2026-2027

COURSE PLANNING INFORMATION JHS CLASS OF 2030

MEET YOUR COUNSELORS

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COLLEGE & CAREER	MS. STILLINGER



Counselor splits are determined at the start of the year and vary based on student enrollment.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



22 FOUNDATION CREDITS

+4 ENDORSEMENT CREDITS

=26 TOTAL CREDITS

THE 5 ENFORSEMENTS



STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH



BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

PUBLIC SERVICES





ARTS AND HUMANITIES



MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

We recommend selecting multidisciplinary. As you take courses and electives, counselors will add endorsements.

ENDORSEMENT PATHWAYS

YOU CAN FIND A LIST OF PATHWAYS FOR EACH ENDORSEMENT ON THE COURSE CATALOG IN SCHOOLINKS. THEY DETAILS ALL COURSES NEEDED TO FULLFILL EACH PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR EACH ENDORSEMENT.

TYPES OF CLASSES

DURING THE 7 PERIOD HS DAY:

- Traditional face-to-face
- Virtual Instructional day request (IDR)- You choose!
- Virtual instructional day Supplemental (IDS)- Offered if course isn't available on campus or select circumstances.

OUTSIDE OF THE 7 DAY HS DAY:

- Tuition- Based Virtual Courses- current LVHS
- KSAT Virtual Courses

9TH GRADE

MAY CHOOSE UP TO 2 IDR COURSES

IDR COURSES ARE SCHEDULED WITH STUDY HALL, LATE ARRIVAL, EARLY RELEASE DURING THE DAY

MAY CHOOSE UP TO 2 TUITION BASED VIRTUAL COURSES

2026 - 2027

SCHEDULING OPTIONS

QUESTIONS ABOUT COURSE OFFERINGS AND SCHEDULING? CONTACT YOUR CAMPUS COUNSELOR

WHAT ARE MY SCHEDULING OPTIONS?

Select courses will be offered in a variety of formats to offer students flexibility and choice.

In addition to traditional face-to-face, some courses may be taken virtually as part of the instructional day, and some may still be taken virtually outside of the school day with a fee.

HOW CAN I TAKE A VIRTUAL COURSE?

As a KISD student, you can select **two (2)** virtual course offerings to be taken during the instructional day. **Both** of these courses could be connected to a Late Arrival or Early Release period or a study hall.

Additionally, you can choose up to **two supplemental (2)** tuition-based virtual courses that are scheduled outside of the instructional day.

In the summer semester, you can also take up to **two (2)** tuition-based original credits.

WHEN ARE VIRTUAL COURSES SCHEDULED?

Instructional Day (ID) Virtual Courses are scheduled in 3 ways within the 7 period day:

- with a **Study Hall**
- with a **Late Arrival***
- with an **Early Release***

**LATE ARRIVAL & EARLY RELEASE REQUIRE OWN TRANSPORTATION*

Tuition-Based Virtual Courses (formerly KVS) are scheduled outside of the Instructional Day.

WHICH COURSES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY?

- Please see the Legacy Virtual High School webpage for virtual course offerings: https://lvhs.katyisd.org/

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CHOOSE ONE ENGLISH COURSE:

- ENGLISH 1 ACADEMIC
- ENGLISH I KAP (KATY ADVANCED PLACEMENT)
- ENGLISH I KAP/ GT (COURSE FOR GT STUDENTS)

CHOOSE ONE SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE:

- WORLD GEOGRAPHY
- WORLD GEOGRAPHY KAP (KATY ADVANCED PLACEMENT)
- AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (GT STUDENTS WILL TAKE THIS COURSE)

- You cannot take both AP Human Geography and World Geography KAP or academic

CHOOSE ONE MATH COURSE:

- ALGEBRA 1
- GEOMETRY (ONLY IF YOU TOOK ALGEBRA IN 8TH GRADE)
- GEOMETRY KAP (KATY ADVANCED PLACEMENT)
- GEOMETRY KAP/ GT (GT STUDENTS ONLY)
- ALGEBRA II (ONLY IF ALGEBRA &GEOMETRY IN JR HIGH)
- ALGEBRA II KAP (KATY ADVANCED PLACEMENT)
- ALGEBRA II KAP/ GT (GT STUDENTS ONLY)

CHOOSE ONE SCIENCE COURSE:

- BIOLOGY
- BIOLOGY KAP (KATY ADVANCED PLACEMENT)
- BIOLOGY KAP/ GT (GT STUDENTS ONLY)

JHS KAP Biology

KAP Biology is a rigorous and academically challenging environment that targets the needs of advanced students.

