
Class of 2021



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Bus Tickets--city	Stephanie Cory	558-1840
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L-Z	Robert Johnson	558-1765
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Health Clinic	Kathy Larson	558-2054
Nurse	Lydia Quiad	558-3084
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Locker Assignment	Susie Ross	558-2251
Lunch Accounts	Cori Nebiker	558-2315
Main Office		558-2251
No Pass/No Play policy	Aaron Stecker	558-1451
PACT	Syndy Richey	558-1668
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Classroom concerns	Contact individual teachers	

This phone list will be helpful to you next year as well as this year.



Welcome to Kennedy High School! My name is Shawn Thomsen; I am Kennedy's freshmen facilitator. I am assigned to focus on freshmen only and help make their transition to high school as smooth as possible. During the school year, I continue to work with freshmen in the capacity of a counselor. Freshman year is an exciting time! It can also cause some anxiety. It is a time of more freedom and more responsibility. Some students need very little help or monitoring as they transition; other students may need quite a bit of support and monitoring. I am here to help so please contact me with concerns.

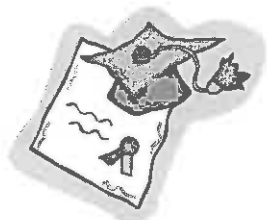
There is a lot to know about high school. Take the opportunity to make yourself aware. Below are 5 tips I truly believe are very helpful.

- 1) The Kennedy website is a wealth of information. Please take time to explore.
- 2) *PowerSchool*—use it! This applies to student and parents. Grades and current attendance are available on *PowerSchool*. Clicking on each grade opens up the teacher's grade book where you can see individual assignments. CANVAS is also a source of great information.
- 3) When you have a question, ask it. Do not wait.
- 4) Teachers will help. There is SMART LUNCH and teachers are available before or after school.
- 5) Get involved! Students—join an activity! Parents—stay connected with school—join PTA, attend events, come to conferences, volunteer!

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Graduation Requirements

CRCSD is on a semester system; we have two-18 week grading periods. Classes that meet daily earn 1.0 credits/semester; classes that meet every other day earn 0.5 credits/semester.

We believe that all students deserve the very best educational preparation and opportunities while at Kennedy High School. We encourage all students to complete the requirements in high school that will ensure entrance to college. Enrollment in rigorous classes will increase the chances of keeping all doors open for pursuit of education and career opportunities beyond high school.

Courses	C. R. High School Required Credits	District Requirements	Iowa Regents/College Entrance Requirements
Language Arts	8	4 years	4 years
World Language	0	none	2-4 years
Math	6	3 years	3-4 years
Physical Education	4	every term	None
Science	6	3 years	3-4 years
Social Studies	6	3 years	3 years
Additional Electives	10		
Total Credits Required		40	

**CPR is now required by the State of Iowa for high school graduation. This requirement will be addressed in PE classes.

Freshmen Requirements

All Kennedy freshmen are required to take **language arts, math, science, and PE**. Social studies is *not* required freshmen year, but we offered some great social studies electives. World language is not a freshmen year requirement, nor a graduation requirement. Almost all four year colleges required foreign language for admission. This requirement does vary from college to college. Some colleges require two years of the same language and others require four years. Community colleges do not require foreign language for admission.

Freshmen courses are offered 1st through 7th period. The master schedule is built with this in mind. We do not encourage zero hour courses for the large majority of freshmen. Generally, transportation can be an issue. For most freshmen, a six period class day plus study hall will allow for a smooth transition through high school.

Required class information

LANGUAGE ARTS

Four years of Language Arts are required for graduation. Required LA classes are year-long with the same teacher for each term. The Kennedy language arts department has a unique philosophy; challenge every student, expect everyone to demonstrate growth. Our teachers level students within the classroom by leveling the instruction, not labeling students. We support each student to seek challenge and develop mastery.

9th grade **Teacher Recommendation**

LA 9: develops the foundations of high school reading, writing, speaking, listening, and research skills through a thematic study of the personal journey through self-discovery.

Co-taught classes will be available for IEP students with reading or written language goals, and if space permits, other recommended students.



SCIENCE

Three years of science are required to graduate. Since careers in technical fields are increasing at a rapid pace, we encourage students to take as much science as possible. The State of Iowa now requires students complete science courses in three areas: Earth, Life, and Physical science.

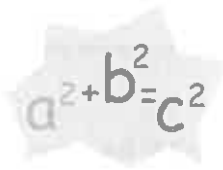
9th grade courses **Teacher Recommendation**

Freshmen will be required to take Earth Science which is a two semester, year-long course. Students who have completed this high school course in 8th grade will be recommended to take Biology.

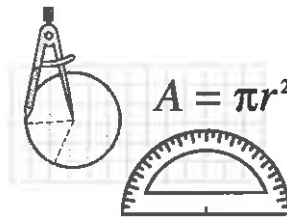
In addition to the Earth Science course, students interested in taking a second science may do so if they meet requirements.

Biology: is a year-long course that provides a general background in biology. Students learn to compare living systems of various representative organisms with an emphasis on human anatomy and physiology. There is also a focus on heredity in living organisms. **Students must be in Algebra 1 or higher in order to register for this class.**

Chemistry: is a year-long course providing a general background in Chemistry. This course is recommended for college bound students. Students must earn a passing grade to proceed to next term.
Prerequisites: 2 credits of high school science, teacher recommendation, strong math skills. Concurrent enrollment in Algebra 2.



MATHEMATICS



Three years of math are required to graduate from all Cedar Rapids public high schools. Since careers in technical fields are increasing at a rapid pace, we encourage students to take as much math as possible. Please refer to the Kennedy website for specific details of what each course covers. Math is a year-long course taught by the same teacher.

9th grade Teacher Recommendation

Algebra Prep: reinforces number concepts and computation skills with rational numbers. The course introduces and connect basic algebra and geometry concepts and skills.

Algebra Readiness series: is a course for the student who successfully completed the 8th grade mathematics curriculum and need more work in mathematics before tackling Algebra. This course is actually the first of three courses that will result in four years of math and meeting the Regents math requirement. The additional two courses are Geometry Readiness series, followed by Algebra II.

