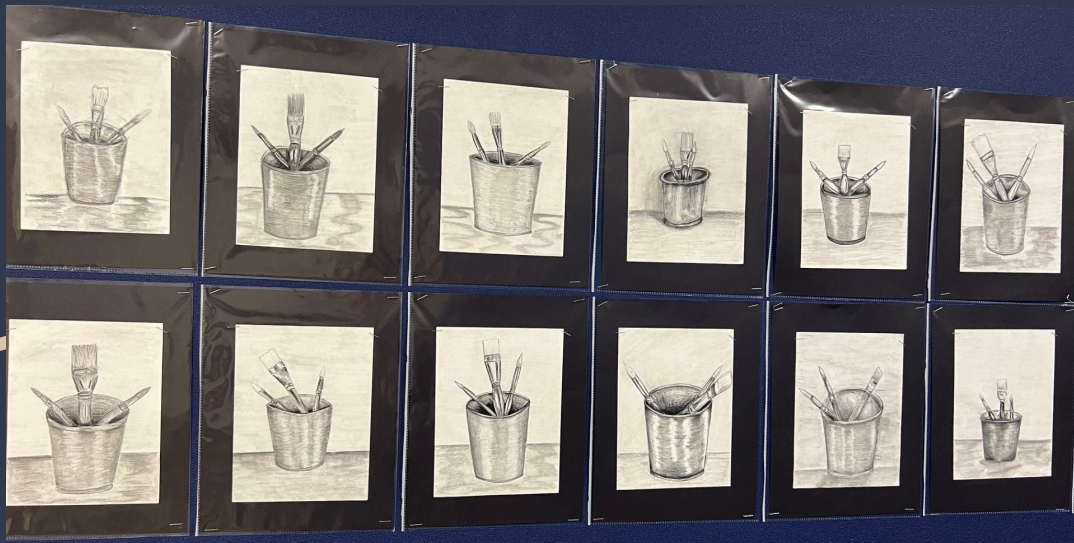
Perform in 3 shows a year:
Fall show, One-Act Play Contest, Spring Show

Students can act OR do tech (lights, sound, crew, stage management)

Rehearsal Requirements: 2-3 after school rehearsals + 2-3
Saturday rehearsals per show. We work around school sports
for rehearsal schedules.

Eligibility: Students must be eligible to perform or take on a
Technical role for a show. Theatre follows the no pass/no play rule.

Adams Junior High Art



All Art Levels Welcome!

It is most important to love art and want to grow as an artist! You will need to focus and work hard! If you complete Art 1 and Art 2, you have the opportunity to take HS Art 1 for HS credit in 8th grade - the year you have 2 electives.



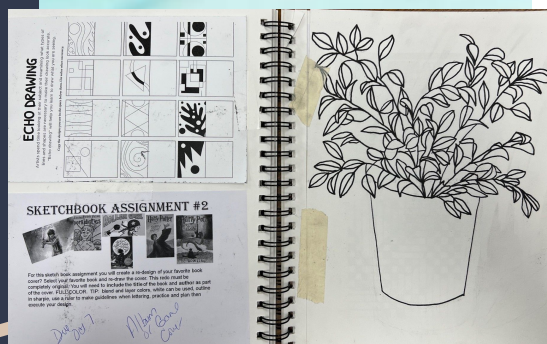
Art I, II, HS Art 1 at Junior High

So, how is this different from elementary?

- Elective (your choice), not a specials
- Everyday - focused 50 minutes
- Grades - number grades (major, minor, other)
- Sketchbooks required with daily warm ups and graded assignments
- Homework - graded
- Projects can be short (day/week) or long (10-15 days)
- Art History, Art Appreciation, Art Careers
- Portfolios kept to show progress growth
- Junior Vase - shows and competitions required



Sketchbook



Project Name	Student Name	Per
Major Components	Indicators	Comments
Craftmanship _____ of 20	• Neat in appearance • No smudges, tears, wrinkles, folds • Application of media and materials demonstrate purposeful marks • Presentation-matted or mounted	
Composition _____ of 20	• Reflects the principles and elements of design • Balance of positive and negative space • Contrast • Fill up space • "Touch three sides" • Overlapping	
Creativity and Concept _____ of 20	• Fresh approach • Unique interpretation (no copy work)	
Technical skills _____ of 20	• Control of Media or technique • Use of prior skills • Demonstrates mastery or improvement of technique	
Follow Directions _____ of 20	• Best effort • Criteria met • Care of tools and supplies • Work space clean	
Total _____ of 100	What is the strongest element and/or principle of design in your composition? What did you learn on this project?	

Grading Rubric

All Levels Welcome!

It is most important to love art and want to grow as an artist! You will need patience, practice and focus!



Student Portfolios



SKETCHBOOK AND PORTFOLIO

ELEMENTS and PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN /
COMPOSITION

DRAWING

PAINTING

PRINTMAKING

Katy ISD
ART
Curriculum

CERAMICS

SCULPTURE

MIXED MEDIA/FIBER ART



TAKE PICTURES
INTERVIEW PEERS
WRITE STORIES

DESIGN THE 2027 YEARBOOK!

ALL APPLICATIONS
ARE DUE BY
**FRIDAY,
MARCH 6TH!**

**SCAN
ME!**



PUBLICATIONS (Yearbook)

Application Required!



Do you love taking pictures, telling stories, and
being where the action is?

Then **Publications** might be the perfect elective for you!