A Closer Look

Our Goal

to cultivate scientifically literate citizens who are willing to think critically, problem solve, and ask questions.



Successful KAP Biology Student "Profile"

- Collaborates with peers productively & can work independently
- explains thinking to others
- asks questions
- communicates both verbally and in writing
- makes mistakes & learns from them
- attends tutorials
- manages time
- Has effective problem-solving skills
- Can justify their work
- utilizes Canvas and other resources
- Self-advocates

KAP Biology

- Inquiry-based learning model that promotes discovery & critical thinking
- notes are unguided & predeminantly taken at home, allowing for content-rich discussions & activities during class
- student-centered learning environment with frequent checks for understanding
- Assessments are predominantly application-based, including free-response questions

Academic Biology

- Labs & activities reinforce learning & allow students to apply knowledge to the real-world
- note-taking assistance & guidance is provided & generally taken in class
- Student-centered learning environment with teacher guidance
- Assessments are a combination of knowledge retention and application of skills. Quizzes & tests are predominantly multiple choice, drag & drop, hot spots, or fill in the blank.

Advice from Former Students

STUDY every single day because if they don't then things will build up and it can be overwhelming. Plus you retain more information if you study every day instead of cram the night before.

Don't expect everything to come as easy to you as it did in Junior High. You're going to have to work hard and put effort in if you want to get good grades. But also don't give up if you don't do good right away, take that as motivation to work harder.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING BIOLOGY KAP, PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR SCIENCE TEACHER

CHOOSING PE COURSES AND FINE ARTS

1PE OR ATHLETICS

STUDENT-ATHLETES MUST CHOOSE ONLY ONE ATHLETICS PROGRAM DURING ONLINE COURSE SELECTION. FOR MULTI-SPORTS ATHLETES, YOU WILL SELECT THE SPORT THAT COMES FIRST IN THE SECOND YEAR, AND THE COACHES AND COUNSELORS WILL WORK TOGETHER TO MOVE STUDENTS TO THEIR 2ND SPORT ONCE THE 1ST SPORT SEASON IS OVER.

FINE ARTS

STUDENTS CAN ENROLL IN BOTH A FINE ARTS COURSE AND A PE/ ATHLETICS COURSE DURING THE SAME YEAR.

BAND/ COLOR GUARD/ DANCE

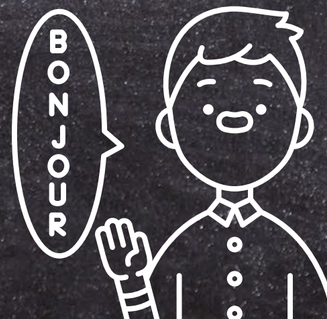
BAND/ COLOR GUARD/ DANCE DO HAVE A PE CREDIT OPTION (TALK TO YOUR DIRECTOR AND/ OR COUNSELOR TO MAKE SURE COURSE CODE IS CORRECT!)



CHOOSING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

STUDENTS WILL NEED 2 YEARS OF LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL II OF A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. IF YOU ARE TAKING SPANISH 1 IN 8TH GRADE, YOU WILL TAKE SPANISH II IN 9TH. SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS 1 AND 2, YOU WILL TAKE SPANISH FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS 3 AND 4.

SOME STUDENTS CAN WAIT TO TAKE THEIR FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN 10TH GRADE IF THEY HAVE NOT STARTED IN THE 8TH GRADE.





