

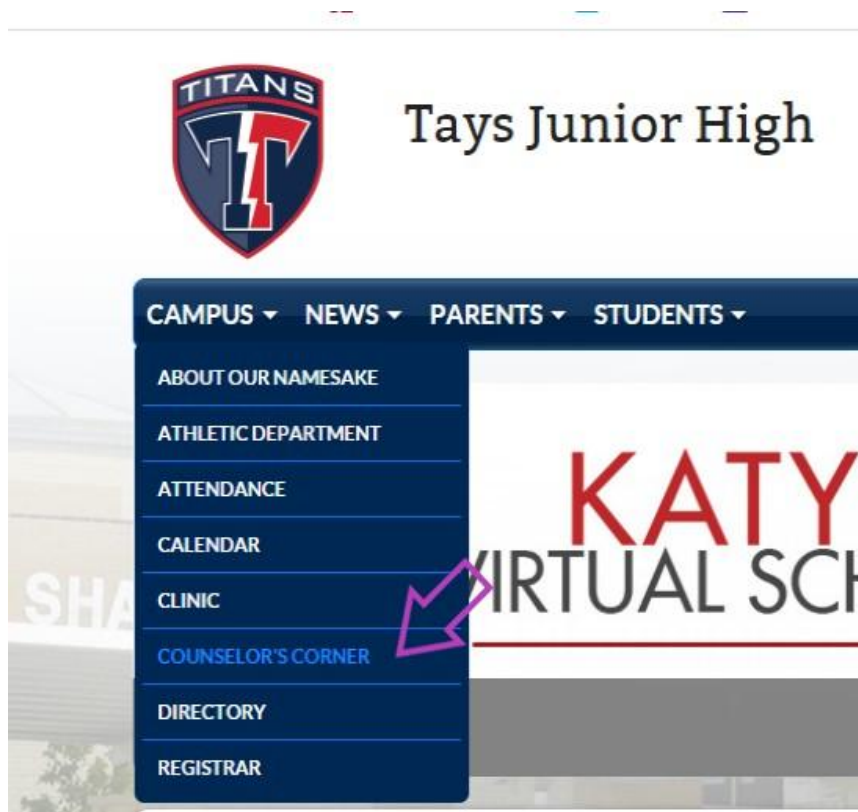
Tays Course Selection

Incoming 6th Grade Parent Information Session

2022-2023

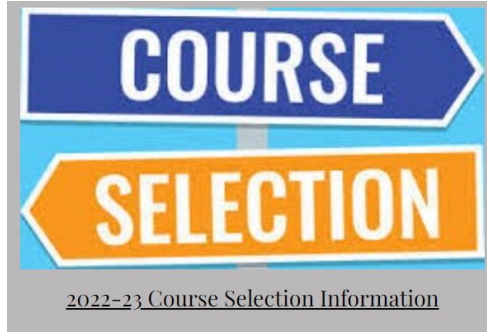


Where can parents find additional information?



Course selection materials- Tinyurl.com/TJHCD

Available on TJH Counselors website



FUTURE
6th
→
GRADE

Student Information

Step 1a: Review Course Selection Presentation

Step 1b: Review and make selections on the Course Selection Sheet.

Step 2: Submit course Selection sheet to 5th-grade teacher on or before February 4

Step 3: Elementary counselor will input courses into E-school

Step 4: Course Verification: Sheets sent home March 21. Due back to campus on or before **March 25.**

Parent Information

- 6th grade Parent Session Flyer
- 6th grade Parent Information Session Slides
- Academic vs KAP/GT in Junior High Handout



AP/KAP Course Commitment can be found on TJH Counselors Corner Website.

ALL ABOUT TJH

Principal: Dr. Kris Mitzner

School Hours: 8:55-4:05

School Colors: Navy & Crimson

Mascot: Titan

- ❑ 1 Assistant Principal & Counselor per grade level
- ❑ 6th grade class is composed of 5 feeder elementaries & New registration students



WHO'S WHO - 6TH Grade



Mr. Grelle
ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL



Mrs. Loyd
COUNSELOR

Junior High differences

- ★ 7 content classes-45 minutes in length
- ★ Home Base (Advisory) period (30 minutes)
- ★ 5 minute passing period between classes
- ★ 5 core classes (English, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- ★ 1 elective & P.E. Daily (No Recess)
- ★ Lockers: Academic (available upon request)& PE
- ★ 6th grade core classes upstairs
- ★ **Student IDs used and worn Daily!**
- ★ Defined tutorial schedule Mon-Thur AM/PM
- ★ AM Testing Center for Retesting
- ★ More responsibilities and privileges
- ★ New friends and interests



Three Class Formats

Academic – For everyone, on-level, more time to review concepts and master core content, more tutoring provided

KAP – More challenging, fast paced, and academically challenging; requires more independent learning than academic courses, prepares students for AP classes in high school ***Recommend current average of 85 or higher in 5th grade subject**

GT – Must be screened and identified to be eligible for GT courses; addresses the educational needs and abilities of the gifted learner through differentiation of content, process, product and the learning environment.