1st Year Algebra: is typically for 9th graders who are thinking of a four-year college education plan. This course is the most appropriate choice of the three algebra courses for the majority of 9th grade students. Students who received a "C" or below in the third term of 8th grade Algebra may be encouraged to repeat this course.

Advanced Algebra 1: is for the students who were successful in the 8th grade math curriculum and who have a stronger interest in mathematics, as well as the student who has taken Algebra 1 and would like to strengthen foundational skills. Students in the Advanced Algebra class may consider doubling up in math as sophomores in order to be on pace to take an AP math course.

Geometry: is for students who will complete Algebra as 8th graders earning a B or higher the entire year. ITBS math scores in the 80th or above range are also a good indicator of success in the course as a freshman. This is a mixed grade level class, as it is the usual 10th grade math course.

Advanced Geometry: is for 9th graders who *completed 8th grade Algebra earning an A for the entire year*. Students need to have a strong interest in mathematics and be intellectually curious. ITBS math scores at the 90th or above is an indicator of potential success. The student needs to be an active learner able to ask questions, and look beyond the obvious, as well as be willing to seek help from his/her teacher outside of class. The Advanced Geometry track leads to AP Calculus in the senior year.

Algebra 2: is for students who have successfully completed Algebra 1 and Geometry. College bound students will need to complete this to meet entrance requirements for 4 year colleges. Teacher recommendation. This will be a mixed grade level class 9-12th graders, with a majority 11th graders.

Advanced Algebra 2: is encouraged for students completing advanced coursework in Algebra and Geometry. Teacher recommendation. Successful completion of this course will led to Advanced Pre-Calculus.

Kennedy will be adjusting math course requests according to progress in 8th grade math class.



Required course information

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Physical Education

Physical Education is required by the State of Iowa each year in high school. To meet this requirement at Kennedy High School, students are required to take one semester daily PE course each year. The PE class will be scheduled either fall or spring term and will be determined by the master schedule. No guarantee can be made as to fall or spring semester. Students are required to dress out for PE class. A cardio component called the pacer test is a component of most PE courses.

Health & Fitness 1 will be a classroom only PE course worth 1 credit. This course will combine topics such as nutrition, food labels, My Plate Guidelines, eating disorders, components of fitness, exercise planning, stress management, mental and emotional health, and relationships with an active fitness component with the intention of conveying lifelong wellness habits. This class will meet every day for one term. This course may not be repeated.

PE Performance will be a **structured** workout 4 days a week, and one day a week of classroom. This course will be physically challenging and should be taken by serious fitness student or athlete. Meets daily/1 credit.

Personal Fitness will be another PE options for students. This class will use low impact workouts to meet fitness goals. Yoga, Pilates, and abdominal work would be examples of activities offered. Cardio exercise will also be a required part of this course. This course will earn 1 credit and meets daily.

PE 9-12 Team Sports will be offered next year. Cardio will be stressed in this course. Activities such as basketball and volleyball will be included. This course earns 1 PE credit and meets daily.

Early Bird PE will also continue next year. Remember, it begins at 7 AM. There is a cardio requirement to be met. This class like other PE classes meets daily for one semester/1 credit.

PE Swimming will be offered as a separate PE course. This class will include water safety, basic stroke development, lifetime water activities, and more. All levels of swimmers are accepted. This class meets daily and earns 1 PE credit.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Three years of social studies are required to graduate. The only year Social Studies is NOT required is freshman year. However, freshman may elect to take social studies.

One semester electives available to freshmen this year are: World Geography, Personal Law, Psychology, Social Psychology, Sociology, and Philosophy.

Freshmen may elect to take AP Human Geography which is a year-long class. This class is taught like a "college" level course. Strong organizational skills and reading skills are essential for success in this challenging class. The work load is similar to one of a college course. Please feel free to contact Ms. Osborn or Ms. Herrity for more information.

Personal Law will NO LONGER fulfill the Government requirement.

ELECTIVE COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD LANGUAGE is recommended for most students. Special attention to **study habits** is critical as success in a world language depends on **frequent review of vocabulary and completion of homework**. Assignments are often completed at home to practice further what is presented in class. Attendance is important since much of the oral work is done in the classroom. Five languages are available for study. They are Chinese, French, German, Japanese, and Spanish. World Language is a year-long course.

ART classes include Introduction to Art, Drawing, Ceramics, Painting, Sculpture, and Photography. Foundations of Art is a pre-requisite for any future Advanced Art course. AP Art History is available to freshmen with strong basic skills and a history of strong academic performance and strong interest in art.

MUSIC offers many opportunities for Kennedy students. Some options, such as Chanteurs, Protégé, Happiness, Golden Strings, and Jazz Band, require auditions. You will not be able to register for courses that require auditions. These will be added to your schedule after the auditions have taken place. Kennedy Singers is the High School Chorus class for 9th graders. It does NOT require an audition. Performing at scheduled concerts is factored into the grade for this course.

LANGUAGE ARTS offers a wide range of electives: Creative Writing, Journalism, Literary Magazine, Newspaper, Yearbook, Reading Workshop, Speech and Debate, Theater Arts and Performance, Stage Craft and Design. Some of these courses may be taken more than once. Please refer to the Program of Studies

Career and Technical Education areas

BUSINESS classes include: Entrepreneurship, Money Management, Personal Finance, and Video Game Design and Marketing. These are one semester electives worth 1 credit each.

COMPUTER course electives include such topics Computer Science, Computer Coding, and Web Page Essentials. This area is still under change as of this printing.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE. These courses actively involve students and encourage students to apply and practice skills that are needed to be successful adults. One semester courses available to freshmen are: Teen Issues, Foods & Nutrition 1, School Age Child Development, Early Childhood Development, and Independent Living.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION offers courses in Automotive, Woodworking, Construction, Welding and Power & Energy (new name for Electric Car). These are one semester electives earning one credit each.



GENERAL STUDIES/STUDENT GOVERNMENT is a class that meets on an alternate day schedule during zero (0) hour (7:00 am). The class emphasizes active participation and leadership skills. This group plans and coordinates dozens of events each year from Homecoming to food drives. Student Government is available to all students' grades 9-12; however, upperclassmen are given first priority. Freshmen may request it but just like any elective, it is not guaranteed.