As a Publications staff member, you'll:

- Take awesome photos 📷
- Write about school events 📝
- Design pages for the **Rune Stone Yearbook**
- Work with friends and meet new people



Open to students entering **7th or 8th grade**



Application required (includes teacher recommendations)

Applications due by Friday, March 6th

(No late applications will be accepted)

2025 AJH

yearbook



**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK
AND STUDENT AD TODAY!**

SCAN QR TO
ORDER!



STUDENT ADS ARE
AVAILABLE TO ALL
STUDENTS

LAST DAY TO
CREATE AND
PURCHASE IS 2/7

**Have you ordered
your yearbook yet?**

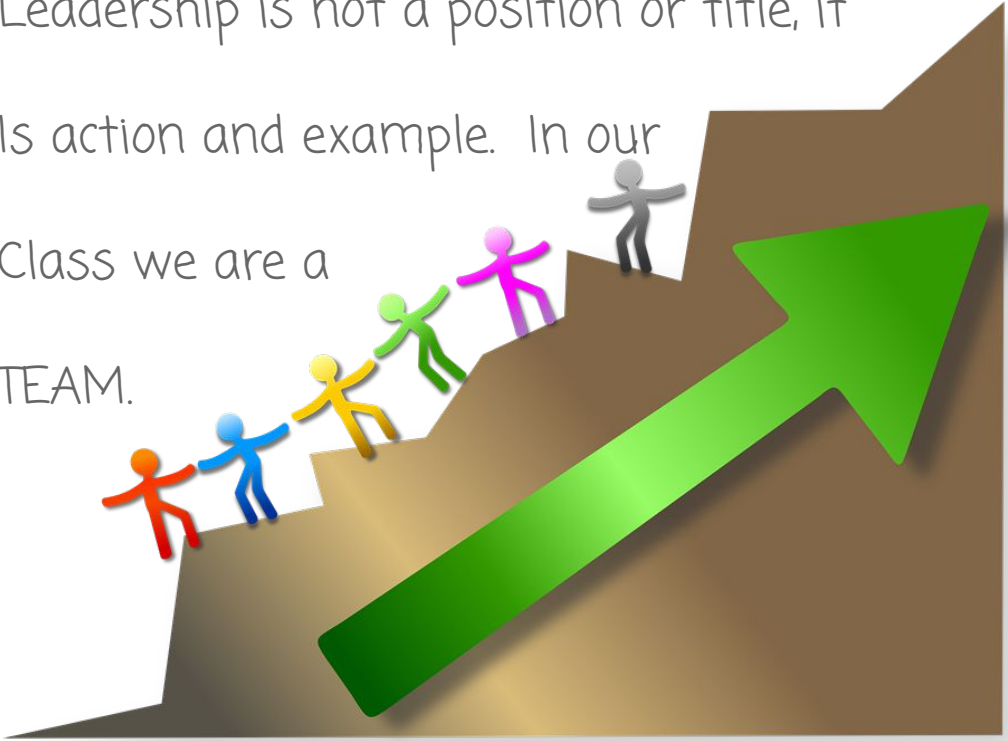
**Don't wait....we have SOLD OUT
the past 2 years!**

**What about a student recognition
ad?**

**Last day to create and purchase
an ad is 2/7**

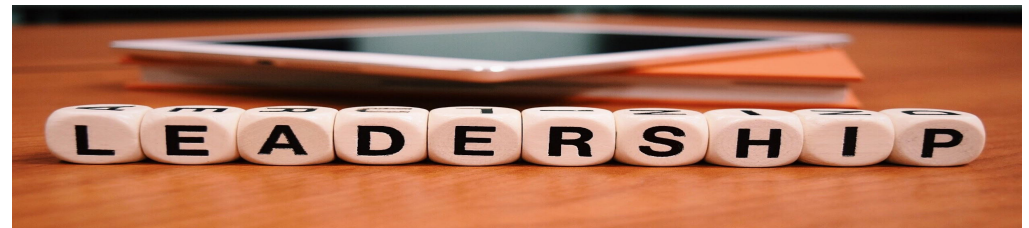
Leadworthy

Leadership is not a position or title, it
Is action and example. In our
Class we are a
TEAM.



Leadworthy is based on the curriculum by Flip Flippen. You will discuss and learn about **first impressions**, **IPOSSESS skills**, **how to give a speech**, **you will look at yourself** and **how to present yourself to others**.

You will play games, role-play, and really get to know each other when you work as a TEAM.



PEER ASSISTANCE LEADERSHIP (PALS)

- Students use their potential to make a difference
- Focuses on serving the school and community
- Will act as student leaders on AJH campus
- Application Required - scan the QR if you are interested in taking this class!
- Must be in 8th grade to take PALS!



Student Aide – 8th Grade Only

Must be approved by Administrator/Counselor

- Applications must be completed by March 13th via the google doc
- Incoming 8th grade students (current 7th graders) can apply to be a student aide as one of their elective choices. Students will be selected based on their application and teacher recommendations.
- Students who are selected as aides are helpful, respectful, and trustworthy. They must have good attendance and be passing all their classes. The student aides need to be positive representatives of our school. They must always behave appropriately and follow the student dress code.
- Student aides must be friendly, welcoming, and respect the confidentiality of our office.
- Student aides must be passing all classes and not have any N's or U's in conduct.
- Students are not eligible if they have been assigned I.S.S., been suspended from school, or received an attendance referral for excessive absences during the current school year.

Scan to access
the application
form



High School Credit Electives





HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES



All semester grades and grade points earned in high school credit courses become a permanent part of the student's high school transcript and are factored into the student's grade point average and class rank.