- ★ KAP & GT classes are blended on the secondary level
- ★ GT ELA students in 7th grade will have 1 additional elective

KAP Math

Big difference in the # of objectives covered

5th grade – approx. 60 objectives

6th grade Academic – approx. 64 objectives

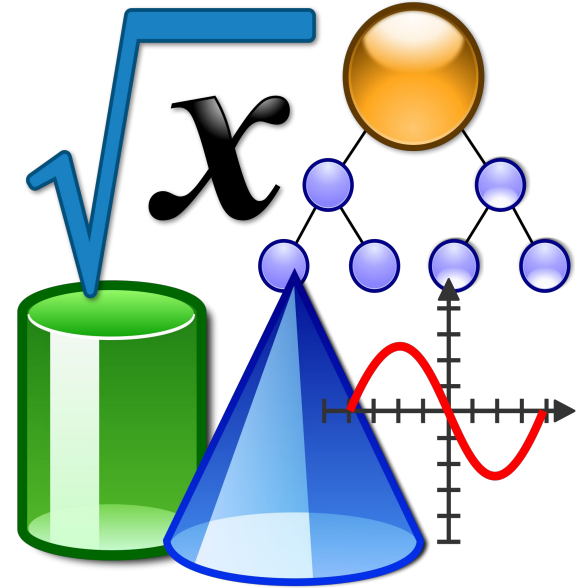
6th grade KAP – over 90 objectives with some being 7th grade objectives

6th grade KAP: covers all of 6th and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 7th grade math;
7th grade KAP will cover 2nd $\frac{1}{2}$ of 7th and 8th Math.

KAP level of instruction will focus on preparation for taking **Algebra I (HS credit)** in the 8th grade.

***5th grade students who pass the 6th grade CBE will be placed in 7th grade KAP math & take 8th grade STAAR test**

****All students who score Masters on 5th grade STAAR will automatically be enrolled in 6th KAP math.**



Considerations for choosing courses

- ★ Students interest and strengths
- ★ How hard is **your student** willing to work?
- ★ Effort vs Ability
- ★ What grades did your student earn in 5th grade?
- ★ Motivation and attitude
- ★ Standardized test scores
- ★ Study habits
- ★ Extracurricular activities and time commitments
- ★ How quickly does your student catch on to new material



Junior High Student Goal: Foster independence, build resiliency, and self advocate!

Students with Support Services

This includes students who have an active 504 plan with academic accommodations or students currently being serviced through Special Education.

- ❑ Please review your student's current accommodations or schedule of services before making academic class selections.

- ❑ The schedule of services agreed upon in the ARD WILL determine the academic courses for course selection.

- ❑ **Electives are not guaranteed for any incoming 6th grade student.** The elective options are based on campus staffing and availability. There is no first come first served regarding elective placement.

- ❑ Please refer to your elementary school counselor or case manager for additional information or guidance regarding the best academic core placement to meet your child's needs.

Physical Education

- ★ Both boys and girls (separate gyms)
- ★ Graded class/ attend everyday
- ★ Dress out in uniforms (laundering fee)
- ★ Lockers in gyms

*No Athletics (competitive sports) in 6th Grade.

- ★ Pre-Athletics information will be shared at the end of this presentation



PE Waiver

- Applications will not be accepted until August 1, 2022.
- The 2022-2023 PE waiver applications will be available on the TJH website starting May 2, 2022
- All Approved Category 2 PE Waivers will automatically be placed into STUDY HALL. Students will not receive an additional elective.
- If you want be in athletics (Football, VBall, BBall) in 7th grade it's strongly recommended that you participate in PE in the 6th grade.