SAMPLE 9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTIONS

1. ENGLISH 1
2. ALGEBRA
3. WORLD GEOGRAPHY
4. BIOLOGY
5. ELECTIVE
6. ELECTIVE
7. ELECTIVE

POSSIBLE ELECTIVE CHOICES:

- LANGUAGE COURSE
- ATHLETICS OR PE COURSE
- FINE ARTS COURSE
- PRINCIPLES CLASS
- COURSE ALIGNED WITH STUDENT INTEREST/STRENGHT

* Students should try to take courses that fulfill the graduation requirements so there is room in their schedule later in high school

Jordan High School - Incoming 9th Graders

Course Selection List 2025-2026 *(as of 1.16.25)*

	ENGLISH	End	Adv
0101	English I (9-12)		
0141	English I KAP (9-12)		
0143	English I KAP/GT (9-12)		
	MATHEMATICS	**End**	**Adv**
0211	Algebra I (9-12)		
0223	Geometry (9-12)		
0251	Geometry KAP (9-12)		
0252	Geometry KAP/GT (9-12)		
0261	Algebra II (9-12)		
0253	Algebra II KAP (9-12)		
0254	Algebra II KAP/GT (9-12)		
	FINE ARTS	**End**	**Adv**
741__	Theater Arts (9-12)	A	
752__	Theater Production (9-12)	A	
745__	Technical Theater (9-12)	A	
7511	Art I (9-12)	A	
757__	Ceramics I, II (10-12)	A	
755__	Drawing I, II (10-12)	A	
756__	Painting I, II (10-12)	A	
758__	Sculpture I, II (10-12)	A	
761__	Dance (9-12)	A	
770__	Dance Team Training (9-12)	A	
771__	Dance Team (9-12)	A	
780__	Dance Color Guard (spr or year) (9-12)	A	
2005	Digital Arts & Animation (Fine Art Credit) (9-12)	BA	✓
701__	Band (sem or year) (9-12)	A	
711__	Jazz Band (9-12)	A	
7255	Instrumental Ensemble 1 (9-12)	A	
791__	Orchestra (9-12)	A	
721__	Choir (9-12)	A	
725__	Choir (Vocal Ensemble) (9-12)	A	
	WORLD LANGUAGES (LOTE)	**End**	**Adv**
6110	French I (9-12)	A	
6120	French II (10-12)	A	
6210	German I (9-12)	A	
6220	German II (10-12)	A	
6319	Spanish I (9-12)	A	
6320	Spanish II (9-12)	A	
6329	Spanish III (10-12)	A	
6339	Spanish III KAP (10-12)	A	✓
6361	Spanish for Span Spkr I (fall sem) (1 credit) (taken w/ 6362) (9-12)	A	

	SCIENCE	End	Adv
0411	Biology (9-12)		
0471	Biology KAP (9-12)		
0472	Biology KAP/GT (9-12)		
	SOCIAL STUDIES	**End**	**Adv**
0341	World Geography (9-12)		
0353	World Geography KAP (9-12)		
0347	AP Human Geography (9-12)		✓
0348	AP Human Geography GT (9-12)		✓
0301	World History (10-12)	MA	
0307	World History KAP (10-12)	MA	✓
0305	AP World History (10-12)	MA	✓
0306	AP World History GT (10-12)	MA	✓
0351	Sociology (9-12)	A	✓
	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	**End**	**Adv**
5401	Lifetime Recreation & Outdoor Pursuits (Boys) (9-12)		
5402	Lifetime Recreation & Outdoor Pursuits (Girls) (9-12)		
5403	Skills Based Lifetime Activities (Boys) (9-12)		
5404	Skills Based Lifetime Activities (Girls) (9-12)		
5405	Lifetime Fitness & Wellness Pursuits (Boys) (9-12)		
5406	Lifetime Fitness & Wellness Pursuits (Girls) (9-12)		
	ATHLETICS	**End**	**Adv**
510__	PE Football-Boys (9-12)		
520__	PE Volleyball-Girls (9-12)		
516__	PE Cross Country Boys (9-12)		
526__	PE Cross Country Girls (9-12)		
511__	PE Basketball-Boys (9-12)		
521__	PE Basketball Girls (9-12)		
545__	PE Wrestling (Girls/Boys) (9-12)		
515__	PE Soccer-Boys (9-12)		
525__	PE Soccer Girls (9-12)		
518__	PE Swimming (9-12)		
527__	PE Diving (9-12)		
513__	PE Baseball-Boys (9-12)		
523__	PE Softball Girls (9-12)		
517__	PE Golf (Boys/Girls) (9-12)		
512__	PE Track-Boys (9-12)		
522__	PE Track Girls (9-12)		
519__	PE Tennis (9-12)		
5419	PE Student Athletic Trainer I (application required) (9-12)		
5301	PE Cheerleading I (Athletics) (9-12)		
	PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUBSTITUTIONS	**End**	**Adv**

