8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT

KEYSTONE HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES THE CLASS OF 2026!



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KHS GENERAL INFO

- We operate on a 7-period day (7:20 AM-2:28 PM).
- Students are now earning credit toward graduation for each course passed.
- Our course selection guide (online) can provide educational options available to students in high school.

OUR STAFF

ADMINISTRATORS

COUNSELORS

<u>Principal</u> Mr. Kohler



Class of '25 and '23

Ms. Atkinson



<u>Assistant Principal</u>

Mrs. Meczka



<u>Class of '24 and '26</u>

Ms. Schwedt



OUR STAFF

TEACHERS

We have about 30 teachers and 5 support staff in our building. You can learn more about them on our website!



EXTRACURRICULARS

Athletics

Band and Choir

Flag Corps/Color Guard

Academic Challenge

Comic Book Club

Class Officers

Drama Club

National Honor Society

Spanish Club

Special Olympics

KMS/KHS STEM Club

Student Council

BBQ Club

FCCLA

MIDDLE SCHOOL VS. HIGH SCHOOL

Operate on "teams"

Flying solo; more transitions

Grades

Grades + credit

Homework

Homework + studying

Scheduling

Scheduling for a 4-year plan

Time management

Responsibility, independence, & decision-making

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Earn the 22 **credits** required for your diploma.
- 2 Show "competency."
- 3 Show "readiness."

1 22 CREDITS

Subject	Credits
English	4
Math	4
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Business, Tech, OR Foreign Language	1
Fine Arts	1
Health	1/2
Physical Education	1/2
Electives	5
Total	22

2 COMPETENCY

Earn a passing score (684) on Ohio's **Algebra 1** and **English II** tests. Students who do not pass, must re-take the test at least once, and complete one of the three options:

Option 1:

Demonstrate two career-focused activities; at least one must be Foundational

Foundational:

- Proficient scores on WebExams
- A 12-point industry credential (JVS)
- A pre-apprenticeship Supporting:
 - Work-based learning
 - Earn required score on WorkKeys exam
 - Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Option 2:

Enlist in the Military

Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.

Option 3:

Complete college coursework

Earn credit for one college-level math and/or college-level English course through Ohio's College Credit plus program.

3 READINESS

Earn two diploma seals, choosing those that line up with your goals and interests. At least one of the two must be state seals. There are three local seals.

3 READINESS

State Seals

- OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal
- Industry-Recognized Credential
- College-Ready Seal
- Military Enlistment Seal
- Citizenship Seal
- Science Seal
- Honors Diploma Seal
- Seal of Biliteracy
- <u>Technology Seal</u>

Local Seals

- Community Service Seal
- Fine & Performing Arts Seal
- Student Engagement Seal

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

YOUR GRADUATION PLAN

Each student, beginning in grade 9 and continuing on through graduation, is required to develop and maintain a graduation plan.

This is developed by the student and the school, is updated each year, and invites parent participation.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

YOUR GRADUATION PLAN

Ohio Graduation Plan Template

This document is designed to serve as a template for Ohio school administrators, counselors, and teachers to help in their process of developing graduation plans for students in grades 9-12. This is not a required template. Make any edits necessary to customize this template to the needs of your school or district. We welcome any comments as to how to improve the template for future use. If you have comments or questions on this document, please email gradrequirements@education.ohio.gov.

BASIC INFORMATION													
Student Name:				SSID:			Graduating Class:						
Career Field Inte	Career Field Interests:												
Date Updated:	Grade 9:			Grade 10			Grade 11		V-	Grade 12	Ĵ		
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FAFSA: Free Application for Student Aid													
FAFSA helps you https://studentaid			fore it even s	starts. FAFS	A allows yo	ou to apply f	or federal gr	rants, work-	study, and l	oans all in o	ne place wi	th their free	application.
Student Complete	ed Application:		~	Date:		200	27						
POST-HIGH SCHOOL GOALS													
Please note if the student plans to pursue college (and type), work (and industry sector), military, or something else. Please be as specific as possible. Examples: "I plan to further my education and enroll in a community college," or "I plan to find a full-time job in customer service."									a community				
Goal:													
Supports needed to achieve this goal:													
REQUIRED CREDITS (20)													

Note: Districts and schools may have requirements that exceed the state minimums outlined below. Students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy (in high school) and complete at least two semesters of fine arts* (during grades 7-12).*Fine arts may not be required for students in a career-tech program unless it is a

DON'T WORRY, WE'RE HERE TO HELP!



CHOOSING COURSES

SAMPLE FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

Semester 1	Semester 2
English 9 or English 9 Honors	English 9 or English 9 Honors
Algebra 1, Honors Geometry, or Algebra 1A	Algebra 1, Honors Geometry, or Algebra 1A
World History or Honors World History	World History or Honors World History
Physical Science or Honors Biology	Physical Science or Honors Biology
Physical Education (may use a waiver)	Health
Elective	Elective
Elective or Study Hall	Elective or Study Hall

WILDCAT PRIDE TIME

Wildcat Pride Time (WPT) is a building-wide, daily intervention period. It appears on each student's schedule. Students use this time to receive extra help from a teacher, make up assessments, and more. It is a silent and focused opportunity for students to tackle any work or monitor their own success in classrooms.





