
Class of 2023



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Welcome to Kennedy High School! My name is Shawn Thomsen and I have the honor to serve as Kennedy’s freshmen facilitator. I am assigned to focus on the freshmen class and help make their transition to high school as smooth as possible. 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 6 tips I truly believe are very helpful:

- 1) The Kennedy and District websites are a wealth of information. Please take time to explore.
- 2) *PowerSchool*...use it! In the fall of 2019, we will be converting to a new system, Infinite Campus, which will have several similar features. This is for students and parents. Grades and current attendance are available. 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 Time and teachers are often available before or after school, just ask.
- 5) Get involved! Students—join an activity! Parents—stay connected with school—join PTSA, attend events, come to conferences, volunteer!
- 6) Trust your kids...but never be afraid to verify what they are saying. If something doesn’t feel right, it probably isn’t.



Program of Studies

This booklet has a wealth of information but more specific information on class descriptions and requirements can be found in the District Program of Studies online at:

<http://www.cr.k12.ia.us/departments-services/program-of-studies/>

OR from the Kennedy homepage, click Academics – Program of Studies.



Graduation Requirements

CRCSD is on a semester system; we have two-18 week grading periods. Classes that meet daily earn 1 credit per semester; classes that meet every other day earn 0.5 credits per 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	CRCSD High School Required Credits	Iowa Regents/College Entrance Requirements
Language Arts	8	4 years
World Language	0	2-4 years
Math	6	3-4 years
Physical Education	4	None
Science	6	3-4 years
Social Studies	6	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 offer some great social studies electives. World language is not a freshmen year requirement, nor a graduation requirement. Almost all four year colleges require 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, six classes plus study hall each day will allow for a smooth transition to high school.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Four years (8 credits) 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. Students are supported while seeking challenge and developing mastery.

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 are available for students with reading or written language goals, and if space permits, other recommended students.

9th Grade
2 credits required

LA 9
year-long

10th Grade
2 credits required

LA 10
year-long

11th & 12th Grade
4 credits required

Year-Long Courses

- U.S. Humanities and Composition
- World Humanities and Composition
- Perspectives in Literature and Composition
- AP English Language and Composition
- AP Literature and Composition

Semester-Long Courses

- African American Literature and Culture
- The Art and Craft of Writing and the African American Experience: A Companion Course
- Composition I – Kirkwood Community College course
- Composition II – Kirkwood Community College course

*Language Arts elective courses are also available

SCIENCE

Three years (6 credits) 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:

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

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.**

Earth Science
2 credits required

Earth Science
year-long course

Life Science
2 credits required

Biology
year-long course

Physical Science
Students must take coursework in both chemistry (1 credit) and physics (1 credit) to graduate.

Chemistry Courses

Physical Science One – semester long
Chemistry – year long
AP Chemistry – year long

Physics Courses

Physical Science Two – semester long
Physics – year long
AP Physics - year long

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 a classroom only PE course. 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 course may not be repeated.

PE Performance is a **structured** workout including weightlifting and agilities. This course will be physically challenging and should be taken by serious fitness student or athlete.

Personal Fitness 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.

