

John F. Kennedy High School

Registration Guide 2017-2018



Registration Timeline for 2017-18 Academic Year

January 31	Advisory Homeroom: Registration presentation and distribution of materials
Jan 31 – Feb 3	RECOMMENDATION DAYS: Students will gather course recommendations from current teachers.
February 2 - 5	PowerSchool window opens for 9 th -11 th grade students to complete online registration. Registrations in Power School must reflect recommendations on the signed registration forms that students will turn in during follow-up sessions.
February 1, 2 & 3	Special populations will individually complete online register with counselors during assigned class time in computer labs. Completed registration forms will be collected at this time.
February 6-13	Students will review online registration with Counselors and Administrators during assigned class time in computer labs. Sessions will be held throughout the week during assigned times for Earth Science (freshmen), LA 10 (sophomores) and US History (juniors) classes. Completed registration forms will be collected at this time.
February 14-17	Make-up Registration Sessions – students who missed during their scheduled time will review online registration individually with Counselors.

Academic Highlights at John F. Kennedy High School

2017-2018 School Year

- We will continue to offer two themes in AP Language and Composition (Grades 11 &12):
 - Contemporary & Critical Issues
 - Race & Social Justice
- New courses coming to Kennedy include:
 - African American History (Grades 10-12): This one-semester elective course explores African American experiences from the 1700's to present day. Students will examine diverse perspectives and readings to better contextualize African American history and make connections between past and present events.
 - African American Literature and Culture (Grades 10-12): This one-semester elective course will focus on analyzing the roles of literature and culture as related to African American experiences. Students will study text and media pieces that have influenced public policies and contributed to cultural mindsets.
- New Dual Credit courses coming to Kennedy include:
 - Composition 1 (Grades 11 & 12): This one-semester course focuses on developing expository writing skills with emphasis on organization, supporting details, style, vocabulary, and library research.
 - Composition 2 (Grades 11 & 12): This one-semester course teaches precise and responsible use of research tools, requires critical analysis of reading materials, and develops ability to use effective and ethical arguments.
 - Fundamentals of Oral Communication (Grades 11 & 12): This one-semester elective studies basic communication theory and practice. Students explore many types of communication and public speaking.
 - United States History To 1877 (Grades 11 & 12): This one-semester course highlights the colonial experience, revolutionary period, and Civil War. Topics of focus include politics, economics, social history, and the development of American thought.
 - United States History Since 1877 (Grades 11 & 12): This one-semester course studies the period from reconstruction to present day. Topics of focus include the development of the federal government, foreign policy, and the growing international economy.
 - Civil Engineering and Architecture (Grades 10-12): This year-long PLTW course focuses on the important aspects of building and site design/development. Projects include residential and commercial 3D design.

Visit Registration Central to Assist with Academic/Course Planning:

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

This is a one stop shop for information students and their families may want about selecting courses. It has links to the district **program of studies** and opportunities such as Advanced Placement, BIG, Kirkwood Academy Programming, Building Trades, and more.

Instructions for Registering for Courses in PowerSchool

Log on to PowerSchool using your student username and password: <http://pscr.gwaea.org/public>

If you have forgotten your username and/or password, go to the Main Office for assistance.

Once you log in, you will see some icons or links to the left. Click on **“Class Registration”** (Click **“Schedule”** under the Grant Wood icon to see your spring term schedule. Don't sign up for a course that you intend to take during spring semester of this year.)

NOTE: You will have approximately 20 minutes to complete your registration. After 20 minutes PowerSchool will time you out of the system. In order for PowerSchool to save your requests, you must click the “Submit” button. If you stop part way through the registration process and do not click the “Submit” button, your requests will not be saved and you will have to make all of your selections again.

Refer to your registration form for the courses that have been recommended and/or you wish to take in a particular subject area. Make sure that the courses you select on the PowerSchool screen match exactly with the courses checked on your form.

Course Name	Number	Course Description	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Pre-Calculus	MA452		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Pre-Calculus	MA451		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra Two	MA302		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra Two	MA301		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra Two Readiness	MA0152		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus AB	MA521P		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> AP Calculus AB	MA522P		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> AP Statistics	MA512P		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> AP Statistics	MA511P		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Finite Topics with Statistics	MA501		1		

3 years of math are required to graduate

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! You may select between 2 and 4 courses. You have selected 0 courses.

Cancel Okay

Double check the course name on the screen and make sure the course names match the course names on your registration form. Make sure you select two semesters for a year-long course. The classes of year-long course should be in sequential order. In some situations, you may have to go to a second page to view all of the course selections.

Once you have selected the correct courses, those courses will be highlighted and will show a check mark in the box to the left of the course title. Triple check that everything is correct and click on the **“Okay”** button.

After you click **“Okay”**, your registration screen should look similar to the screen shown below. You will see your course selections in a row of boxes that align with the subject heading. You will continue to select courses in each subject heading. **NOTE:** If there is a red exclamation mark to the right of the screen, it means you must select courses in this subject area. If it has a green check, you have completed that subject heading and you can move on. Also notice that in the bottom right hand corner there is a line that tells you how many credit hours you have requested. You should **register for a minimum of 10 credits** for next school year.

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Welcome to the Kennedy High School Class Registration System for 2017-2018

Please be sure the courses you select below match what is marked on your pre-registration form. Core classes should match what is recommended by your teachers. Elective courses selected DOES NOT guarantee enrollment. Pre-registration forms will be collected during the registration review sessions in the IMC.

View course requests

Language Arts	4 years of Language Arts are required to graduate	Click the edit button to request a course =>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Math	3 years of math are required to graduate	Click the edit button to request a course =>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earth Science	3 years of science are required to graduate. You may choose from Earth, Life or Physical Science.	Click the edit button to request a course =>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Science	3 years of science are required to graduate. You may choose from Earth, Life or Physical Science.	Click the edit button to request a course =>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Physical Science	3 years of science are required to graduate. You may choose from Earth, Life or Physical Science.	Click the edit button to request a course =>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social Studies	AP or US History is required	Click the edit button to request a course =>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical Education	One semester of PE is required	Click the edit button to request a course =>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When you have successfully submitted your course requests, you will see a screen listing your 2017-18 Course Requests; at this point you may print your requests. Make sure that you click the **“Submit”** button to record all changes.

Again, when you click “Submit” for the final time, you will see your 2017-2018 Course Request List. If you stop part way through the registration process and do not click “submit”, your requests will not be saved and you will have to make all of your selections over again.

Graduation Requirements

	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year	Total Credits
Class of 2018 (Current Juniors)	75 minimum credits earned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Physical Education • Electives 	75 minimum credits earned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	75 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	75 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	*300 Minimum Credits
Class of 2019 (Current Sophomores)	10 minimum credits earned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	*40 Minimum Credits
Class of 2020 (Current Freshmen)	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	*40 Minimum Credits
Class of 2021 (Current 8 th graders)	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Mathematics • Science • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	10 minimum credits to earn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Arts • Social Studies • Physical Education • Electives 	*40 Minimum Credits

Course Requirements:

4 Years of Language Arts (LA 9, LA 10, US/World Humanities, Perspectives or AP options)

3 Years of Mathematics

3 Years of Science*

3 Years of Social Studies (World History or AP options, US History or AP options, Government & Economics or AP options)

Physical Education (1 semester per year)

Elective courses (to meet the 10 credit expectation)

*Science Requirements for the class of 2019 and beyond includes Earth Science, Life Science (Biology) and Physical Science