CAREER EDGE ACADEMY PROGRAM

Career Edge Academies are cutting-edge, career-focused, college credit courses available to high school students. Using the most advanced software and technology available within the industry, courses provide hands-on academic and technical preparation to provide relevant skills for today's workforce.

Career Edge Academies:

- provide hands-on learning experiences to explore today's high tech careers.
- give you a jump start towards earning your college degree.
- help you with the career decision-making process.
- can even make you eligible for a college scholarship after high school.
- most academies are targeted for upper classmen. Family provides transportation

- **Project Lead the Way** will be offered on the Kennedy campus and is open to interested 9th graders who are registered for Algebra 1 or higher. It is a year-long elective course earning 2 credits. This course is a weighted course like AP course. This course earns both high school credit and KCC credit and is provided at no cost.

Future possibilities: Cedar Rapids Community School district and Kirkwood Community College partnered with other school districts in the corridor to provide a unique hands-on learning experience for area high school students. The Linn County Regional Center is now open. It is located on Boysen Road. Most academies are targeted for juniors and seniors. However, this information is important to keep in mind as you look at your student's four years in high school. Below are listed the academies that will be offered at the new center.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Sciences: Liberal Arts focus • Adv. Manufacturing/Engineering Technology*
with American Welding Society
MIG welder qualification and
National Institute for Metalworking
Skills (NIMS) machining certificate • Architecture & Construction Management* • Agriculture Science*
Horticulture
Vet Science
Landscape Design
Ag Business • Business • Criminal Justice • Dental* • Education • EMT/Firefighter
with CPR and EMT certification • Energy/Industrial Maintenance* • Graphics, Media & Communication • Information Technology*
with A+ certification • Interior Design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paralegal/Pre-Law • Patient Care*
with OSHA, HIIPA and
Nurse Aide certification • Pharmacy Tech* • Physical Therapy Assisting* • Occupational Therapy Assisting* • Project Lead The Way:
Civil Engineering & Architecture* • Project Lead The Way:
Biotechnology* • Project Lead The Way:
Digital Electronics* • Math/Science* • Transportation*
with Snap-On Shopkey,
Snap-On Meter and Snap-On
Ethos Scan Tool certifications • Welding* |
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*Denotes STEM-based program



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We encourage all students to seek out a club, organization, team sport, or fine arts opportunity to enhance their high school experience. Students who participate in activities tend to have a stronger connection to the people and academics at school, and therefore tend to be more successful students.

Athletics

The Kennedy Cougars field teams in 21 sports each year. All of those sports are available to all students, grades 9-12 who meet eligibility requirements. Kennedy sports a strong tradition of good sportsmanship and is a member of the Mississippi Valley Conference.

FALL SPORTS

- Men's Cross Country
- Women's Cross Country
- Women's Swimming
- Men's Golf
- Football
- Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

- Men's Basketball
- Women's Basketball
- Wrestling
- Men's Swimming
- Women's Bowling
- Men's Bowling

SPRING SPORTS

- Men's Track
- Women's Track
- Women's Golf
- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Men's Tennis
- Women's Tennis
- Baseball (Summer)
- Softball (Summer)

Cheerleading squads aid several sports. Tryouts for cheerleading are held in the spring for both fall and winter squads. Dance team auditions will be held in April. Please pay close attention to times of auditions as this is a one-time opportunity.

All sports have opportunities available for student managers and trainers.

Fine Arts Opportunities

Our fine arts programs have incredible support from the community, our parents, and our student body. All aspects of our fine arts program offer award-winning opportunities for students. Participation provides the potential for a built-in place to belong.

- Drama Director
- Tech Director
- Choral Music

- Nick Hayes
- Steve Tolly
- Storm Ziegler, Director of Choral Music
- Scott Muters

- Instrumental Music
- Orchestral Music

- Lesley Fleer and Jared Wacker, Co-Directors of Bands
- John Hall, Director of Orchestra

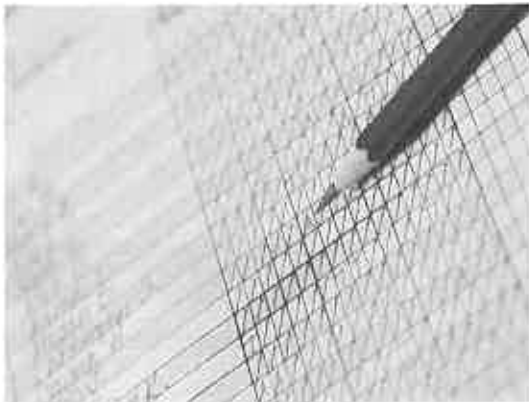
Clubs and Organizations

Kennedy offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations. A list of clubs and organizations is available on the Kennedy website. Students will also receive a paper copy of current clubs and organizations during one of the visits to middle school.

The High School 411

Advanced Placement Courses

The Advancement Placement program is a curriculum in the United States sponsored by the College Board which offers standardized courses to high school students that are generally recognized to be equivalent to undergraduate courses in college. Participating colleges grant credit to students who obtained high enough scores on the exams to qualify. Exams take place in May. Kennedy offers over twenty-five AP courses. Freshmen who are ready to take on this level of rigor have the option of AP Human Geography or AP Art History if appropriate. The complete list of available AP courses at Kennedy is available on our website.



Attendance

Attendance is a key factor in success at Kennedy. Students who are in attendance on a regular basis perform better in class and earn higher grades. Teachers cannot teach students who are not in the classroom and students cannot experience the process of learning which is often equally important as the outcome. These experiences cannot be duplicated and sent home.

Mr. Jay Goodlove is Kennedy's attendance facilitator. Mr. Goodlove monitors student attendance and meets with students to resolve attendance issues. He can be reached at **558-3304**.

Attendance Procedures

All absences must be excused by a telephone call or written note from a parent or guardian the day before an absence, the day of the absence, or up until 2 pm the day after an absence. Attendance office hours are 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. The phone number is **558-2449**. Parents may call after hours and leave a message on the answering machine stating the reason for the student's absence.

