

AJH Course Selection

Welcome Future Vikings
2022-2023



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

Our Viking Family

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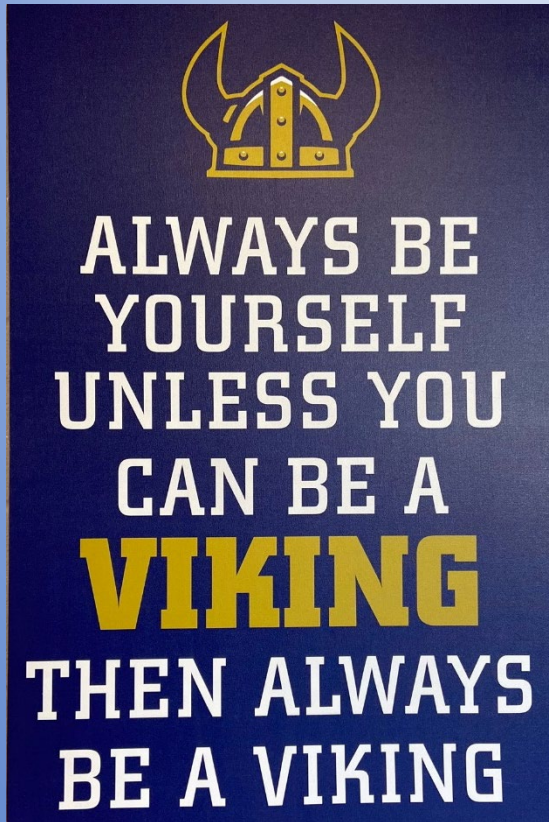


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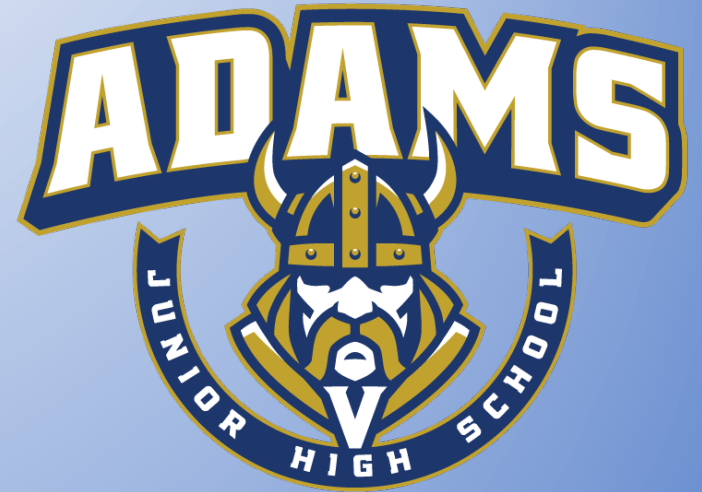


Mascot:
Viking

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
- 6th grade Classes are all 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 continued...

MORE FREEDOM!!

- 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 and responsibilities
- Attend tutorials
- Canvas is used in all courses
- Student IDs/lanyards must be worn at all times



Course Requests Overview

- ❖ Course Selection sheets must be turned in to your 5th grade teacher by February 4, 2022
- ❖ 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 sheet
- ❖ If you are signing up for KAP classes, both the student and parent must sign the KAP commitment letter on the back of the course selection sheet

See your Counselor if you have any questions.

All students must sign up for the following courses:

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- PE
- Elective & alternate elective choices

5th Grade Course Selection Worksheet
Adams Junior High 2022-2023

Student Name: Last, First, Middle Initial
Address: Street, City / Zip
Parent/Guardian Name: Last, First, Middle Initial
Parent/Guardian Home Phone: Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: Parent/Guardian Work Phone: Parent/Guardian Email: Birth Date: Student ID

INSTRUCTIONS: Circle 1 one course from each of the required areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies and PE. The KAP, KAP/GT agreement on the back of this page must be signed if any KAP or KAP/GT courses are selected. Mark required courses by circling the course number for the course. **IMPORTANT: List Fine Arts/Elective choices in order of preference.** Students may not receive their first choice elective due to insufficient enrollment in a course, scheduling conflicts, or over enrollment in course. Student and parent signatures confirm that all course guidelines have been reviewed and course selections have been made based on the student's individual strengths, interests and commitment. Final placement into courses is contingent upon campus approval. GT placement requires the student to have met specific Katy ISD screening criteria.

REQUIRED COURSES

ENGLISH AND READING	FINE ARTS**
6600 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6	6941 Theatre 1
6606 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP	6911 Art 1 Band 1
6609 English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP/GT*	6921 Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.
	6931 Orchestra 1
	6951 Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.
	6951 Choir 1 - Boys
	6961 Choir 1 - Girls

PLEASE LIST FINE ARTS ELECTIVE CHOICE IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE - LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE IN SOME COURSES

1. _____ (first choice)
2. _____ (second choice)
3. _____ (third choice)
4. _____ (fourth choice)

**These be selected that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting both their first elective choice. Please list alternative choices.
*Strategic Reading and Math Lab are intervention courses that may be required for students who did not pass the STAAR and/or based upon documented reading and/or math levels. These courses will take the place of the student's PE or Elective.