- If you take a high school credit course in 7th and/or 8th grade, you **MUST NOT** request the same course in high school.
- You **CANNOT** repeat a course for which you have already earned credit.
- No credit is awarded for a duplicated course.
- Please make sure to choose HS credit classes carefully as once a grade is on their transcript it cannot be removed. Students enrolled in a HS credit course who are making below an 80% should seriously consider dropping the course to avoid any negative effects to their GPA in high school. You will not be able to drop after the 1st grading period.
- If the student does not pass the 1st or 2nd grading period or fails the 1st semester, he/she will automatically be dropped from the course per district policy.
- Regardless of the grade, no students will be removed from a HS credit course after the 1st semester.

Career Launchpad

Subject: CTE

The course is designed to help students research prospective careers and educational pathways, through a deeper understanding of the CTE courses KISD has to offer.

Our approach to help guide student through this course focuses on familiarizing students with the CTE courses by providing hands-on experiences that relate to those careers.

STEM & Engineering unit, students will:

1. Research a chosen career: This includes understanding the educational requirements, job description, salary, necessary skills, and future job outlook.
2. Hands-On Project: Students will build a sling shot to get hands-on experience.

Automotive unit, students will:

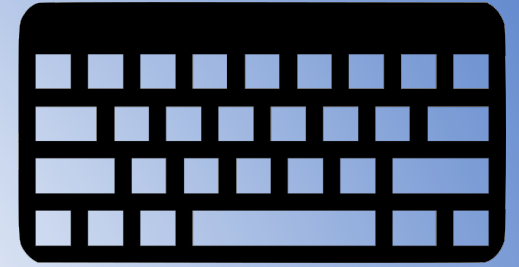
1. Research a chosen career: This includes understanding the educational requirements, job description, salary, necessary skills, and future job outlook.
2. Group project: Create a How-To guide on how to fix something on a car. Ex: Change a tire, Change oil, Fix break pads and present to the class

Eligible grades: 7th & 8th

While the course does include traditional academic tasks such as writing and research, it is balanced with engaging and enjoyable activities. Most grades come from the related to class projects.

Foundations of Business Communication & Technology

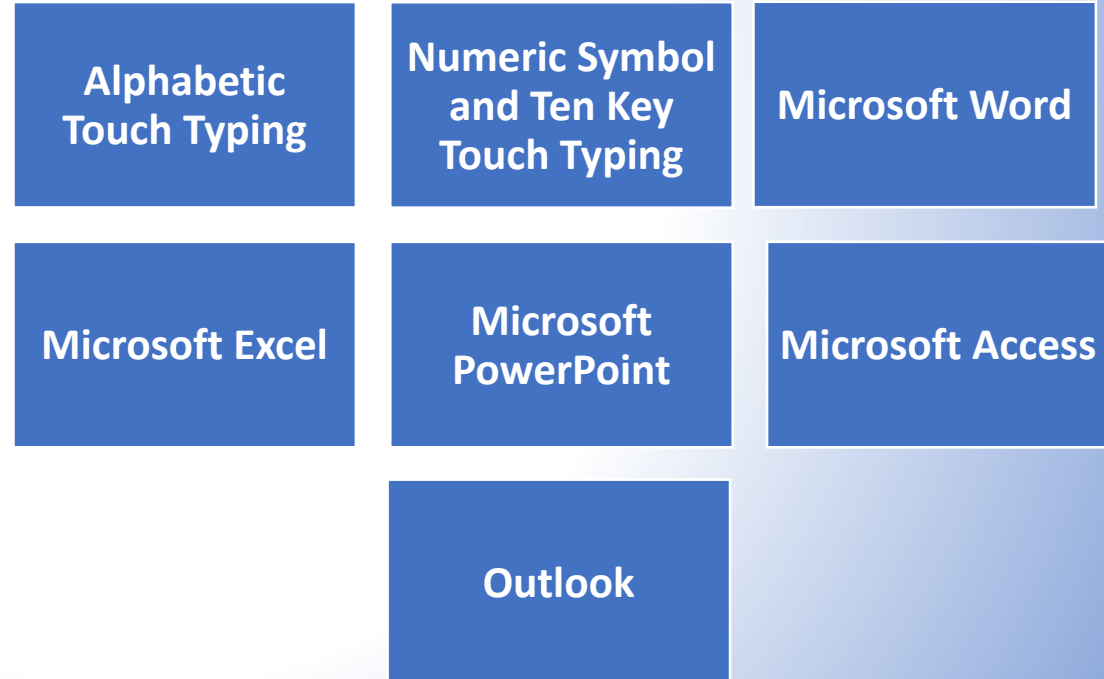
7th & 8th Grade



In this course students will:

- learn computer skills essential for college and work readiness using the industry standard Microsoft Office Suite
- produce a variety of Word documents, create Excel spreadsheets and charts, develop and maintain Access databases, and design professional PowerPoint presentations.
- Outlook is introduced as a necessary skill in college and work.

UNITS COVERED



***Dual Credit available in high school**

Principles of Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications

7th & 8th Grade

In Principles of Arts, A/V Technology and Communications, students will

- understand arts, audio/video technology, and communications systems.
- Within this context, students will be expected to develop an understanding of the various and multifaceted career opportunities in this cluster and the knowledge, skills, and educational requirements for those opportunities.

Pre-requisite for:

- *Audio Video Courses**
- *Graphic Design**
- * Digital Arts**
- *Commercial photography**
- *Animation**
- *Fashion Design**



UNITS COVERED

**Audio
Production**

**Video
Production**

**Commercial
Photography**

**Graphic
Design**

Animation

**Fashion
Design**

Spanish 1 – 8th grade only

- 8th Grade Only Course
- Covers all curriculum of Spanish 1 in a single year, just like in high school.
- Earn 1 full credit of high school in 1 year.
- This is a course for non-native Spanish speakers.
 - If Spanish is spoken at home, enroll in the Spanish for Spanish Speakers course instead.