It is the responsibility of students to request make up work from the teacher. Any time class is missed, regardless of the reason, work missed in that class is to be made up. **This includes PE class.** If you miss a PE class, you will need to schedule a make up class.

Automated phone calls go out each evening for any student who has an unexcused absence. Please make sure this is a secure number.

Athletic Eligibility

Iowa Athletic Association requires all high school athletes to maintain satisfactory academic progress. A student earning a **final grade of F or U in any subject** will serve a sanction in the next sport he or she participates. Additionally, a student needs to be passing 20 credits at midterm to maintain eligibility in their current sport.

For more specific information, please contact our Athletic Office at 558-2328 or visit the Kennedy website for more information. Look under Athletics.

Bussing

Students who **live 3 or miles** from Kennedy High School will be eligible for yellow school bus service. The district's transportation is in charge of setting up routes and will mail information in August. If you have a question, call the transportation department directly at **558-3286**. Transportation changes/requests after the school year starts can be made by contacting our main office at 558-2251.

CANVAS is a learning management system that helps teachers and students locate and access digital tools in one easy place. Teachers are expected to keep a calendar of upcoming events— like assignments, quizzes, and tests. Some teachers upload video, lessons, worksheets, instructions, etc. And some teachers require students to submit work via CANVAS. Our district website has great information for parents regarding CANVAS and how to use it as a parent.

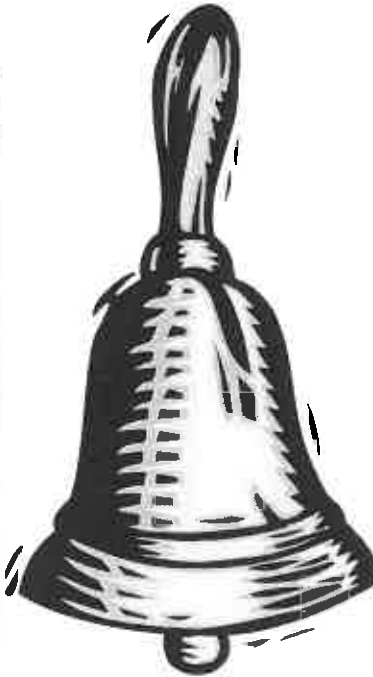
Cell Phones



There is a cell phone policy listed in the student handbook. The student handbook is available on line at www.kenn.cr.k12.ia.us. Freshmen will receive a student handbook the first day of school. Basically, all cell phones need to be turned OFF (not silent) upon entering any classroom where learning is to take place. This applies to all electronic devices.

Class Schedule

SMART Time	
Period 1	7:50-8:38
Period 2	8:42-9:30
SMART TIME	9:34-10:04
Period 3	10:08-10:56
Period 4	11:00-11:48
Period 5	11:52-1:16
Lunch A	11:52-12:17
Lunch B	12:10-12:35
Lunch C	12:28-12:53
Lunch D	12:46-1:16
Period 6	1:20-2:08
Period 7	2:12-3:00



SMART Lunch		
Period 0	7:00 - 7:52	
Period 1	7:55- 8:47	
Period 2	8:52 - 9:44	
Period 3	9:49 - 10:41	
Announcements	10:41 - 10:46	
Period 4	10:51 - 11:43	
SMART LUNCH 11:47-12:52	11:47 - 12:17	Tutorial A
	12:22 - 12:52	Tutorial B
Period 5	12:56 - 1:48	
Period 6	1:53 - 2:45	
Period 7	2:50 - 3:42	

Closed Campus

All 9th graders are expected to stay on campus at all times. This is referred to as "closed campus". Freshmen may not leave for lunch and are to report to study hall.

Course Descriptions

All Kennedy course descriptions are listed on the Kennedy website. Go to: www.kenn.cr.k12.ia.us Click on ACADEMICS; then click "Program of Studies".

Drivers Education

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Drivers Education is available to freshmen spring semester if space is available. Fall semester is reserved for upper classmen. Students must furnish the school a valid learner's permit in order to register for the class. The cost is \$400. Interested students may see me after September 1st to register—bring your driver's permit when you see me.

Drivers Education is available outside of school by private providers. Kirkwood Community College offers evening and summer classes at various locations around the city. StreetSmarts (364-4884) and Right Way Drivers Education (350-1733) are two private providers in the area. Both have websites with information and are easy to navigate.



Dropping a class

Students may find themselves in a situation in which they may need to drop a class. Dropping classes can have an adverse effect on transcripts. Any class dropped in the first 10 days of a trimester will not be reflected on the transcript. A class dropped after the 10th day of class requires a drop form and a letter grade of W or F will be issued on the transcript. For more details, refer to the student handbook (on the web) or contact Ms Herry.



Fees

The District high school fee for consumable materials is currently \$89. This may increase next year. Students on free or reduced lunch will have part or this entire fee, but additional permission must be given. Students can purchase an activity pass which is good for most extra-curricular events. Both of these fees may be paid via the Bookkeeper's office at Freshmen Orientation or anytime during the first week of school. You may send the payment with your student.

Grading

Transcript grades are equal to the following numerical values in all courses except AP classes. AP courses use a weighted grading scale. This information can be found on the school website.

Letter Grade	Numerical Value	Letter Grade	Numerical Value
A+	4.33	C+	2.33
A	4.00	C	2.00
A-	3.67	C-	1.67
B+	3.33	D+	1.33
B	3.00	D	1.00
B-	2.67	D-	0.67
		F	0.00



Grade Point Average (GPA)

Class	Letter Grade	Credit Value		Grade Value		Product
LA 9	A	1	X	4.00	=	4.00
Algebra 1	C	1	X	2.00	=	2.00
Earth Science	B+	1	X	3.33	=	3.33
Spanish	B	1	X	3.00	=	3.00
PE	C+	1	X	2.33	=	2.33
HS Chorus	A	0.5	X	4.00	=	2.00
Global Geo	A-	1	X	3.67	=	3.67
TOTAL		6.5				20.33

$$20.33/6.5= 3.128$$

Health Clinic



Students who are not feeling well may request a pass from an adult to go to the Health Clinic. Our health secretary, Kathy Larson, is available daily and our school nurse, Connie Trautman, is available three days a week. If students need to go home due to illness, the clinic will contact parents. Students are not to call parents and leave without permission of the clinic. You may reach the clinic at 558-2054.