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADERS ATTENDING JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SELECTION WEBSITE

CHOOSING COURSES FOR NEXT YEAR

Students select courses in SchooLinks (KatyCloud) before 2/2/26.

Choose from the 4 required subject areas:
English
Math
Science
Social Studies

Choose 3 elective courses to fill all 7 class periods.

Courses labeled (sem) are semester courses. You will need to select 2

Students will meet with counselor to review credits and finalize course requests

Please plan classes before Feb. 3th. Counselors will start meeting with students on Feb 3rd

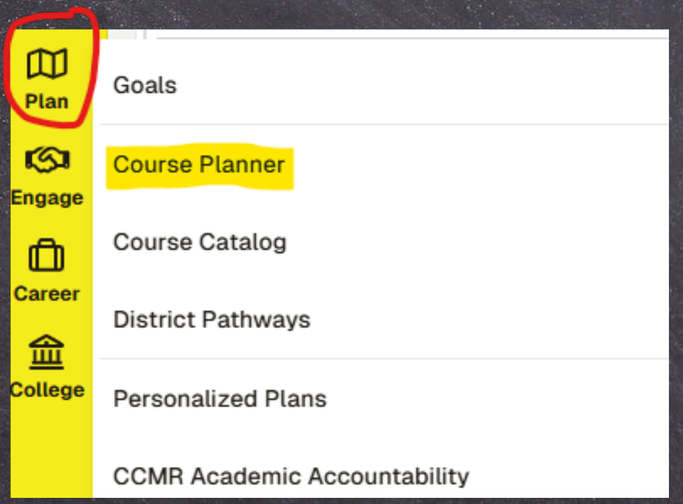
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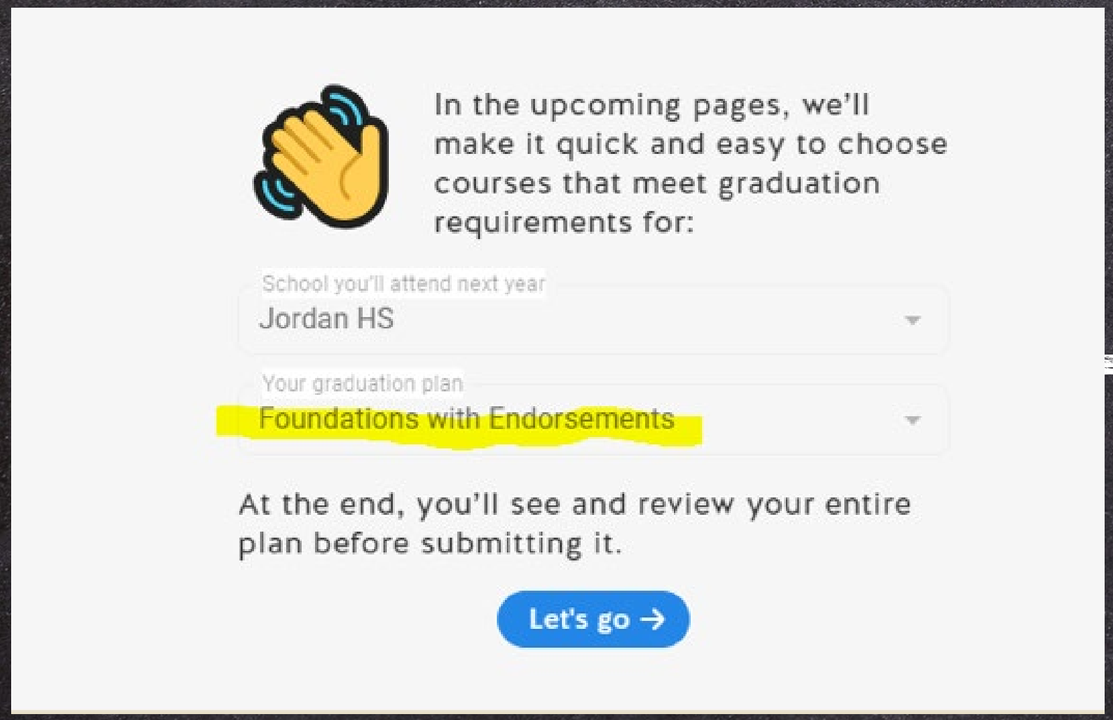
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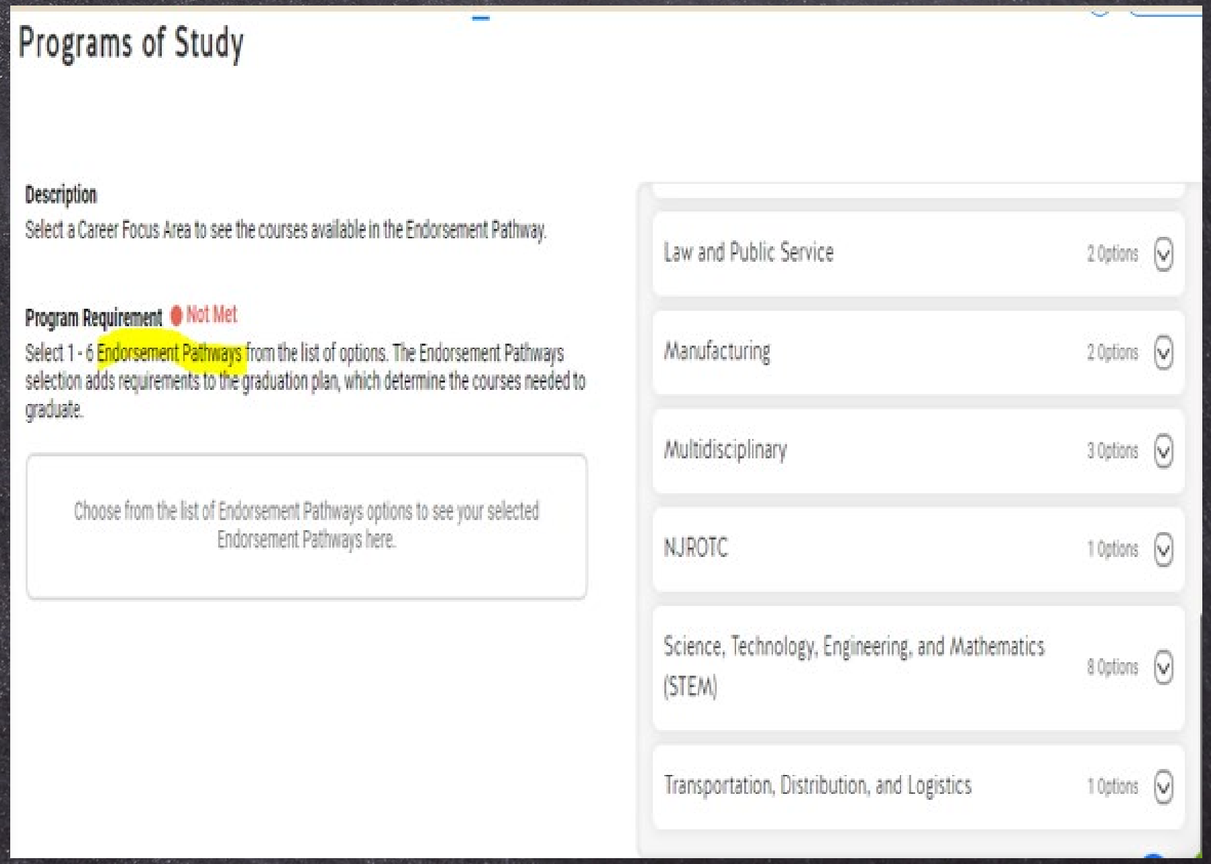