Spanish for Spanish Speakers

8th grade only

- Esta clase es para estudiantes quienes su primer idioma es el español.
- Los estudiantes obtienen 2 créditos por 1 año escolar en esta clase.
- Clase perfecta para estudiantes que lo hablan y quieren aprender a escribir y leer mejor, así como practicar el idioma en diferentes situaciones.
- ¡No tiene que ser experto en el idioma!



Art 1 for High School Credit

Requirements: 8th Graders Only

***Pre-requisite: JH Art 1 course in either 6th or 7th grade**

***This is the pre-req for all additional Art courses in HS**

Art We Will Create:

Grid Drawing

Painterly Painting Techniques

Mixed Media

Ceramics

Sculpture

Sketchbook Fridays:

- * Art Technique Practice

- * Art History

- * Experimenting with Art Methods

Contests:

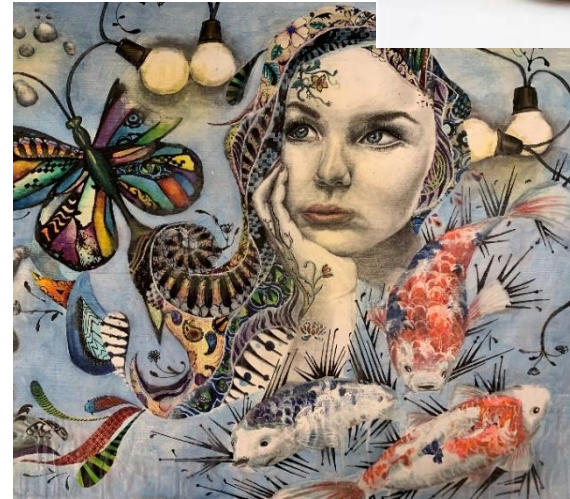
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Scholastic Art Contest

Visual Art Scholastic Event

Houston Dog Show

Youth Art Month



**Come and
Join the
FUN!!**

Principles of Information Technology

8th grade only

***Prerequisite for Networking Systems and Cyber Security (11th/12th grade courses)**



In Principles of Information Technology, students will

- develop computer literacy skills to adapt to emerging technologies used in the global marketplace.
- Implement personal and interpersonal skills to prepare for a rapidly evolving workplace environment.
- Enhance reading, writing, computing, communication, and reasoning skills and apply them to the information technology environment.

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Tech skills of the 21 st century	Computer hardware, operating systems and software	Word Processing
Career Exploration & Employability	Spreadsheets	Databases
Presentations	Programming	Web Design

Principles of Human Services

8th grade only

- Do you want to learn how to **manage money, cook, sew**, and learn the basics in **mental health, child development, and design**?
- Do you want to earn **high school credit**?
- Enroll in Principles of Human Services and learn the skills for life!



Principles of Applied Engineering – 8th grade only

Units of Study:

- History and relevance of Engineering
- Precise measurement
- Technical sketching
- 2D/3D CAD
- Career Exploration