IDs

Ninth graders will be issued a Kennedy ID after the year starts and pictures are taken. This ID will be given to students on the first day of school. IDs are needed for checking out IMC materials, hot lunch, admission to extra-curricular events, and school bussing. Replacement IDs can be purchased in the IMC for \$5.

Lockers



Students are not required to have a locker at Kennedy. Students who wish to have a locker assigned to them will share a locker with a like gender/like grade level students. These partnerships are randomly assigned unless the student completes a Locker Partner sheet. This topic will be discussed at student informational meetings. Students at Kennedy are permitted to carry a backpack from class to class.

Lunch



It seems this is the most talked about subject by freshmen! Students have several choices for lunch. Currently, there are about 6 lunch lines. There is always the regular hot lunch line—the best value. There is an a la carte line and snack cupboard. Students who buy individual items in the a la carte line to make a complete lunch may spend in excess of \$5 in doing so. Consider this a warning parents! Students use their ID card to pay for lunch so they should keep track of it. In high school, students **are not allowed to overdraw their lunch account**. Lunch money may be deposited in your child's account by sending money with your student or through an on-line program. Menus are posted on-line and the daily menu is always on our daily announcements. It is helpful if students know which

line they wish BEFORE coming to the lunch room. Students are to use only 30 minutes of SMART LUNCH to eat—the other 30 minutes, they need to attend tutorials or be engaged in something productive.

Pass/Fail Option

Kennedy students have the option of taking one class each year as a pass/fail class. This means a grade of S (satisfactory) or a U (unsatisfactory) will be earned and either way, it has NO impact on GPA. If a U is earned, no credit will be earned. Extracurricular sanctions will apply if a student does earn a U for a class taken Pass/Fail. Required classes cannot be taken pass/fail with the exception of PE. Additionally, Advanced Placement classes may not be taken pass/fail. Contact Ms. Herry for more details.

PowerSchool

Students and parents may monitor grades and attendance via our **PowerSchool** system. Students and parents can each have their own log in and password. The link to **PowerSchool** can be found on the Kennedy home page. (www.kenn.k12.ia.us) It is our understanding your log in information and password from middle school should work at high school. If you are new to our district, you will receive information on how to set up your **PowerSchool** account. You may also contact our main office at 558-2251 for assistance. Teachers are using CANVAS to post course information. I highly suggest you become familiar with navigating PowerSchool. TIP: Don't forget, clicking on the letter grade opens up the teacher's gradebook.



Required Courses

Freshmen are required to take a language arts, math, science, and PE courses. Although Social Studies is not a required subject for 9th grade, we offer several one semester electives as well as AP Human Geography, a yearlong course. Social studies will be required in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade regardless of a student's selection in 9th grade.



School Supplies

Kennedy High School does not issue a school supply list. A student planner will be given to your child on the first day of school. Some classes may require a certain item for their class, but it would be minimal in cost. Do not buy expensive calculators. Students do not need them until Algebra 2. Buy supplies your child will use to keep themselves organized. Otherwise, the basics will do: pens, pencils, spirals, loose leaf paper, etc. Since book bags can be carried at high school, you may want to invest in a sturdy one. Flash drives often come in handy but again, are not required.

SMART LUNCH

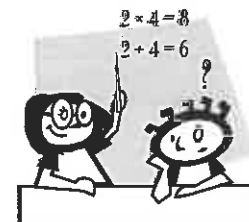
SMART Lunch occurs between 4th and 5th periods. It is a 60 minute period divided into two sessions: A and B. One, and only one, session, is meant to be lunch time. The other 30 minute session is meant to attend a tutorial, use the IMC, listen to guest speakers, participate in intramurals, attend club meetings, complete homework,...do something PRODUCTIVE.

Tutorials will be held a rotating basis for ALL classes. This schedule will be posted each term. Special tutorials will be offered from time to time. Mandatory class meetings and advisory homerooms will occur during this time. A tutorial is a time to get extra help, a lesson retaught, etc. Students in good standing may organize and choose their tutorial time; other students may be assigned tutorial time...called MANDATORY tutorial.

This is indeed a learning curve for freshmen.

Tutors

Parents often call and inquire about tutors. In some cases, a tutor may be appropriate. In most cases, students working with their classroom teacher before or after school will solve the problem. If your child is struggling in a class, please contact the teacher. The student should be using SMART LUNCH time to get extra help.



Work Permits

Work permits are no longer available via our Educational Leadership and Service Center. Youth, parents and employers are asked to complete a simplified form found on line: <http://www.iowadivisionoflabor.gov/>

Academic Award Checklist

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Students can earn recognition for success in academics, citizenship, and attendance. Please take the time to review this list and set some goals for your high school career. More extensive descriptions can be found on the Kennedy Website.

