



KINGS JUNIOR HIGH

Scheduling Meeting - Incoming 8th Graders

IN THE 8TH GRADE....

- **Team Membership- 8 Red, 8 White, and 8 Blue**
- **The school day begins at 7:30 am and ends at 2:00 pm**
- **There are six bells per day**
 - **4 core academic classes per day** (Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies)
 - **2 encore classes each day**
 - **ImPACT every day**
 - **Grade level Lunch**

8TH GRADE CORE ACADEMIC COURSES

- 8th Grade Language Arts (or Accelerated LA)
- Pre-Algebra (or High School Honors Algebra I or High School Honors Geometry)
- 8th Grade Social Studies
- 8th Grade Science



ACCELERATED CLASSES

- **Students' language arts placement is based on the following information:**
 - Common classroom assessments
 - AIR scores
 - MAP scores
 - Grades
- **Students' math placement is based upon their 7th grade math class.**
 - Students taking Honors Algebra 1 will take High School Honors Geometry.
 - Students taking Accelerated 7th grade math will take High School Honors Algebra 1.
 - Students taking 7th grade math will take 8th grade Pre-Algebra.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PLACEMENT, TALK TO
YOUR (YOUR CHILD'S) TEACHER

8TH GRADE ENCORES

SEMESTER OPTIONS

- Art
- High School PE
- High School Health
- High School Integrated Computer Applications
- Project Lead the Way: Automation and Robotics
- Project Lead the Way: Medical Detectives

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8TH GRADE ENCORES

FULL YEAR OPTIONS

- Band *(previous experience required)*
- Percussion *(previous experience required)*
- Strings *(previous experience required)*
- Choir
- Beginner High School Spanish I
- High School Spanish I
- High School Accelerated Spanish I *(recommendation required)*
- High School French I *(if there is room in a high school class)*
- High School German I *(if there is room in a high school class)*
- QUEST *(parents of qualifying students will receive an email)*
- Guided Intervention *(scheduled by Intervention Specialists)*

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HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH 1 OPTIONS

- High School Spanish 1: This class is for students who took Intro to Spanish in 7th grade and were recommended to take High School Spanish 1 in 8th grade.
- Accelerated Spanish 1: This class is for students who took Intro to Spanish in 7th grade and excelled in the program. Accelerated Spanish 1 moves through the Spanish 1 curriculum quickly and prepares students to Honors Spanish II the following year.
- Beginner High School Spanish 1: This class is for students who did not take Intro to Spanish in 7th grade. There are limited spaces available in this class.

*FIRST SEMESTER INTRO TO SPANISH STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 8TH GRADE SPANISH PLACEMENT.

*STUDENTS CURRENTLY TAKING INTRO TO SPANISH WILL RECEIVE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS SOON.

ADDITIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPTIONS

- High School French 1 and High School German 1
 - These classes are taken at the high school with high school students.
 - If seats are available in high school classes. Priority is given to KHS students.

QUEST (ACADEMIC SUPPORT)

- Supports students in Language Arts and/or Math
- Builds skills that will translate into success in other classes
- Not a study hall
- Students will be placed in Quest based on MAP scores, AIR scores, and teacher recommendation
 - Scores used for placement indicate that students are not on track to pass state assessments, EOC Exams, or receive college ready scores on ACT/SAT without intervention
- Mandatory class for those who qualify
 - Parents of qualifying students will receive an email before 2/16
- Quest is a two-semester class, and will take the place of an encore
 - Students' progress will be tracked and students that meet performance goals will be able to choose an encore to take in its place

ENCORES FOR HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT

- French I (Year long course)
- Accelerated Spanish I, High School Spanish I, Beginner High School Spanish I (Year long courses)
- German I (Year long course)
- Integrated Computer Applications (semester)
- Health (semester)
- Physical Education (semester)
 - Please note that Physical Education will only fulfill the KHS *graduation* requirement when paired with another high school PE class **NOT** a high school **sport**.

DISTRICT POLICY - BEGINNING IN 17-18 SCHOOL YEAR

ANY HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN WILL PERMANENTLY REMAIN ON THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.

ENCORE SCHEDULING OPTIONS

- Students need to fill two bells in both semesters. This can be achieved through the following combinations:
 - Two all year classes
 - One all year class & two semester classes
 - Four semester classes
- Your Encore course selections **do not** guarantee placement in Encore classes. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's interests. It is extremely likely that you will be placed in one or more Alternate Encore choices.
- Please provide at least two alternative choices. Students who do not provide alternative choices will be placed in any available encore class, if the requested encore classes are unavailable.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT COURSES



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Grades 7 - 8

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8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEET



Due Friday, February 23 to your team leader
Please sign the back of this form before returning.

Kings Junior High
2024 - 2025 School Year
8th Grade Registration

Questions/Concerns?

Contact Mrs. Hackman
(513) 398-8050 Ext. 12008
ehackman@kingslocal.net

Student First & Last Name _____

7th grade team _____

Required Core Courses:

Courses marked with an * must have current teacher initials, which indicate students are recommended for the class.

Math

- ___ *** High School Honors Geometry** (Prerequisite - Honors Alg I) *Teacher Initials _____
___ *** High School Honors Algebra I** (Prerequisite - 7th Accelerated math) *Teacher Initials _____
___ **Pre-Algebra** (Prerequisite - 7th grade math)

Language Arts

- ___ *** Accelerated Language Arts** *Teacher Initials _____
___ **8th Grade Language Arts**

Science

- **8th Grade Science**

Social Studies

- **8th Grade Social Studies**

Any high school classes taken will permanently remain on a student's high school transcript.