Principles of Applied Engineering

Subject: CTE

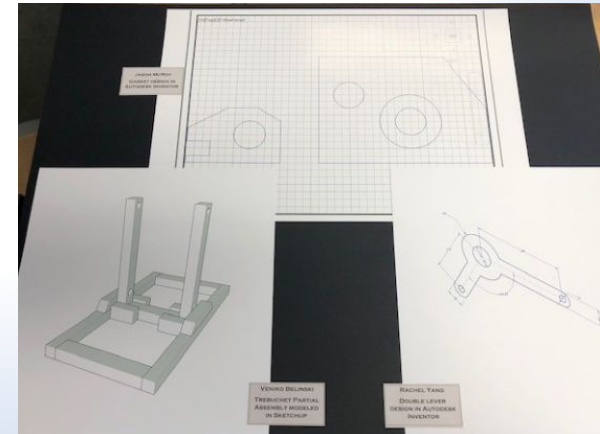
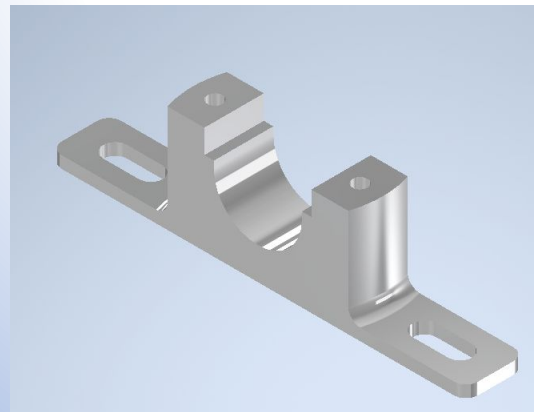
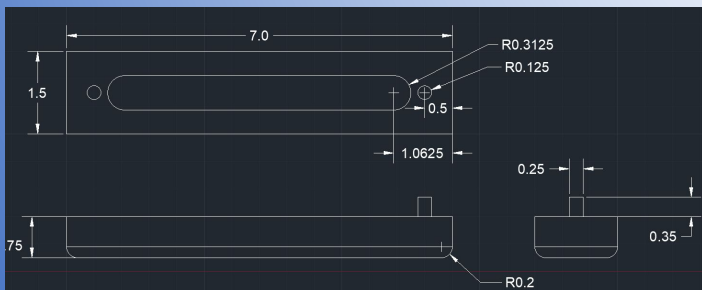
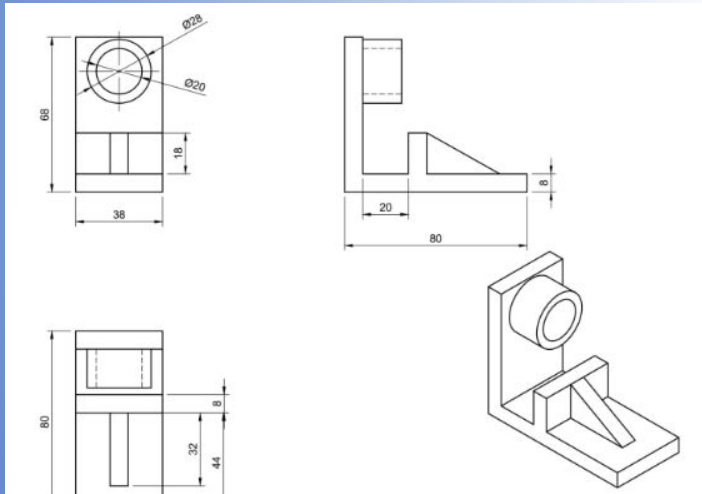
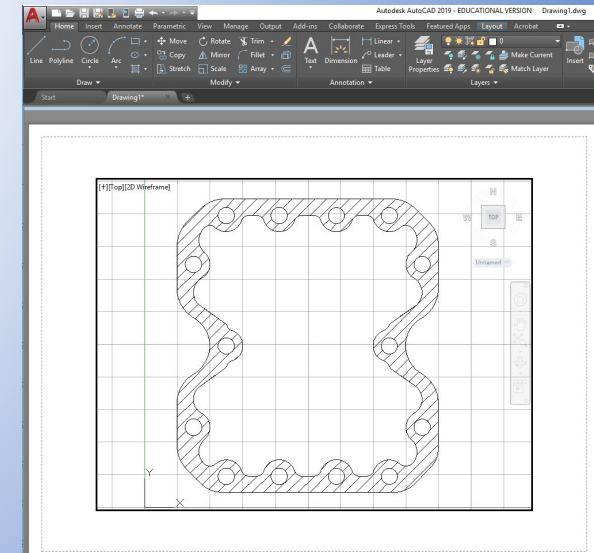
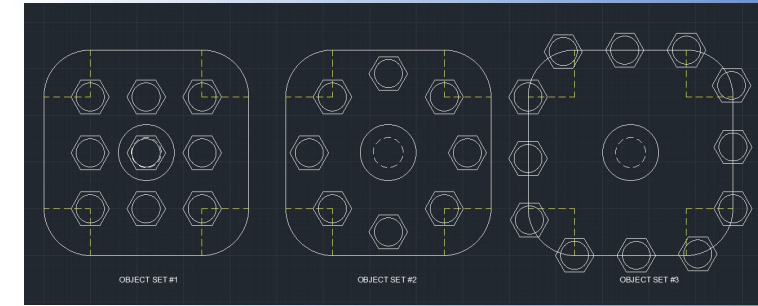
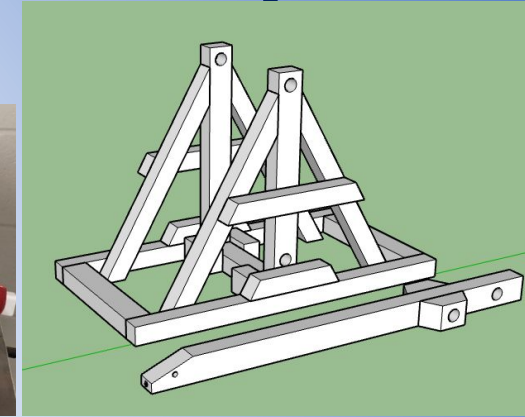
Eligible grades: 8th

Prerequisite: N/A

Corequisite: N/A

Course Fee: \$60.00 per year

Students use a variety of computer hardware and Autodesk applications to complete assignments and projects to gain an understanding of the interrelationships between various fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. **It is highly recommended that students take Algebra I** so that they can follow the concurrent pathway.
Course Fee: \$60.00 per year.



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. Students/parents do not get to pick which period they would like to have study hall.
- ☐ If you participate in an approved individual sport for 15 or more hours a week you will 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.
- ☐ ***If your child has previously done OCPE for dance, please know they will no longer be approved for 8th grade since we offer dance as a PE option***
- ☐ Information and applications can be found at: **Health & Physical Education Curriculum / Off Campus PE (katyisd.org)**

Dance for 8th Graders

☐ Dance

- ☐ Available to all 8th grade students
- ☐ No dance experience required - all levels are welcome!
- ☐ Counts as PE course
- ☐ Graded class/attended every day
- ☐ Class is based on availability
- ☐ Takes place on campus during the during school day with the JH Dance director, Mrs. Marmaro
- ☐ Does not count as a high school credit PE course. This is a junior high credit class that allows our students the opportunity to explore the JHS dance program
- ☐ *If your child has previously done OCPE for dance, please know they will no longer be approved for 8th grade since we offer dance as a PE option*

What we'll Learn

DANCE ANATOMY

HEALTH & FITNESS

BALLET

JAZZ

HIP HOP

POM

HIGH KICK

CONTEMPORARY

MODERN

MUSICAL THEATRE

FOLK & SOCIAL

8TH GRADE ADAMS *dance*

\$40 COURSE FEE

PE CREDIT

PREPARATION FOR HS FINE ARTS
DANCE - CHEER - COLOR GUARD - CHOIR - THEATRE

COURSE SELECTION CODE
J887

our class ABOUT

WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED DANCER OR JUST STARTING OUT, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO EXPLORE A VARIETY OF DANCE STYLES, LEARN AWESOME ROUTINES, AND BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE FROM HIP-HOP TO CONTEMPORARY, WE'LL COVER IT ALL WHILE HAVING A BLAST WITH FRIENDS PLUS, YOU'LL GET TO SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS AT EXCITING PERFORMANCES!