* GT course placement requires the student to meet specific Katy ISD screening criteria.

Student and parent signatures are required as confirmation that all course guidelines and course selections have been reviewed.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



* Available on AJH Counselor website

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

Students who enroll in KAP, KAP/GT, and AP/GT English Courses in grades 6-12 are expected to complete a **summer reading assignment**.

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, it is recommended the student follow the KAP protocol to exit the class at the end of the grading period.

The KAP Course Commitment form is included on the Course Selection Google Form & the AJH Counseling Website

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

KAP Math – accelerated math class covering all of 6th grade and approximately ½ 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 KAP 7th Grade Math

- * 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*.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ ELA-R is blocked meaning it is 2 class periods in a row with the same teacher.

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 are Fine Arts classes.
 - ❖ Art, Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Theatre
- ❖ Due to the high demand of certain electives, placement in elective courses will be limited based on availability and is not guaranteed.

Choosing an Elective Class

Do Consider...

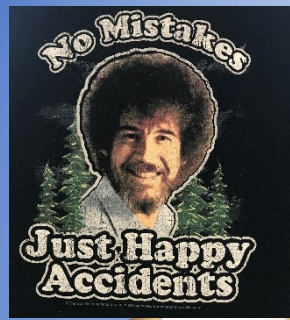
- ❖ Your interests and what you would like to learn about
- ❖ How much time outside of school is needed to participate/practice in the elective class
- ❖ What do you like to do for fun
- ❖ What outside time constraints do you have?

Don't Consider...

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

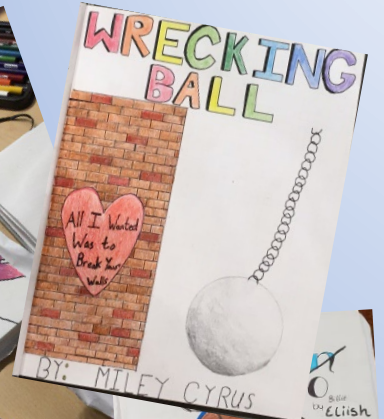
Elective Options





Art 1 = Create, Grow, & have FUN!

Paint, Draw + collaborate



Sketchbook + skill development

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

Oboe

Clarinet

Bassoon

Alto Sax

Trumpet

Horn

Trombone

Euphonium

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 Trip
- End of Year Choir Banquet
- Pop Show and LOTS MORE!



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.



Possible Required Courses

These courses take the place of your elective class.

- ❖ Math Lab: designed to help refine math concepts and fill in gaps
- ❖ Strategic Reading: designed to help improve reading proficiency and comprehension

Placement may be mandatory as a result of KISD standards and graduation requirements.

STAAR results are used to determine placement in the above courses.

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 2022 through the first week of school in the counseling 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 (approx. 3:15pm). These students will sign themselves out daily at the attendance window.
- Forms should be printed from the AJH counselor website or the KatyISD website.

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
- ❖ Must have physical on file dated after May 1, 2022 & RankOne online forms completed
- ❖ Athletic period (Fall) sports:
 - ❖ Football
 - ❖ Volleyball
 - ❖ Basketball
- ❖ After school (Spring) sports not placed in the athletic period:
 - ❖ Track
 - ❖ Soccer
 - ❖ 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

Course selection

- ❖ When you receive your course selection sheet please look it over with your parents
- ❖ You will circle one course from each required area:
 - ❖ 1 ELA-R
 - ❖ 1 Math
 - ❖ 1 Science
 - ❖ 1 Social Studies
 - ❖ 1 PE course
 - ❖ Elective Choice
- ❖ For Fine Arts please list your choices in order of preference
- ❖ Return Signed Course Selection Sheets to your teacher by February 4th

Completing the elective portion of the course selection sheet

- ★ Number your electives in order of preference 1-4

Sample

Please rank your top 4 elective choices in the spaces below		
1.	<u>Orchestra</u>	(first choice)
2.	<u>Art</u>	(second choice)
3.	<u>Theatre</u>	(third choice)
4.	<u>Choir</u>	(fourth choice)

- ★ Return course selection worksheet to your teacher by February 4th!

