

# KJMS Course Selection and Curriculum Night

**Open House Style  
@ KJMS Thurs, Jan 16  
6pm-8pm**

**Plan to stay about 30 minutes  
Visit rooms and classes of  
interest to help you select  
classes for the 25-26 school  
year!**



**Translated Sessions:  
6:15 - Korean  
6:30 - Arabic  
6:45 - Spanish**

**Welcome New Eagles!**



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# **Good to Know:**

- **KJMS Website: Search “Course Selection” for Course Catalog and Timelines**
  - **SIS Parent VUE Account needed to see FINAL Course Selection entries (under Course Request Button)**
  - **Spring Transition Events to come!**
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**Skill Building**

**RISK TAKING**

**BUILDING RESILIENCE**

**Building Community**

**Post Secondary Preparation**

**Goal Development**

**Character Development**

**Organization & Time Management**

**FINDING YOUR PASSION**

**LEARNING FROM MISTAKES**



**of Middle School**

# How Classes/Courses in Middle School Work



# Elementary School Classes v. Middle School Classes

## Elementary School

-in homeroom with same kids and teacher most of the day

-all take the same core or required classes together

-have some specials with your class, sometimes with other kids

-some after school clubs and activities



## Middle School

-have 7 (maybe more!) different teachers and periods, each class has different mix of students

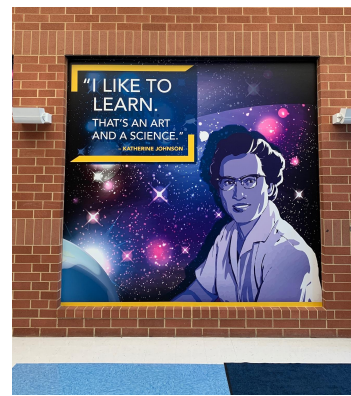
-all students have core/required classes but can choose an advanced version if you are interested and want the challenge

-have elective class that support the transition to middle school, develop skills, and explore topics that may be new to you

-many after school clubs, activities, and academic support



# Selecting Classes: Electives



What are you interested in?  
What would you like to try?  
What might you need to work on to improve?

For electives, there are many options. You will tell us your **preferences** and we will work hard to make the best schedule for you that we can! Be Open-Minded about new experiences!

Sometimes we pick classes that will help the transition, are part of a program, or to keep you on track to graduate. We have many fun after school activities, sports, and clubs too!

1. Health and PE
2. English
3. Math
4. Science
5. Social Studies
6. Elective Class(es)
7. Elective Class(es)

Year	OR	Year	OR	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year		Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 1	Semester 2

# KJMS Schedule

Not everyone has the same class at the same time

Not all classes are offered every period

1. Health and PE
2. English
3. Math
4. Science
5. Social Studies
6. Elective Class(es)
7. Elective Class(es)

KJMS Bell Schedule 2024-25

Class Time	Duration (min)	Odd/A Day	Even/B Day	
<b>7:30 - 8:15</b> <small>Students should be in class at 7:25 for announcements, instruction begins at 7:30</small>	<b>45 mins</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>1st</b>	
<b>8:20 - 9:45</b>	<b>85 min</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>2nd</b>	
<b>9:50 - 10:40</b>  <b>15 Minute recess!</b>	<b>50 min</b> <small>30 min Lesson/Activity 5 min Passing time 15 Min Recess</small>	<b>5th Learning Seminar</b>  <b>Time for enrichment or acceleration</b>	<b>4th Teacher Advisory</b> <small>Cavaliers, Hokies, Patriots, Nighthawks</small>	<b>4th Teacher Advisory</b> <small>Spartans, Captains, Panthers, Highlanders</small>
<b>10:45 - 12:45</b>	<b>120 min</b> <small>90 min class 30 min lunch</small>	<b>7th</b> <small>A 10:45-11:15 B 11:15-11:45 C 11:45 - 12:15 D 12:15 - 12:45</small>	<b>Advisory is like Morning Meeting</b>	
<b>12:50 - 2:15</b>	<b>85 min</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>6th</b> <small>A 10:45-11:15 B 11:15-11:45 C 11:45 - 12:15 D 12:15 - 12:45</small>	
			<b>8th</b>	

# Selecting classes: Taking Advanced Courses

FCPS AAP strives

to develop the talents of all students and provide challenge through: **Talent development & Differentiation** to meet the needs of **advanced learners**.

## Honors is not "all or nothing."

- You can take honors in any core class you have an interest in, or no honors.
- You can begin honors any year, 7th, 8th, 9th, or change your mind.
  - For example, you can take English Honors in 7th THEN switch to English in 8th
- **Middle School is the ideal time to try Honors.**
- It depends on what is right for YOU.