Girls Pre- Athletics

- Girls Pre-Athletics occurs in a specific 6th grade PE Period
- The Course Code is the same as 6th Grade PE
- Only for students who will tryout for Volleyball, Basketball and or Soccer during their 7th grade school year.
- Students must be willing to do strength and conditioning
- All other students will be placed in 6th grade Girls PE

Boys Pre- Athletics

- ❑ Boys Pre-Athletics occurs in all 6th grade Boys PE class
- ❑ Course Code is the same as 6th Grade PE
- ❑ Students will be pulled to do conditioning during the PE period
- ❑ Only for students who will tryout for Football and Basketball
- ❑ All other students will be placed in 6th grade Boys PE

Electives

All Junior High Students Must Take at least 1 Fine Art course. This requirement is usually met during the 6th grade year.

- Band *
- Orchestra *

(Band /Orchestra directors will contact you before school is out about an instrument selection)

- Choir *
- Theatre *
- Art *

*Supply Fees required

**Detailed Fine Arts
information will be shared
at the end of the
presentation.**

Limited Availability in Theatre and Art 1

- ❑ TJH is staffed with two teachers per subject for both Theatre and Art.
- ❑ 8th grade request will receive priority, followed by 7th and then finally 6th grade. This is the same model for high school.
- ❑ We work backwards to ensure that advanced art and theatre students have the classes they need to advance to the next level.

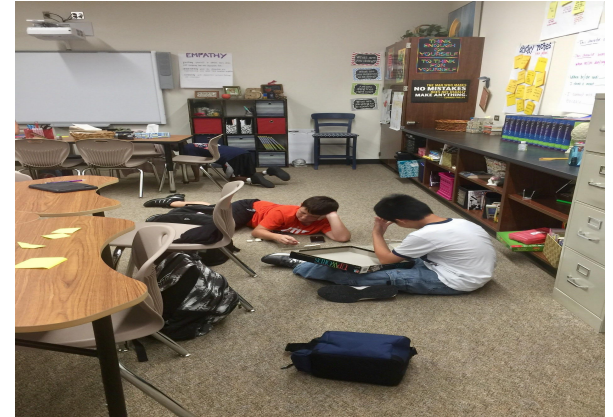
- Example: Both Art teachers have 6 sections(periods) that they can teach.
- This makes 12 art sections available between HS Art 1, Art 2, and Art 1.
- Counselors/Admin would first see how many students requested high school art. This past year it was enough for 3 sections.
- This leaves 9 sections for Art 1 and Art 2 . Counselors/Admin would then look at how many students requested art 2 and block off that amount of sections. This year it was 3.
- Remaining sections will go to Art 1 request. **7th grade Art 1 students will have priority because it is their final year to take at least 1 art class to be eligible for HS art in the 8th grade.** This is why the 6th grade Art 1 and Theatre 1 waitlist is so long each year. .

Sample 6th grade Schedule

PERIOD	SEM.	ROOM NO.	SUBJECT	TEACHER
1	BS	2006	Math 6 KAP	Davis, L
2	BS	2013	Soc Studies 6	Hudspeth, M
3	BS	GYM	PE 6 (Girls)	Miller, J
4	BS	2019	Eng/Read 6 Block	Nauert, R
5	BS	2019	Eng/Read 6 Block	Nauert, R
LUNCH	BS	CAFE	D LUNCH	Staff
6	BS	1125	Advisory 6	Bartlett, L
7	BS	1115	Choir 1 (Girls)	Lee, D
8	BS	2021	Science 6	Cruthirds, E

Strategic Reading and Math Lab

- ★ **Strategic Reading** - designed to help improve reading level and basic reading skills in preparation for the STAAR
- ★ **Math Lab** - designed to help refine and review math skills in preparation for the STAAR test
- ★ **Based on STAAR scores** (take the place of PE or Elective).
- ★ **Small class sizes 10:1 ratio to provide support in Math or Reading**



Course selection materials-

Available on TJH website

- PE Waiver Interest Form

Tinyurl.com/TJHPW

- Pre-Athletics Interest Form

Tinyurl.com/TJHPA

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

DIRECTIONS: CIRCLE 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 conflict, 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	
J600	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6
J606	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP
G609	English Language Arts and Reading Block 6 KAP/GT*
MATH	
J611	Math 6
J614	Math 6 KAP
G614	Math 6 KAP/GT*
SCIENCE	
J630	Science 6
J634	Science 6 KAP
G634	Science 6 KAP/GT*
SOCIAL STUDIES	
J620	Social Studies 6
J624	Social Studies 6 KAP
G624	Social Studies 6 KAP/GT*
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
J680	PE 6 - Boys
J681	PE 6 - Girls

FINE ARTS**	
J941	Theatre 1
J911	Art 1
J921	Band 1
Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.	
J931	Orchestra 1
Placement based on Director approval. Director will contact the student regarding instrument assignment.	
J951	Choir 1 - Boys
J961	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)
**Please be advised that scheduling conflicts may prevent your student from getting his/her 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.