6th Grade Schedule Example

Lunch will either be after 2nd period (A) or after 3rd period (B)



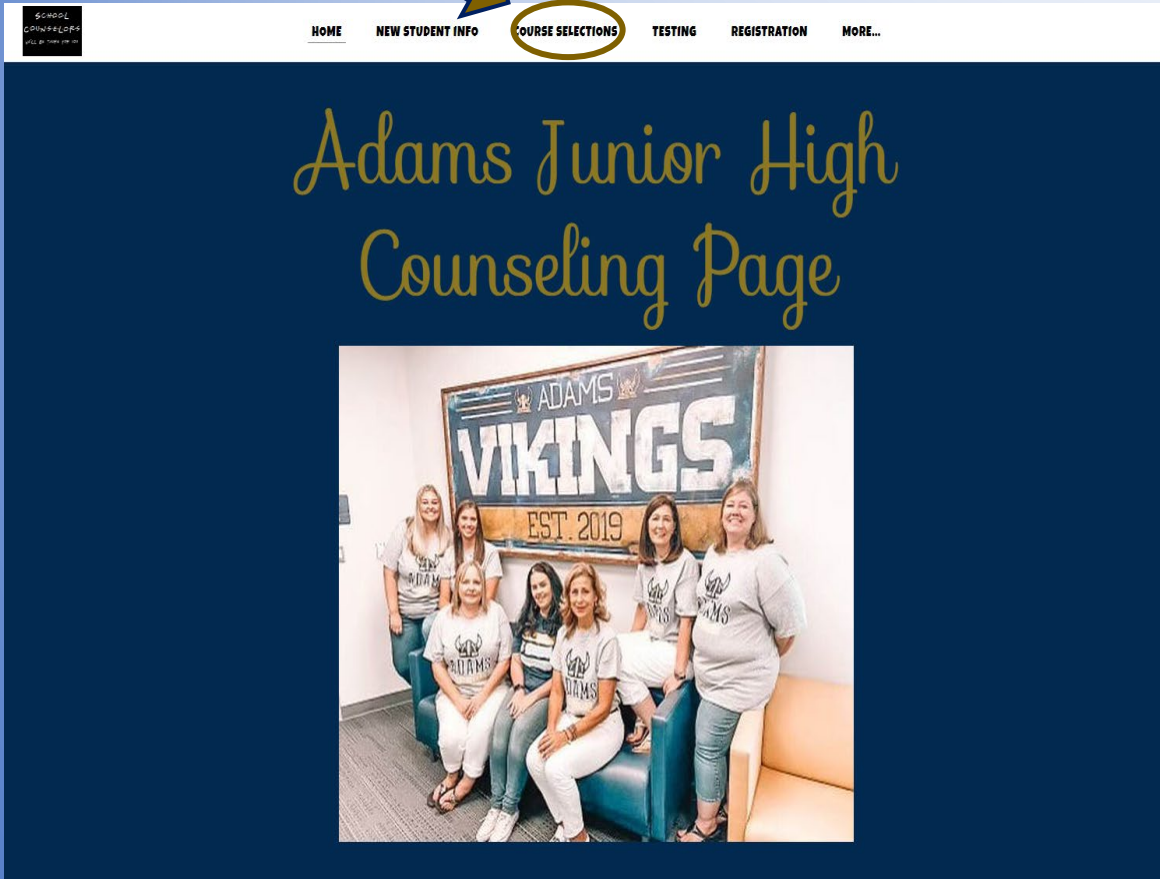
PERIOD	SEM.	ROOM NO.	SUBJECT	TEACHER	COURSE NO.
1	BS	1022	Math 6 KAP/GT	Kohl, C	G614
2	BS	1019	Science 6 KAP/GT	Smith, M	G634
LUNCH	BS	CAFE	Lunch 6	Page, P	LUNCH
3	BS	1010	Eng/Read 6 Block KAP/GT	Crandall, C	G606
4	BS	1010	Eng/Read 6 Block KAP/GT	Crandall, C	G606
5	BS	1034	Soc Studies 6 KAP/GT	Schuchart, A	G624
6	BS	1022	Advisory 6 GT	Kohl, C	G695
7	S2	2111	Study Hall B	Molina-Annis, M	J0020B
8	BS	1220	Choir 1 (Girls)	Agbu, J	J667
9	BS	N/A	PE 6 Off-Campus	Staff	J068

ELA-R Block

Verification Process

- All students will receive a verification sheet on March 21, 2022
- The verification sheet is not a schedule – it is only the list of courses you selected
- No changes will be made to courses prior to verification sheets being distributed
- Any changes to the student's courses should be made on the verification sheet and returned to the homeroom teacher with a parent signature no later than March 25, 2022
- This is your last opportunity to make changes
- If we do not receive a verification sheet back, we assume no corrections need to be made to your course selections

AJH Counseling Website



All course selection information can be found here!



Go to www.ajhcounselors.weebly.com & click on the Course Selections tab

REMEMBER!

- Course selection sheets are due to homeroom teacher by February 4, 2022.
- Keep your course selection 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 sheet on time!
- Any changes to course selections are made on the verification sheets.



**Welcome Future
Vikings!**