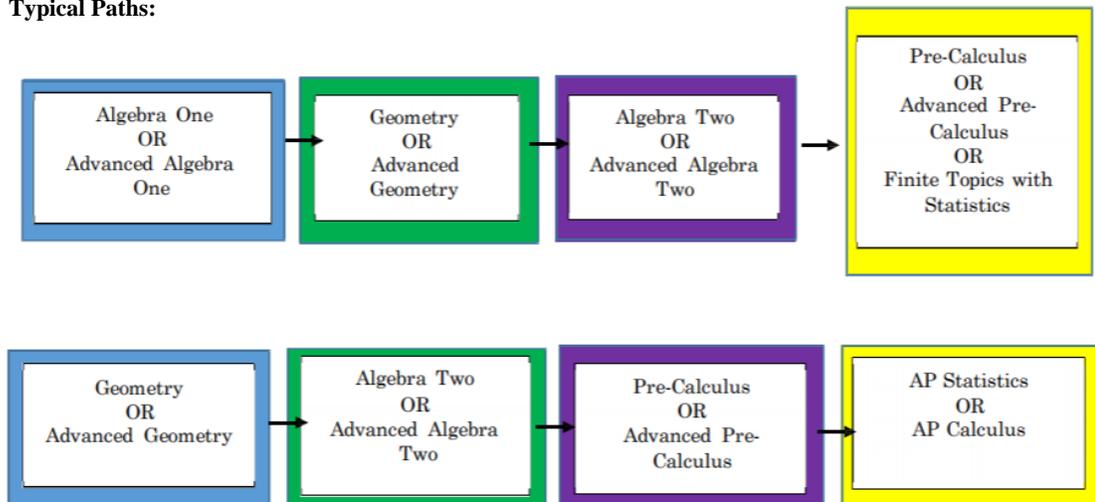
PE Team Fitness The class most similar to activities in middle school PE. Cardio will be stressed in this course. Activities such as basketball and volleyball will be included.

PE Swimming This class will include water safety, basic stroke development, lifetime water activities, and more. All levels of swimmers are accepted.

MATHEMATICS

Three years (6 credits) 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.

Typical Paths:



Algebra One: 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 second semester of 8th grade Algebra may be encouraged to repeat this course.

Advanced Algebra One: 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.

Geometry: is for students who complete Algebra as 8th graders earning a B or higher the entire year. Iowa Assessment math scores in the 80th percentile or above 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. Iowa Assessment math scores at the 90th percentile 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.

Students needing additional support may start their high school experience with:

Algebra Prep: reinforces number concepts and computation skills with rational numbers. The course introduces and connect basic algebra and geometry concepts and skills. Upon completion of this course students will enroll in Algebra One.

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

Freshman Elective Information

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.

9 th grade	10 th grade	11 th grade	12 th grade
Electives **see below**	2 credits required	2 credits required	2 credits required
	year-long courses	year-long course	Government
	World History	US History	Economics
	AP World History	AP US History	or AP options
	AP European History		

One semester electives available to all Kennedy students are: World Geography, Personal Law, Psychology, Social Psychology, Sociology, and Philosophy. Additional AP level elective courses are available beginning in 10th grade.

Freshmen may elect to take AP Human Geography which is a year-long elective 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 Mrs. Felmeir-Marzen for more information.

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, Intro to Media - 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.

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

COMPUTER course electives include such topics Computer Science, Computer Coding.

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, School Age Child Development, Early Childhood Development, and Independent Living.

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

STUDENT GOVERNMENT is a class that meets on an alternate day schedule during the school day. 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; Students scheduled for Student Government will have study hall on the opposite days.

Kirkwood Career Academies

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.

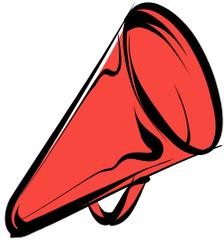
Career Edge Academies:

- 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.

- 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
 - 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*
- *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.

<u>FALL SPORTS</u>	<u>WINTER SPORTS</u>	<u>SPRING SPORTS</u>
Men's Cross Country	Men's Basketball	Men's Track
Women's Cross Country	Women's Basketball	Women's Track
Women's Swimming	Wrestling	Women's Golf
Men's Golf	Men's Swimming	Men's Soccer
Football	Women's Bowling	Women's Soccer
Volleyball	Men's Bowling	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.

Many sports have opportunities available for student managers, please contact the head coach if interested.

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.

Opportunities available:

Drama Productions – Speaking, singing or stage/tech crew

Choir & Show Choir

Band

Orchestra

Speech – Group and individual

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.

General Information

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. 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 graders. 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.

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 4 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.

Busing

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.