PE WAIVER INTEREST FROM: Tinyurl.com/TJHPW

PRE-ATHLETICS INTEREST FORM: Tinyurl.com/TJHPA

Frequently Asked Topics...

❑ Limited availability.

- ❑ Requesting electives is not guaranteed
- ❑ Counselors review all elective choices when schedules are built.

❑ Pre-Athletics

- ❑ Complete google form tinyurl.com/TJHPA
- ❑ Not guaranteed placement
- ❑ Must be willing to participate in conditioning

★ Teacher & Lunch request

★ Exiting KAP

Am I guaranteed my first choice elective?

- No, elective placement is based on availability.
- **First come/first serve does not exist. All students have an equal chance of getting their 1st choice elective.**

■ CBE for Advanced 5th grade students

- Students who take the 6th grade CBE in 5th will be placed in 7th grade KAP math as a 6th grader. The Credit By Exam **Must be scheduled with elementary counselor.**

August Events for Incoming 6th grade

T3: TITAN TACTICAL TRAINING-

6th Grade Orientation

(All 6th grade students welcome)

6TH GRADE STUDENTS

T3 DANCE

6TH GRADE TJH STUDENTS ONLY

WALK YOUR SCHEDULE DAY

(PTSA spirit wear & school supply packs can be picked up at this time) (All grades)

If you have more than one child attending TJH, you may select the time that works best for your family.

TITAN NIGHT

ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Learn about walker and bike rider safety, walk your schedule, and hear from our community partners.

Students will have multiple opportunities to become familiar with the campus prior to the first day of school.

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6th grade Elective Options





BAND

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
- Beginners meet in like instrument classes once a day
- Time commitment for band is similar to any other academic class. Practicing is homework.

BAND INSTRUMENTS

- Flute
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Horn
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- Percussion

NOT BAND INSTRUMENTS

- Piano
- Guitar
- Drumset

Beginning Orchestra

- ❑ No experience necessary.
- ❑ Directors will assist you in choosing the right instrument for you.

Orchestra instruments offered include:
Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass

Beginning Choir



No experience necessary!

No mandatory before and after school rehearsals!

Individual men's choirs and women's choirs!

Competitions! Opportunities to solo or sing in a group!



Fun Choir Events!!!

Choir Olympics!

Main Event!

Six Flags!

Learn self-confidence, discipline, coordination, teamwork, cultures, goal setting, communication, problem solving and MORE!

Join the Titan Choir family!



If you WEREN'T in choir in elementary...GREAT! We will teach you everything.

If you WERE in choir in elementary...GREAT! We will learn ALL NEW things and grow skills to a whole new level!

SEE YOU SOON!

Beginning Theatre

Tays Junior High

Theatre

Lights, Camera,
Action

Do you like to perform in front of an audience?

Would you like to learn about what goes on
behind the scenes?

Do I have the class for you! Theatre Arts 1 is a fast paced,
energetic, participatory, course that will teach you the basics
of acting and technical (backstage) Theatre.

- Acting
- Improvisation
- Verbal/Nonverbal skills
- Mime/Pantomime
- Solo / Duet Acting
- Group Performances
- Lip Sync
- Focus Training
- Team Building
- Get over "Stage Fright"
- Backstage Training
- TV / Film / Radio
- Special Effects
- Performance Opportunities
- Have Fun



Art 1

- ❖ First Year Art Student (no art experience)
- ❖ Students will learn beginner technical skills to build a base knowledge for a successful art year.



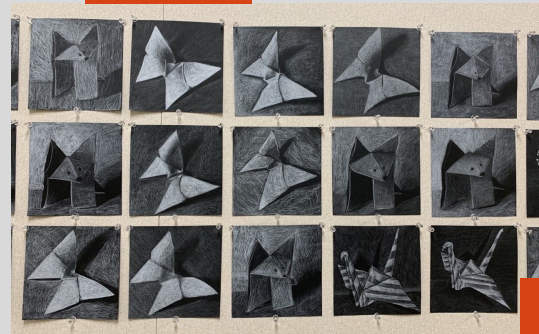
Sculpture



watercolor



Clay



Prisma Colors