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CHOOSING COURSES

Course descriptions are available in our online course guide.

The typical student load is 6-7 classes per semester. Students who participate in athletics must be passing 5 half-credit courses each quarter.

Students are cautioned to maintain consistency in their academic rigor throughout their high school years. You should heavily consider the balance of family life responsibilities, extracurriculars, and academics.

CHOOSING COURSES

Use the course selection sheet to make your selections for 9th grade. If you choose an alternative program such as the 9th grade JVS program, or College Credit Plus, you might have additional questions for Ms. Schwedt. Please contact her via e-mail or phone as soon as possible.

Alyssa.Schwedt@keystoneschools.org

Family Consumer Science

Preview

Business/Technology Options

Foundational-Computer Applications

College Level Building IT Future Program

- Microcomputers
- Operating Systems
- Database Design

Specialized Courses

- Business Management
- Computer Programming
- Digital Design
- Cyber Security

CHOOSING COURSES

The KHS counselors were at KMS on Wednesday, Feb. 6th to discuss this presentation and distribute course request handouts. We will return to KMS on Wednesday, Feb. 16th to complete online course registration with all 8th grade students. Course selection sheets are due to your SS teacher 2/16! Your student's course requests can then be viewed online in their PowerSchool account.

After this date, Ms. Schwedt will review each student's requests, their grades and test scores, and the recommendations of the KMS teachers to ensure that students are registered for the appropriate courses. Course requests are considered final after May 7, 2022, unless they meet the schedule change policy guidelines listed in the course guide.

CHOOSING COURSES

Students received this in SS class on Wednesday, Feb. 6th.

The sheet is due with a parent signature on Wednesday, Feb. 16th.

KEYSTONE HIGH SCHOOL 2021-2022 GRADE 9 COURSE REQUESTS						
Student Name:	* Due to Mr. Ohl by 2/16.					
1st Semester: 1.	2nd Semester: 1.					
2. Algebra Honors Geometry Algebra A	Algebra I Honors Geometry Algebra I A					
3. Physical Science Honors Biology LCCC BIOG 161	3. Physical Science Honors Biology LCCC BIOG 162					
4. World History Honors World History	World History Honors World History					
5. Physical Education Fitness for Life P.E. Exemption (Sport 1:) (Sport 2:)	5. Elective:					
6. Health	6. Elective:					
7. Elective, Study Hall, or Learning Lab:	7. Elective, Study Hall, or Learning Lab:					
Alternate Course Selections (List 3 in case we cannot fulfill your above requests.)						
If you plan to choose an alternative path for 9th grade year, such as full-time JVS or off-campus CCP courses, please indicate that here, and your counselor will discuss with you:						
Parents and students will have the opportunity to review these selections and make changes online from Feb. 2nd—March 1st. After that date, parents need to notify the counselor to make any additional changes. Recommendations from 8th grade core teachers, as well as standardized test scores, will be considered as counselors finalize course selections in PowerSchool. After the last day of school (May 27), schedule changes will not be permitted unless they meet the policy listed in the course guide.						
9th Grade School Counselor: Alyssa.Schwedt@keystoneschools.org						

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Lorain County JVS

9th grade Career Readiness program is a full day, full year at the JVS. An online application and counselor recommendation is required.

College Credit Plus

High-achieving students earn high school and college credit at the same time. An application, Intent to Participate form, and placement testing is required.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

A schedule reflects a commitment from both the student and the school.

PLAN FOR NO CHANGES.

Because the building's master schedule is based on student course requests, changes to these requests damage our ability to match courses with requests. A student may change their course requests for the following school year any time prior to the last day of the current school year. Students registering for a year-long course are obligated to remain in that course for the entire school year, regardless of grades received the first semester.

THERE WILL BE NO SCHEDULE CHANGES UNLESS:

- a required course is missing.
- there is an obvious computer mistake.
- a student must substitute for courses dropped from the schedule due to lack of demand.
- study halls need to be balanced (one per semester)
- an accommodation is needed for injury, illness, or other medical emergencies.

STAY INFORMED

Class of 2026 Remind:

Text @key26 to 81010



Class of 2026 Google Classroom:

Will be transferred from Ms. Johnson to the high school.

Twitter:

Instagram:

@KeystoneCouns @keystonecouns

@MrKohler2

@mrs meczka

IMPORTANT DATES

- <u>February 6th:</u> Ms. Schwedt to KMS to speak with students about 9th grade.
- <u>February 16th:</u> Ms. Schwedt to KMS for course registration. Course selection sheets due to SS classes.
- <u>February 16th through March 1st:</u> Parents can view child's requests in PowerSchool.
- May 7th: Final chance to change a course request.

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