ASHLEYEMARMARO@KATYSD.ORG

Performance Opportunities

ADAMS PEP RALLY

JHS
THE LEGACY LINE UP

JHS LEGACIES
FALL SHOW

JHS LEGACIES
SPRING SHOW



Athletics

- ❖ Based on tryouts at the end of your 6th and 7th grade school year
- ❖ **Coaches determine placement into athletics**
- ❖ **Must have physical on file dated on or after May 1, 2026 & RankOne online forms completed**
- ❖ Athletic period (Fall) sports:
 - ❖ Football
 - ❖ Volleyball
 - ❖ Soccer
 - ❖ Basketball - tryouts in the late fall but season is in the Spring
- ❖ 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

Athletics is only for *football, volleyball, soccer, and basketball*.

No one is exclusively in athletics for the other 3 sports.

Remember: UIL “No Pass, No Play” is in effect – any grade *below 70* on the report card will prevent participation.

Course Requests

See your Counselor if you have any questions.

- ❖ Course Selections must be **submitted online through SchoolLinks February 2-March 17!**
- ❖ A **Course Planning sheet** will be provided to students to help make placement decisions and will need to be **turned into their Counselor on February 2!**
- ❖ **If you are moving or planning to move, you still must complete the course selection process**

All students must sign up for the following courses:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
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Course Catalog can be accessed on the Katyisd.org homepage & in SchoolLinks

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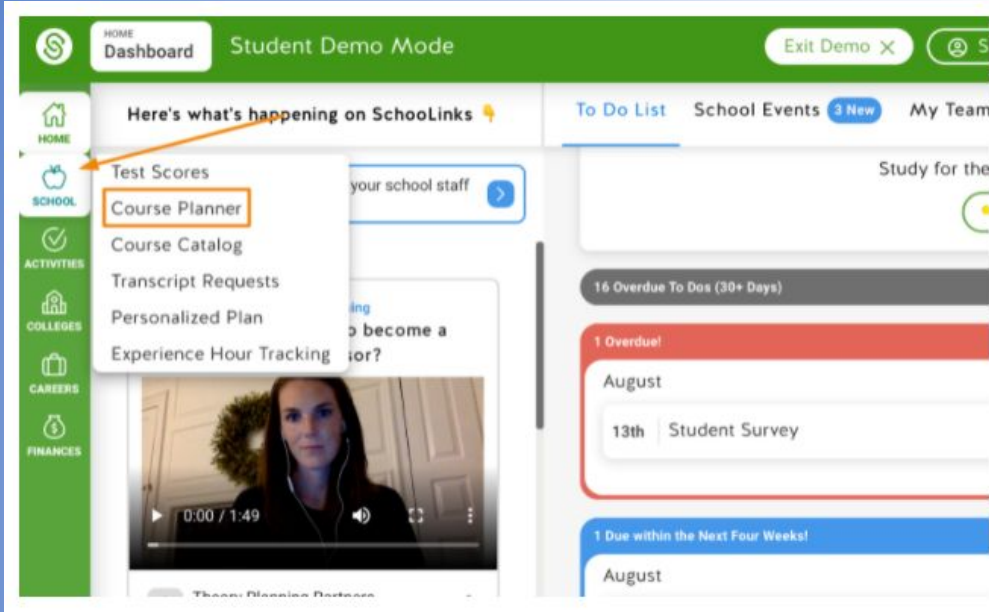
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Course Selection Process

Input courses into SchoolLinks Course Planner February 2nd - March 17th



Use Course Planning Sheet to plan out courses. Turn into Counselor on February 2nd

Counselors will use this course planning sheet to guide individual discussions when they meet with students February-March during ELA.

Course Planning Sheet - DRAFT

STUDENT GUIDE TO 3 YEAR COURSE PLANNING IN schoollinks



START HERE

When you pick your classes for junior high, think about:

- What you like: Which subjects or activities are your favorites?
- Future jobs: What careers sound interesting to you?
- Your goals: What do you want to learn for high school and beyond?

Your 3-year plan can include junior high classes that allow you to start earning credit for high school and some classes that can allow you to explore a pathway early. This gives you time to try things out and even change your mind before high school. Planning with your interests and goals in mind will help you get ready for the future!

Fill in the blanks with information from your SchoolLinks Profile

Career Cluster: _____

Career Goal: _____

Major/Training Goal: _____

Circle a Program area that matches your interests above: (*program begins in Junior High)

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| • AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND NATURAL RESOURCES | • MANUFACTURING | • HEALTH SCIENCE |
| • ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION | • MULTIDISCIPLINARY | • HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM |
| • ARTS AND HUMANITIES | • NUCLEAR | • HUMAN SERVICES |
| • ARTS AUDIO VIDEO TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION | • SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS | • INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY |
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| • EDUCATION AND TRAINING | | • LAW AND PUBLIC SERVICE |

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COURSE CATALOG



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING (ELAR) • Plan one English course for each year.
• You can plan any combination of academic or advanced (KAP) coursework.

6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
COMPLETED	ELAR BLOCK 7 (J706) OR ELAR BLOCK 7 KAP (J726)	ELAR 8 (J802) OR ELAR 8 KAP (J806)



MATH • Plan one Math course for each year.
• Plan for an academic or advanced (KAP) sequence of math courses. Many math courses have prerequisites, which means you must complete the required prerequisite before you can enroll in those courses.