IMPORTANT



# Advanced Classes

- Increased depth and complexity
- Student who are eligible for full time Advanced Academics can continue receiving services in the Center at KJMS.
- Students and families can select Honors classes in areas of strength or interest
- Students may enroll in 1, 2, 3, or 4 Honors courses.



**DEVELOP  
EXPERTISE**



**ENCOURAGE  
INDEPENDENCE  
& AUTONOMY**



**INCREASE  
RIGOR**



**MODIFY  
STRUCTURE  
OR PACE**

# Other considerations for Advanced classes



How do I decide which class(es) to take at the honors level?

- Consider your overall academic course load.
  - This includes high school credit courses, like Algebra HN
- Which subjects would I like to dig into a little more deeply?
- What's my favorite subject now?
- What classes might be a strength of mine?

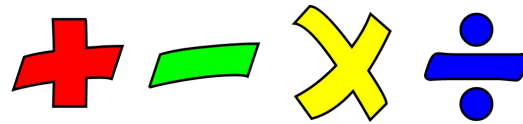


There is no right or wrong choice.

We know that we can help you find success and have a great middle school experience no matter what you choose. Middle school is a great time to try Honors. You will be able to meet your high school goals no matter what class you choose.



# Selecting Core Classes: Math 7 HN or Math 7?



FCPS Goal: Academic Growth and Excellence - successful completion of Algebra by the 8th grade

<b>Math 7 HN</b>	<b>Math 7</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Currently finding success in Math</li><li>● Prepares students to take Algebra HN or Algebra in 8th grade</li><li>● Includes Math 8 standards</li><li>● Students will take Math 8 SOL test</li></ul> <p><i>*Math 7 HN is the default class for all students currently enrolled in Advanced Math. Decisions about Alg HN in the 7th grade will be shared in the Spring and Summer</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Currently needs several attempts to demonstrate mastery</li><li>● Prepares students to take Pre-Alg or Algebra in th 8th grade</li><li>● Includes Math 7 standards</li><li>● Students will take Math 7 SOL test</li></ul>

Not sure what to take? Select the course that makes the most sense now and in the spring, KJMS will use data to help families finalize courses.

# Hablas español u otro idioma?



## Español para Hablantes de Herencia en Octavo Grado

- Puedes mantener una conversación en español.
- Necesitas mejorar las habilidades de lectura y escritura.
- Interesado/a en un sello de alfabetización bilingüe en mi diploma

## Examen de Credito de Idiomas Mundiales

- Puedes mantener una conversación en español o en otro idioma
- Puedes leer y escribir en otro idioma
- Interesado/a en un sello de alfabetización bilingüe en mi diploma
- Interesado/a en obtener créditos en un idioma que ya conozco bien

Las clases de Nivel A de 7mo grado y las clases de Nivel 1 de 8vo grado son para principiantes, si no eres principiante, ¡mira qué opciones tienes! ¿No estás seguro de qué llevar? Selecciona el curso que tenga más sentido y en la primavera, KJMS utilizará datos para ayudar a las familias a finalizar los cursos. No se requiere idioma mundial.

# Do you speak Spanish or another language?



## Spanish for Heritage Speakers in the 8th grade

- Can carry on a conversation in Spanish
- Reading and writing skills need improvement
- Interested in a Biliteracy Seal on my diploma

## World Language Credit Exam

- Can carry on a conversation in Spanish or another language
- Can read and write in another language
- Interested in a Biliteracy Seal on my diploma
- Interested in earning credits in a language that I already know well

7th grade Level A classes and 8th grade Level 1 classes are for beginners, if you are not a beginner, see what options you have! Not sure what to take? Select the course that makes the most sense and in the spring, KJMS will use data to help families finalize courses. World Language is not required.



# Events and Due Dates

Search Course Selection  
on KJMS Website!

## KJMS Curriculum Night

Thursday, Jan 16, 6:00p - 8:00p

- 6:15 - Korean Session
  - 6:30 - Arabic Session
  - 6:45 - Spanish Session
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- KJMS Counselor Lesson at each elementary school.
  - Classes will be entered into SIS Student Vue at school at the end of January
  - Due date for 6th graders to enter preferences into SIS - Feb 7
    - Each school will share lesson dates and deadlines
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# How to get ready

Search **Course Selection** on  
KJMS Website!



Remember to keep an open-mind about elective classes, nearly everyone gets most of what they request.

Check out resources like the course catalog on the **KJMS Webpage** - search “course selection.”

Get and access your SIS Parent Vue Account

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**More ways to get ready for the 7th grade!**

- **Spring 6th grade transition lessons scheduled at elementary schools**
- **Parent Orientation - Spring**
- **RISE - Summer orientation - Summer**
- **Eagle Fest - Get your schedule and walk the building - week before school starts.**