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.

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 all classes listed on their schedule including study hall.

Course Descriptions

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

Drivers Education

Drivers Education is available to freshmen if space is available. Fall semester priority is given upper classmen. Students must furnish the school a valid learner's permit in order to register for the class. The class meets after school and is arranged by Kirkwood Community College.

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 Mr. Thomsen.

Lunch

It seems this is the most talked about subject by freshmen! Students have several choices for lunch. Currently, there are about 5 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.

SMART Time

SMART Time occurs between 2nd and 3rd periods. It is a 30 minute period divided 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.

Academic Award Checklist

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		

Registration Resources ...Where Do I begin?

- 1) Review all material before beginning to choose classes.
 - a. Class of 2023 informational booklet
 - b. Look online at course descriptions in the Program of Studies
- 2) Attend informational meetings
 - a. Visits to Middle schools by Mr. Thomsen
 - b. Freshman Orientation
- 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 or college major?

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. The other half of the credits are up to you.

All students are required to take PE there is no longer 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.

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 (includes a study hall).

Students will complete the course registration process with Mr. Thomsen when he returns to the middle schools in March.

Changes to your requests....

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. Changes in required course placement may take place as the year progresses and as adjustments are needed for recommended course work. If you need to request a course change or have questions, please contact me—Mr. Thomsen, not the middle school.

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.

Do not stress about doing something wrong. Errors can be fixed (easier when done early). Just contact me.

Kennedy Freshmen Registration Worksheet

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

****elective course requests are not guaranteed – availability and class size are possible factors****

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

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

Freshmen Registration, Orientation and Transition Dates

Freshmen Orientation for parent and students

February 11th Kennedy High School auditorium 6:00 pm

Registration dates-complete registration process with students

March 5th Franklin Middle School
 March 6th Taft Middle School
 March 7th Roosevelt Middle School
 March 13th Harding Middle School
 March 14th Harding Middle School

Private, Parochial, Home School registration: drop in format

March 7th 3:30-5:00 pm
 Kennedy Upper IMC, please use main entrance

Fall term tentative schedules will be available online by early August

Counselors return to office hours in early August.

Freshmen Orientation (usually a few days before school starts)

Check in.....Front Foyer
 Lots of activities including a trial run of schedule, exploring the building, etc.
 More information will be emailed home early August.

Kennedy High School

Freshmen Recommendation & Course Requests Form

2018-2019

Name: _____

ID#: _____

Grade entering: 9

REQUIRED Classes

LANGUAGE ART (2 credits required)

LA 9	2
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MATHEMATICS (2 credits required)

Algebra Prep	2
Algebra One	2
Advanced Algebra	2
Geometry	2
Advanced Geometry	2
Algebra 2	2
Advanced Algebra 2	2

SCIENCE (2 credits required)

Earth	Earth Science	2
Life	Biology	2

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 credit required)

Register for only one class

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

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

TEACHER NAMES

1. _____

2. _____

Notes, Questions & Other Information:

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ELECTIVES

Visual Art

Foundations of Art	1
Drawing 1 *	1
Painting 1 *	1
Ceramics 1 *	1
Introduction to Sculpture	1

*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
Elective	Botany	1

General Studies-

Fall

Spring

Service Learn. & Leadership 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

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IEP: Directed Studies

Math Literacy Reading

Career Tech Education –

Industrial Technology

Consumer Auto Mechanics	1
Adv. Auto Mechanics #	1
Woodworking	1
Adv. Woodworking #	1
Construction I	1
Construction II#	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	1
Computer Science 2 #	1
Computer Coding 1	1
Computer Coding 2 #	1

Family & Consumer Science

Food Fundamentals	1
Culinary Techniques #	1
Interior Design	1
Fashion Design	1
School Age Child Development	1
Early Childhood Development	1
Personal Development	1

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Intro to Engineering Design #	2
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Alternate Electives-IMPORTANT

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