6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
COMPLETED	MATH 7 (J711) OR MATH 7 KAP (J714)	MATH 8 (J811) OR ALGEBRA 1 (J0211EX)



SCIENCE • Plan one Science course for each year.
• You can plan any combination of academic or advanced (KAP) coursework.

6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
COMPLETED	SCIENCE 7 (J730) OR SCIENCE 7 KAP (J734)	SCIENCE 8 (J830) OR SCIENCE 8 KAP (J833)



SOCIAL STUDIES • Plan one Social Studies course for each year.
• You can plan any combination of academic or advanced (KAP) coursework.

6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
COMPLETED	SOCIAL STUDIES 7 (J720) OR SOCIAL STUDIES 7 KAP (J724)	SOCIAL STUDIES 8 (J820) OR SOCIAL STUDIES 8 KAP (J824)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) • Plan one PE course for each year, ensuring 3 PE courses are planned.
• Planning for Pre-Athletics does not guarantee a spot in athletics.

6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
COMPLETED	PE 7 (BOYS) (J780) PE 7 (GIRLS) (J781) OR ATHLETICS (BOYS) (J785) ATHLETICS (GIRLS) (J786)	PE 8 (BOYS) (J880) PE 8 (GIRLS) (J881) PE DANCE (J887) OR ATHLETICS (BOYS) (J885) ATHLETICS (GIRLS) (J886)



FINE ARTS • Plan for at least one Fine Arts course.

- Students must have one year of Fine Arts in junior high.
- You can plan for one fine arts OR elective in the 6th grade and up to two fine arts or electives in the 7th and 8th grades.
- If you are interested in an instrument-based course (band or orchestra) it is best to begin year 1 in the 6th grade because that course is designed for beginner level instruction

6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
COMPLETED	ART 1,2 (J911, J912) BAND 1,2 (J921, J922) CHOIR 1,2 BOYS/GIRLS (J951/J961, J952/J962) ORCHESTRA 1,2 (J931, J932) THEATER 1,2 (J941, J942)	ART 1, 2, 3 (J911, J912, J913) ART 1 HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT (J7511) BAND 1, 2, 3 (J921, J922, J923) CHOIR 1, 2, 3 BOYS/GIRLS (J951/J961, J952/J962, J953, J963) ORCHESTRA 1, 2, 3 (J931, J932, J933) THEATER 1, 2, 3 (J941, J942, J943)



ELECTIVES

- If you did not select a Fine Arts course in the 6th grade, add one elective course to the 6th grade year.
- Add 1-2 electives to any year depending on how many other courses you have selected.
- Some electives can help you earn high school credit (-) or begin to explore pathways (*)

6 TH	7 TH	8 TH
COMPLETED	• CAREER LAUNCHPAD (J0072)- • FOUNDATIONS OF BUSINESS, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGIES (J8601)-* • LEADWORTHY (J999) • PRINCIPLES OF ARTS, A/V TECH AND COMMUNICATIONS (J8037)-* • PUBLICATIONS 1 (J755)*	• CAREER LAUNCHPAD (J0072)- • PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGIES (J8601)-* • LEADWORTHY (J999) • PEER ASSISTANCE LEADERSHIP (PAL) (J998) • PRINCIPLES OF APPLIED ENGINEERING (J8616)-* • PRINCIPLES OF ARTS, A/V TECH AND COMMUNICATIONS (J8037)-* • PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN SERVICES (J8353)-* • PRINCIPLES OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (J8644)-* • PRINCIPLES OF MANUFACTURING (J8043)-* • PUBLICATIONS 2 (J855)* • SPANISH 1 (J6319)-* • SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS 1&2 (J6361 & J6362)-* • STUDENT AID (J300)

IMPORTANT!! MAKE SURE YOUR PLAN FITS A 7 PERIOD SCHOOL DAY SO YOU DO NOT UNDER OR OVER PLAN.



ALTERNATES

Add 1-3 alternate options for Fine Arts and/or elective courses in case of scheduling conflicts.

FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	THIRD CHOICE

NEXT STEPS:

1. ENTER ALL INFORMATION FROM THIS PLANNING GUIDE INTO YOUR SCHOOLINKS COURSE PLANNER.
2. SUBMIT YOUR COURSE PLAN AND YOUR PERSONALIZED PLAN BEFORE YOU HAVE YOUR 1 ON 1 MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.
3. ASK YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN TO APPROVE YOUR PLAN IN SCHOOLINKS IN THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN ACCOUNT.

FINAL DUE DATE TO SUBMIT/APPROVE : MARCH 17, 2026 11:59PM

Verification Process

- After your student meets individually with their grade level counselor, you will have view only access in SchooLinks.
 - Counselors will be meeting with students through their ELA class February-March. We will meet with ALL students - please be patient!
- Any changes must be submitted through the Course Selection Google Form that will be sent out 02/17/26 & posted on our counseling website.
 - Changes will not be made after March 17 – This is your last opportunity to make changes to your course requests!
 - Counselors will not be monitoring SchooLinks messages, so please send any questions via email and submit any changes through the google form.
- Students/parents can check course requests through SchooLinks.
 - The course requests shown in SchooLinks are not the schedule — it is the list of courses you selected.
 - Students will get their official schedule in August at Viking Venture.