Recognition	Year	Criteria	Have Earned	Plan to Earn
Academic Numerals	9	Two terms of 3.33 GPA during 9 th grade year		
Academic Letter	10, 11, 12	Two consecutive terms of 3.33 GPA		
Academic Certificate	11,12	Received Academic Letter award Two more consecutive terms of 3.33 GPA		
Above & Beyond	9,10,11,12	Awarded to students who exceed expectation in school citizenship		
Academic Honors	12	Complete the equivalent of 15 yearlong courses in areas of language arts, math, including algebra and geometry, science, world language, social studies, and a 3.0 GPA in each area		
Academic Honors with Distinction	12	Complete four years language, arts, science, math including algebra and geometry, three years social studies, and two years world language and a 3.33 GPA in core areas Completes equivalent of 24 yearlong core courses.		
Four Year AP Test Taker	9,10,11,12	Awarded to students who take one or more AP courses each year		
AP Scholars	10,11,12	Earn a 3 or better on at least 3 AP exams		
AP Ghosh Medallion	10,11,12	Earn scores of 4 or higher in at least 4 AP exams		
Honor Roll of Excellence	9,10,11,12	Earn a 3.70 grade point or above		
Green & Gold Honor Roll	9,10,11,12	Earn a 3.40 to 3.69 grade point		
Cougar Mark of Merit	9,10,11,12	Earn a 3.0 to 3.39 grade point		
GPA Improvement	9,10,11,	Earn GPA of at least .35 above previous term		
National Honor Society	11,12	Demonstrate leadership, service, character, and scholarship. 3.6 grade point minimum		
National Science Honor Society	11, 12	Take an AP science course, participate in service project. By invitation from teacher.		
National Merit Scholar	11	Awarded to juniors based on the PSAT		
Math Scholar	12	4 years (8 credits) of study of math		
Language Arts Scholar	12	Equivalent of 5 years(10 credits) including a year of AP study or a 3.75 GPA in language arts		
Science Scholar	12	4 years(8 credits) of study in science		
World Language Scholar	12	4 years (8 credits) of study in world languages		
Social Studies Scholar	12	4 years (8 credits) including a year of AP study or a 3.75 GPA in the social studies area.		
Student of the Arts	12	Excels in varied fine arts endeavors, demonstrates exceptional leadership, conduct, and dedication to the arts program.		
Service Learning Award	12	50 hrs. each year of documented community service		
Perfect Attendance	9,10,11,12	Perfect attendance for 18 weeks		
Excellent Attendance	9,10,11,12	Excellent attendance for 18 weeks		
Iowa Assessment 99 th Percentile	9,10,11	Earn core score of 99 th percentile or above		
Iowa Assessment 90 th Percentile	9,10,11	Earn core score of 90 th percentile or above		
Iowa Assessment Growth Award	9,10,11	Demonstrate improvement in standard score from one year to the next		
President's Award for Academic Excellence	12	Cumulative grade point of 3.5 and perform at 85 th percentile of better		
Cougar Credit Club	12	Earn 54 or more credits in high school		
Valedictorian	12	Cumulative GPA of 4.165 or higher		
Salutatorian	12	Cumulative GPA of 4.0 to 4.164		



Looking to the future:

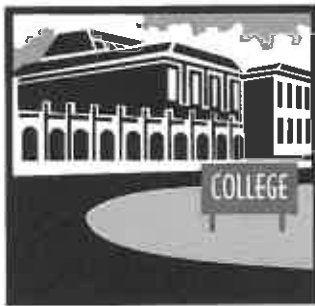
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What are colleges looking for?

Although college is still four years away, it is important to consider what colleges are looking for when planning your course selection. Colleges are looking for well-rounded students. Most colleges take all of the following into consideration when reviewing college applications: Rigor of classes, GPA, class rank, community involvement, extracurricular involvement, admission essay, work experience, and letters of reference.

The three state universities use a Regents Admission Index for admission. This is a mathematical formula using GPA, class rank, number of core classes taken, and ACT score. The Regents Admission Index link below will show the factors used to determine automatic eligibility. Community colleges, like Kirkwood, do not use the RAI for admissions. Kirkwood requires the COMPASS test be taken. Certain programs will have other requirements.

Generally, the more select the college, the higher the criteria for admissions. Below is a link to [I Have a Plan Iowa](#). This resource has all colleges across the nation listed and ways to search by location, cost, size, etc. It also has tools to help students decide on a career or interest area. Students should all have an account and parents can make their own account.



Helpful links—high school planning, career planning and college planning

I Have A Plan Iowa

www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov

ICAN

www.icansucceed.org

Iowa College Student Aid

www.iowacollegeaid.gov

College Board

www.collegeboard.org

Regents Admission Index

www.regents.iowa.gov/RAI

Federal Student Aid/FAFSA

www.fafsaonline.com

Freshmen Registration, Orientation and Transition Dates

Freshmen Orientation for parent and students

February 2nd Kennedy High School, auditorium 6:00 pm

Incoming freshman fine arts assembly-students only

February 7th Kennedy High School 9:30 am

Registration window

February 3rd @ 8:00 am through February 10th @ 8:00 am.

Parents and their student need to complete the on-line registration via PowerSchool (See Registration Booklet)

Cougar Talks-parents and students

February 13th Kennedy High School, Black Box
 6:15 pm Performing Arts information
 7:00 pm PACT and Advanced Placement information
 7:30 pm Athletic information

Registration dates-complete registration process with students

Harding Middle School	February 20 & 21
Taft Middle School	February 15
Roosevelt Middle School	February 13
Franklin Middle School	February 16
Trinity Lutheran	February 7

Private, Parochial, Home School registration @ Kennedy Upper IMC, drop in format

Choose one time:	February 14 th	3:30 – 5:00pm
	February 23 rd	4:30 – 6:00pm

Some FYI's....

Fall term tentative schedules will be available by early August

Counselors are out of the office from mid-June return in early August.

Freshmen Orientation Thursday before school starts

Check in.....Front Foyer

Lots of activities including a trial run of schedule, exploring the building, etc.

More information will be mailed home early August.

First Day of School is tentatively August 23, 2016

It is an early dismissal day at 12:30

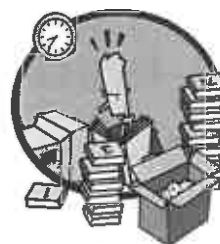
All students will report to their homeroom to pick up schedules.

Also distributes will be student planners, student IDs, handbooks, etc.

Registration Resources

So Where Do I begin?

- 1) Review all material before beginning to choose classes.
 - a. Class of 2020 informational booklet
 - b. Look on line at course descriptions
www.kenn.cr.k12.ia.us
- 2) Attend informational meetings
 - a. Visits to Middle schools by Mr. Thomsen
 - b. Freshman Orientation
 - c. Cougar Talks
- 3) Think about not just your freshmen year, but all 4 years of high school.
- 4) What are your interests? Do you have any ideas for a future career?



You are ready to go....

The good news.....your class requests are 50% completed from the start!
Current teachers make recommendations for LA, Math, and Science. Simply follow teacher recommendations and you are halfway done.

All students will be required to take PE. Kennedy is no longer participating has a waiver system. Students will register for one semester daily PE class. This will meet state requirements. Students may elect to take a one term elective the opposite semester.
When a student is scheduled for PE will be determined by the master schedule.

The other half of the credits are up to you. So, will you take a world language, be a part of the band, try an AP course, or join the high school chorus?