COURSE PLANNER

IF ASKED, YOU WILL CHOOSE FOUNDATION WITH ENDORSEMENT PLAN

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO PICK AN ENDORSEMENT. YOU WILL NEED TO STUDY THESE AND USE THE COUSE CATALOG. IF UNSURE, PICK MULTIDISCIPLINARY





USING SCHOOLINKS FOR COURSE SELECTION

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

MATH

SCIENCE

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SPEECH

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

ALTERNATES



ENGLISH

SOCIAL STUDIES

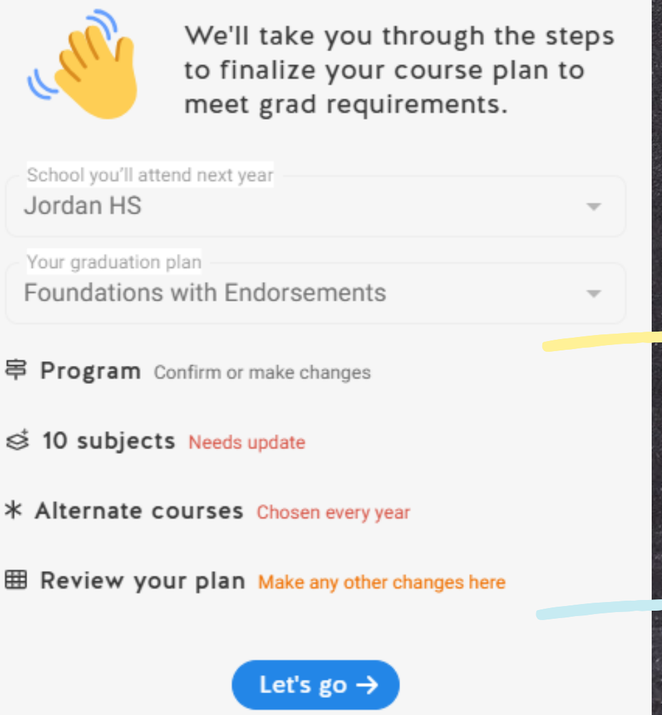
LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