8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEET



Encore Options (continued on back):

Your Encore course selections **do not** guarantee placement in Encore classes. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's interests. It is extremely likely that you will be placed in one or more Alternate Encore choices.

Your Encore options need to fill two bells in both semesters. Semester=half of the year. This can be achieved through the following combinations:

- Two all year classes
- One all year class & two semester classes
- Four semester classes

All students need to choose AT LEAST 2 Alternates!

_____ **Choir** (All year)

_____ **Band** (All year) *Teacher initials required if you do not have previous band experience _____

_____ **Strings** (All year) *Teacher initials if you do not have previous strings experience _____

_____ **Percussion** (All year) *Teacher initials if you do not have previous percussion experience _____

If you are taking Music, you will need 2 Semester Encores (or one more Year long encore), and
AT LEAST 2 Alternate Choices!

If you have TWO year long classes (Music, Quest, Guided Intervention, or a Foreign Language), you still
need to choose **AT LEAST 2 Alternate choices!**

8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEET



_____ **Spanish I/Accelerated Spanish I** (Year, High School Credit)
*Prerequisite - Intro to Spanish. Placement based on teacher recommendations.

_____ **Beginner Spanish 1** (Year, High School Credit)
*For students who did not take Intro to Spanish in 7th Grade.

_____ **German I** (Year, High School Credit)

_____ **French I** (Year, High School Credit)

Based on District and State data, as well as teacher recommendation, some students will be required to participate in an intervention course. (Quest or Guided Intervention).

_____ **Quest** (All year) *Please select if you have received notification that this is a requirement

_____ **Guided Intervention** (All year) *Please select if you have received notification that this is a requirement

If you did NOT choose a year long class (Music, Quest, Guided Intervention, or Foreign Language), you should choose 4 Encores, and AT LEAST 2 Alternate Choices!

_____ **Art** (Semester)

_____ **Health** (Semester, High School Credit)

_____ **Computer Applications** (Semester, High School Credit)

_____ **Physical Education** (Semester, High School Credit)

_____ **Project Lead the Way: Medical Detectives** (Semester)

_____ **Project Lead the Way: Automation & Robotics** (Semester)

Please choose and rank AT LEAST TWO alternate Encore choices:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

It is very likely that students will be placed into one or more alternate choices. If students do not have at least TWO alternates, or choose duplicate courses, they will be placed in any available Encore class.

8TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION SHEET



After May 1st, course selection changes will be evaluated on an individual basis and for educational reasons only.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Phone _____ **Parent email** _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Course Selection Sheets due Friday, February 23rd

NOW WHAT?

- Students will need to turn in a completed Course Selection Sheet with parent signature and any teacher initials needed for Accelerated courses by **Friday, February 23rd** to their Team Leader

**Course Selection Sheets are due
on Friday, February 23rd**



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I guaranteed placement in my recommended core classes?

Yes. You will have a place in the core classes you were recommended for by your teachers.

My teacher didn't recommend me for an Accelerated class. Can I still sign up?

We think our teachers are experts in their subject area, and are really good at determining if students will be successful in an Accelerated class. If you and your family disagree, you can fill out a 'Course Placement Change' form. Please contact your counselor to discuss this, and get a copy of the form.

Does one 8th grade team have all of the Accelerated students?

Nope! All 8th grade teams have a pretty even number of students that are taking Accelerated classes.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to take High School credit classes as an 8th grader?

No! We offer these classes, but you can wait until high school to take them. You will not be behind if you don't take any HS credit classes during your 8th grade year. If you choose to take a HS credit class, it's important that you do well because that grade will be on your high school transcript.

My friend/sibling/neighbor said I should pick a certain team. Can I request a specific team?

No. All of our 8th grade teams are phenomenal! We need to keep teams balanced so that class sizes aren't too large. It's complicated to schedule 800+ students into the classes they request. For these reasons, and lots of others, we cannot allow Team Requests. If you have a special circumstance, please contact your counselor or administrator to discuss it.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I change my mind about the classes I'm taking?


We build our Master Schedule based on what students choose on their Course Selection Sheets. This means that we decide how many of each class is needed based on what you choose. If you change your mind, there might not be room available in the class you want since we didn't plan on you being there.

Can I choose the order of my classes?

No. Your requests are all put into our scheduling program, and it decides the order of classes for each student that allows the most people to have their requests.

I was recommended for Quest. Do I have to take it?

Yes. Quest recommendations are based on AIR, and MAP scores, as well as teacher recommendations. Students are placed in Quest because test scores used for placement indicate that students are not on track to pass State Assessments, End of Course Exams, or receive college ready scores on ACT/SAT without intervention.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do my course selections guarantee placement in encore classes?

No. We will do our very best to get as many students their requests as we possibly can. Sometimes, we simply don't have the space, or enough teachers to accommodate your requests. Sometimes there is a conflict on your schedule that doesn't allow all of your requests to work. It's important to put Alternate choices for encores in case your first choices don't work!

There are no encores that I want to put as 'Alternate' choices. What should I do?

Space is limited in many of our Encore classes. Try to pick some even if they're not your top choices! If you do not put any Alternate choices, we will put you in whatever class has the most space.

Can I rank my encore choices to ensure I am placed in my 'top choice'?

No. The scheduling program gives equal priority to all encore choices, and creates schedules that allow the most students to receive their requests.





GO KNIGHTS!

ANY QUESTIONS:

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