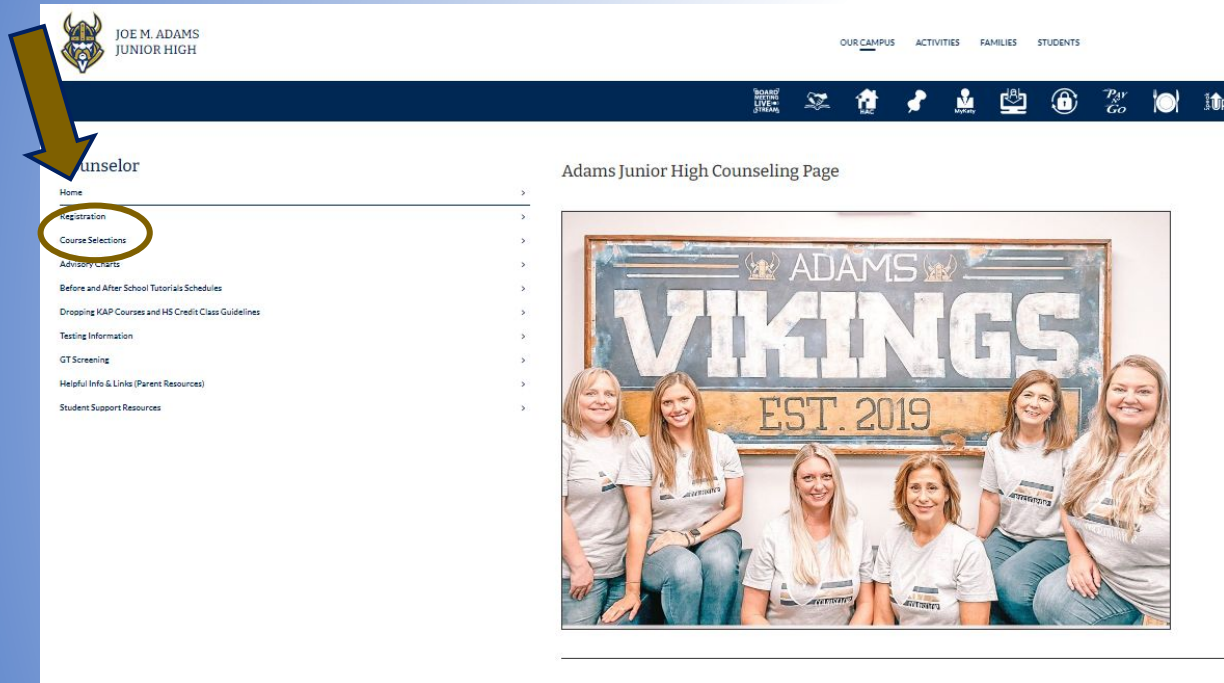
KATY ISD SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

Once course verification has been completed, schedule changes for the 2026-2027 school year will be allowed only in the following cases:

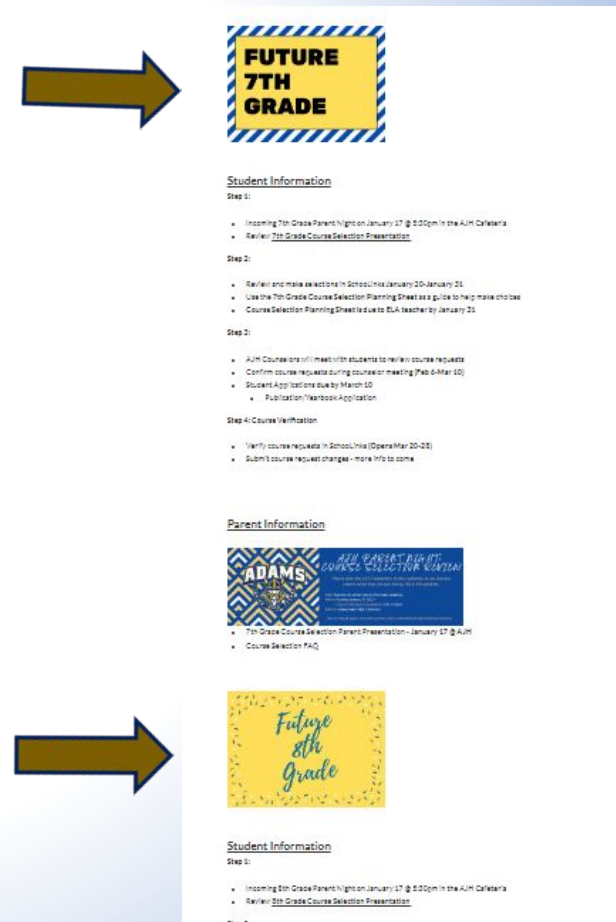
- ★ ERROR IN SCHEDULE BY THE SCHOOL (DATA ENTRY ERROR).
- ★ STUDENT HAS NOT MET COURSE PREREQUISITES.
- ★ STUDENT HAS ALREADY EARNED CREDIT FOR THE COURSE
- ★ CHANGE IN PROGRAM (ATHLETICS, FINE ARTS, ETC).
- ★ LEVEL CHANGES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TEACHER AND COUNSELOR, WITH PARENT AND PRINCIPAL APPROVAL.
- ★ STUDENT DID NOT MEET STANDARD ON STAAR/EOC EXAM.

AJH Counseling Website

All course selection information can be found here!



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Selection Information



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**AJH Counseling
Website**



**PALS Application
(current 7th graders only)**



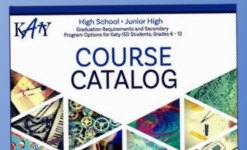
**Publications
(Yearbook)
Application**



**Student Aide
Application
(current 7th graders
only)**



**Course Catalog is
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**We can't wait for
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