How about an art class, business class, or social studies? Or try Theater Arts, Creative Writing, or perhaps you want to explore a new area. Ninth grade year is a good year to do this as there is no social studies requirement.

Keep a running tally until you reach at least 10 credits and no more than 14 credits for the year. 12 credits would be considered a full schedule.

Log onto PowerSchool and complete the on line registration. Directions are included in this booklet. Registration is not considered complete until the on-line registration is completed.

Class of 2021 On line registration directions
 Window opens Feb 3rd at 8:00 am
 Window closes Feb 10th at 8:00 am

Items needed: Pre-Registration worksheet
 Power School user name and password
 Computer with internet access
 Twenty minutes of time—you'll be logged out after 20 minutes
 Knowledge of teacher recommendations

Between February 3rd, 8 am and February 10th, 8 am, freshmen should register for classes on line. This can be done at home as well as school. It is suggested parent and student do this together at home. Mr. Thomsen will be returning to each middle school to help finalize this process. Students not registered on-line will complete the process. Students will be given information on lockers and will complete an activity interest sheet at this time.

It would be to your advantage to read through the process before actually logging on.

Go to this web page directly. <http://pscr.gwaea.org/public> or,
 you can access *PowerSchool* via your middle school website or district web site.

Log in using your user name and password. Parent or student log in will work.

Click on Class Registration icon located at the top towards the left hand side.

A screen full of categories will appear. Read the directions and you may begin.

Please remember LA, math, and science are required. These are denoted with a red exclamation point. You will not be able to submit your requests unless these areas are completed accurately. PE is also required. These four areas must be completed in order for you to submit your requests.

Click on the *pencil icon* at the right of the subject area. A menu of courses will appear. To alphabetize the list, you can double click on the heading course name. I recommend ordering the courses by numbers—double click on the number header to place classes in numerical order. Some subject areas have more than one page of selections. Look for page numbers at bottom of drop down menu of courses.

Carefully choose the classes you are requesting by matching the number on your practice registration worksheet (or pages in this booklet) and the number of the class on the screen. Year-long courses will require two numbers—one for each semester. Click the box in front of each class. Once you have selected the appropriate course or courses in the subject area, click OKAY.

Courses selected should appear in boxes for that subject area. Double check course numbers selected. If incorrect, click the pencil icon and you will be allowed to change your requests.

If an area is an elective area, you do not need to select a class in that area. EX: If you are not electing to take music, just bypass it and go on.

Continue this process until you have selected all the courses you would like to request for next year. Each daily semester course counts as 1 credit. To determine how many of the electives to choose, there is a credit counter at the bottom. Once you reach between 10-12 credits you may submit. The system will not allow students to enter more than 14 credits worth of classes. .

You must click the Submit button at the bottom lower right in order for your requests to be recorded.

Once you have clicked SUBMIT, your entries are recorded. If you need to edit/change any of your requests, you may do so on line up to 8:00 am, Friday, Feb 10th. You do this by logging in to class registration again, clicking the pencil icon of the area you want to change, making the necessary changes, clicking okay and do not forget, you must click the Submit button.

You may view your class requests at any time by logging in to *PowerSchool*. Select Class Registration icon. By clicking this, you will a list of the courses requested. This can be done anytime after the registration window closes-so if you want to see the list of requested courses, you can just log on and follow this process. Changes in required course placement may take place as the year progresses and as adjustments are needed for recommended course work. If you see a course change and have questions, please contact me—Mr. Thomsen and not the middle school.

If you run into difficulty, please contact me. If you do not have access to a computer at home, we will assist your student in completing the registration when I return to all middle schools in February. However, if you have internet at home, I strongly urge you to complete the process with your child at home.

Kennedy has a schedule change procedure in place. **We are urging students and families to make solid request choices.** All schedule changes after the final due date will be on a priority basis. Gone are the days, students can change their mind at the last minute. Allowing students to change at the last minute causes all sorts of havoc with our master schedule. We plan for classes based on what students tell us during this process. Changing their minds later causes disruption not only to their schedule, but sometimes it causes major disruption to other student schedules (classes being collapsed so a new class opened).

Due to the volume of questions at this time, I prefer email when possible. Voice mail will work too, but will take somewhat longer as I am in and out of the building frequently during registration time.

When you complete the on line registration does NOT impact the odds of getting classes. Once all registrations are completed and a master schedule is built for the year, it is a random run of student requests.... with 12th graders being run first, then 11th grade, next 10th grade and last, but not least, 9th grade.

Do not stress about doing something wrong. Errors can be fixed. Just contact me.



After February 10th, any changes to class requests will need to be completed through Kennedy. Please contact Mr. Thomsen at sthomsen@cr.k12.ia.us or 558-3416. As it is a busy time of year, I prefer email whenever possible.

Fast Facts for Freshmen

- Best kept secret—the Kennedy Website! www.kenn.cr.k12.ia.us
- Second best secret—PowerSchool. Log in – Kennedy website homepage
- 6 classes periods in a day/ School starts at 7:55 and ends at 2:45
- LA, Math, Science, and PE are required classes for 9th graders.
- Schedules are built for each semester. Order of classes will change. Change is good.
- Typical 9th grade schedule is 5 classes and PE.
- Students share lockers but are not required to have a locker.
- Students may carry backpacks from class to class.
- Headwear is allowed.
- There is a cell phone policy. Be aware of it.
- There is a free public phone that is available 24/7. It is located at the attendance window.
- Lunch and PE class are mixed grades, 9-12.
- SMART LUNCH: Great opportunity to get help and to complete homework.
- 9th grade Band students may choose between Marching Band or Concert band fall term.
- Students are assigned textbooks OR can check out textbooks or on line textbook access is given.
- Teachers are available before or after school to work with students.
- Teachers will help your student.
- Do not select electives based on what friends are doing.
- Lunch has many choices. Buying items a la carte is VERY expensive.
- Freshmen may not leave campus for study hall or lunch.
- Transportation is provided by the district if you live over 3 miles. Bus routes will be mailed very late. We will not have that information. Call the transportation department.
- Lack of academic progress (failing classes) can affect your student's eligibility for athletics & fine arts.
- The IMC is open each day from 7:15am to 3:45 pm.
- Conferences are held in mid semester. You are welcome to request conferences at other times.
- Students need to earn an average of 5 credits each term to be on track for graduation. 40 credits are needed to graduate.
- World Language is not required for graduation.
- Attendance is important. Being on time is equally important.
- If your student is absent in a class and not excused, you will receive an automated voice call early evening of the same day. Please make sure this is a secure number.
- Ask your student about school each day. Better yet, ask to see their planner. Even better, log on to PowerSchool each day to review grades and attendance. Master CANVAS!!
- Know your child's friends. Parents do call other parents-you are NOT the only one.
- When a problem in a class arises, please contact the teacher directly.
- When a question arises, ask it.
- If something doesn't sound right, most likely it is not.

