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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Today, your child learned how high school credit courses taken in junior high can shape their academic path. These courses offer a preview of high school academics and help students explore college and career options. Grades earned in these courses are recorded on the high school transcript and count toward a student's grade point average (GPA).

- An academic transcript is a permanent record of grades used for graduation, college and job applications.
- Grades in high school credit courses are recorded by semester, not by six weeks. Students must earn 70 or higher each semester to receive credit.
- Students cannot earn credit twice for the same course
- Algebra I will not count toward GPA if the student successfully completes four additional high school math credits.

Grade points earned based on semester grades are as follows:

COURSE	90-100 A	80-89 B	70-79 C	69 and below F
KAP/AP	5	4	3	0
Dual Credit	4.5	3.5	2.5	0
Academic Core and Elective Courses	4	3	2	0

The following is a list of high school credit courses at KJH:

- Spanish I
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers I and II
- Principles of Human Services
- Principles of Applied Engineering
- Principles of Manufacturing
- Principles of Arts, A/V, Technology, and Communications
- Principles of Business Communications and Technologies
- Career Launchpad
- Art I

To help your child succeed, parents are encouraged to:

- Facilitate open dialogue with your child regarding their academic performance and emotional health
- Monitor attendance
- Stay informed by reviewing teacher communications and reaching out with any questions or concerns

If a student begins falling behind or is at risk of failing a high school credit course, they should talk to their counselor about options, including exit guidelines. The last day to request an exit from a high school credit course is August 25, 2026.

- At any time during the school year, Students experiencing academic challenges should communicate with their teacher, have all assignments turned in, and attend tutorials to improve academic standing in a course.
- Students who fail the first semester will be removed from the course for the second semester.
- Students who pass the first semester will remain in the course through the end of the school year.
- Semester grades earned are recorded on a student's academic transcript

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, counselor or assistant principal.

Sincerely,
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