

February 5, 2019

Dear Kennedy Families:

The 2019-20 Course Registration Process is here! Over the next two weeks, all students will view the Registration presentation during their advisory homeroom, receive course registration forms, registration guides and participate in the Kennedy Exploration Cruise (February 4, 6, & 7). The Cruise will give students a unique opportunity to learn more about specific course offerings to help them make decisions on core and elective courses to prepare them for their future. Teachers in core areas will provide course recommendations as well, which can be found on their course registration form.

We encourage students to take their academic planning seriously and they need support from various stakeholders to do so, including parents, teachers, counselors, administrators, etc. Far too many students, particularly seniors, are taking too light of course loads, frequently choosing 2-3 free periods versus taking coursework that can help them with their preparation for college and their future career. Soon, 90% of jobs will require some form of post-secondary training, degree or certification. We don't want any of our students to leave high school ill-equipped to tackle the rigors of the post-secondary marketplace.

All grade levels will register for classes over the next 5-6 weeks (see the timeline below).

February 12-17 – 9-11th grade students' Power School Window will be open to complete online registration. Registrations in Power School should reflect recommendations and course selections on the registration forms that students will turn in.

February 15 – Current 11th grade students will review online registrations with Counselors during US History class time in computer labs. Completed registration forms will be collected at this time.

February 22 - Current 9th grade students will review online registrations with Counselors during LA 9 class time in computer labs. Completed registration forms will be collected at this time.

March 1 - Current 10th grade students will review online registrations with Counselors during LA 10 class time in computer labs. Completed registration forms will be collected at this time.

March 6 – Current students in Co-taught LA classes will review online registrations with Counselors during class time in computer labs. Completed registration forms will be collected at this time.

March 7-8 – Special Education (Level 2 & 3) and ELL students will complete registration with Counselors during assigned class times in computer labs. Completed registration forms will be collected at this time.

February - March – Current 11th grade students will individually review academic plans with Counselors. Meeting times will be coordinated individually by the counselors.

The enclosed information highlights the variety of opportunities for students. There is also a wealth of information available on Registration Central on the Kennedy website here:

<http://kenn.cr.k12.ia.us/academics/cougar-registration-central/>.

Careful and thoughtful planning is a critical component of the registration process and to student success. We encourage you and your child to take advantage of the outstanding programming choices that are available at Kennedy. Best wishes with your journey through this process.

-Kennedy Counseling and Administrative Teams