Kennedy Freshmen Registration Worksheet 2017-2018

This is a worksheet only for your use to sketch out a potential schedule. The order of classes and the semester of elective is a function of the master schedule.

Name _____ Middle School _____

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Language Arts 9	Language Arts 9
Math:	Math:
Science:	Science:
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective
PE or Elective	PE or Elective
Elective or study hall	Elective or study hall

PE must be taken at least one term, every day.

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Language Arts 9	Language Arts 9
Math:	Math:
Science:	Science:
Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective
PE or Elective	PE or Elective
Elective or study hall	Elective or study hall

PE must be taken at least one term, every day.

Kennedy High School

Freshmen Recommendation & Course Requests Form

2017-2018

Name: _____

ID#: _____

Grade entering: 9

REQUIRED Classes

Students may identify up to two teachers they prefer not to have.

TEACHER NAMES

1. _____
2. _____

LANGUAGE ART (2 credits required)

	GE	CoT
LA 9	2	2

MATHEMATICS (2 credits required)

	Gen Ed	CoT
Algebra Prep	2	
Algebra One	2	
Alg Readiness/Alg 1	2	2
Advanced Algebra	2	
Geometry	2	
Advanced Geometry	2	
Algebra 2	2	
Advanced Algebra 2	2	

Additional Information: Place an X if applies

- I will ride the school bus-must live 3 miles or more to qualify
- I will be auditioning for Chanteurs-Show Choir
- I am my parents' first child in high school
- I have a brother or sister who will attend KHS 2015-16

SCIENCE (2 credits required)

		GE	CoT
Earth	Earth Science	2	2
Life	Biology	2	

I plan on playing the following Kennedy Sports:

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 credit required)

Register for only one class

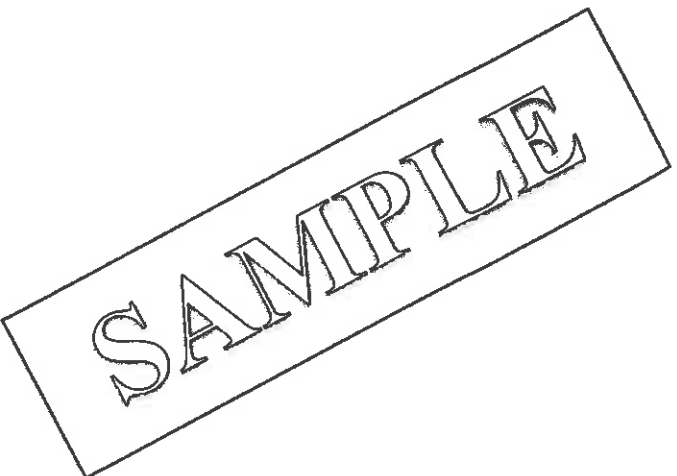
Personal Fitness	1
Team Sports	1
Swimming	1
Health & Fitness 1	1
Performance PE	1

Alternate PE choice _____

Semester Preference: Fall Spring

PE all year? Yes No

Other information:



Office Use only:

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ELECTIVES

Kennedy High School
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SAMPLE

Visual Art

Foundations of Art	1
Introduction to Drawing	1
Introduction to Painting	1
Introduction to Ceramics	1
Introduction to Sculpture	1
AP Art History	2

**advanced course may be taken if Foundations And intro course completed

Social Studies Electives

Personal Law	1
World Geography	1
Psychology	1
Sociology	1
Philosophy	1
Social Psychology	1
AP Human Geography	2

Language Arts Electives

Intro to Media-Journalism	1
Theatre Arts & Production	1
Stage Craft & Design	1
Creative Writing	1
Reading Workshop	1
21 st Century Media: Student News (Torch) #	1
Speech & Debate	1
21 st Century Media: Yearbook #	1

Science Electives/Additional Core

Life	Biology #	2
Physical	Chemistry #	2
	Ecological Problems	1
	Botany	1

General Studies-

	Fall	Spring
Service Learn. & Lead. (Student Government)	0.5	0.5
Literary Magazine	NA	0.5

Classes in bold are year-long classes.

pre-requisite must be met
refer to the Program of Studies

Vocal Music

Show Choir C (Chanteurs) **Audition Required**	XX
High School Chorus (Kennedy Singers)	1

Instrumental Music

Band is a yearlong course

Color Guard	0.5
Marching Band or 9 th grade Band	1
Concert Band (Spring)	1
String Orchestra	2

World Languages

Chinese 1	2
Chinese 2	2
French 1	2
French 2	2
German 1	2
German 2	2
Japanese 1	2
Japanese 2	2
Spanish 1	2
Spanish 2	2

ELL information

ELL LA 1 2 3 4

READ 180 Yes No

SYSTEM 44: Yes No

MATH:

IEP: Directed Studies

Career Tech Education –

Industrial Technology

Consumer Auto Mechanics	1
Adv. Auto Mechanics #	1
Woodworking	1
Adv. Woodworking #	1
Construction	1
Adv. Construction #	1
Fundamentals of Welding	1
Power and Energy (Electric Car)	1

Business

Video Game Marketing	1
Money Management	1
Entrepreneurship	1

Computer Science

Computer Science	1
Advanced Computer Science #	1
Computer Coding	1
Advanced Computer Coding #	1

Family & Consumer Science

Food & Nutrition	1
Early Childhood Development	1
School Age Child Development	1
Teen Issues	1
Independent Living	1

Linn County Regional Academy Programs

Intro to Engineering Design #	2
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SAMPLE

Map of Kennedy High School