FINE ARTS

HEALTH

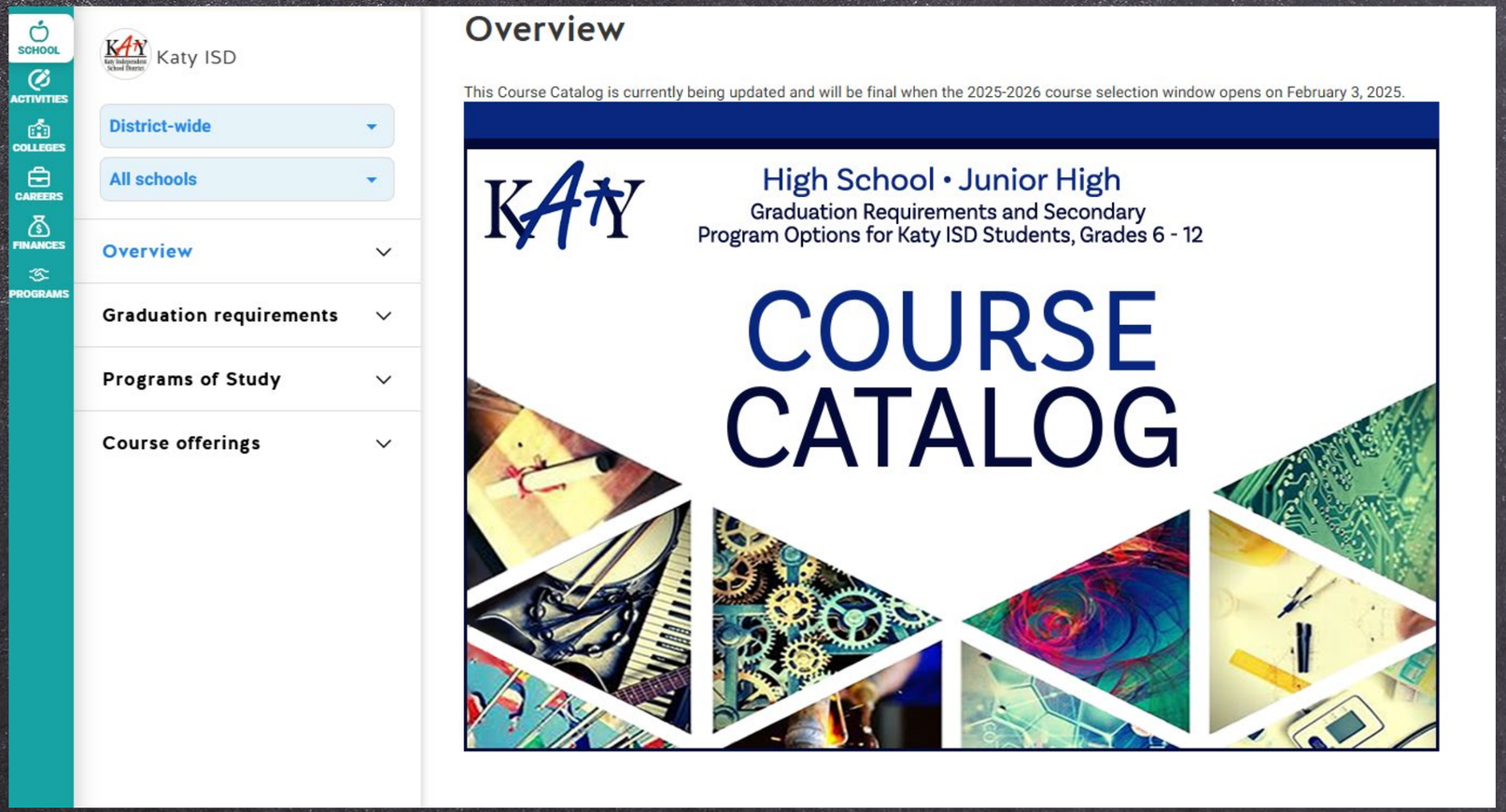
ELECTIVES

SUMMARY



- SELECT A PATHWAY THAT MATCHES YOUR FUTURE CAREER INTERESTS. THIS WILL HELP YOU PLAN FOR AN ENDORSEMENT
- CHOOSE COURSES FOR EACH SUBJECT INCLUDING YOUR ALTERNATE COURSES
- CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE MET REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR CHOSEN COURSES

USE THE COURSE CATALOG IN SCHOOLINKS. THE COURSE CATALOG EXPLAINS WHAT EACH ENDORSEMENT AND PATHWAY IS ALONG WITH COURSES THAT FULFILL THAT CHOSEN AREA.



COURSE CATALOG

TIMELINE

1 COURSE PLANNER IS OPEN FOR YOU TO SELECT COURSES ON SCHOOLINKS

2 COUNSELORS WILL MEET WITH STUDENTS TO REVIEW SELECTIONS & ANSWER QUESTIONS

3 LIST ALTERNATE CHOICES IN THE ORDER OF PREFERENCE BECAUSE ELECTIVE CLASSES ARE NOT GUARANTEED.

4 COUNSELORS WILL COMMUNICATE COURSE VERIFICATION TIMELINE. REMEMBER THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CHANGES TO YOUR CLASSES.

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.



QUESTIONS?

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AFTER TODAY, PLEASE ASK YOUR 8TH GRADE COUNSELOR.
THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS