

KENSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Kenston Local Schools

2018-2019



Course Description Booklet

6th Grade



Kenston Middle School
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KMS Program of Studies

Procedure for Course Registration

1. The student's math and language art teachers will make recommendations for the next school year. Recommendations are not necessary for social studies and science.
2. A copy of the student's Course Placement Sheet will be sent home for parental review. If changes to student placement are necessary, please contact the student's appropriate guidance counselor.
3. Any changes in schedules for the 2018/2019 school year must be made prior to August 15, 2018.

Drop-Add Guidelines

KMS POLICY STATES THAT NO CLASSES MAY BE DROPPED ONCE THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS.

After that time, schedule changes will be made only in the event of:

1. Academic misplacement (an error was made in placement due to incorrect evaluation of ability scores, past grades, etc.).
2. Technical error in scheduling process.
3. School initiated changes (changes in the master schedule, adjustments for balancing classes, etc.).

Home-Schooled Students

Home-schooled students residing within the Kenston Local School District in grades six through twelve may enroll part-time in Kenston schools. Participation in all extracurricular activities is contingent upon the student meeting all qualifying requirements of the Kenston Schools and the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Athletic/Extracurricular Eligibility Requirements

Student participation in extra-curricular activities during the school year will require a minimum GPA of 1.5 and only one F in any subject, along with successfully passing $\frac{3}{4}$ of all classes during a grading period. Each athlete must also submit a current athletic physical prior to the first practice date of a particular season. These standards also apply to students wishing to participate in club sports.

Guidance Services

Various guidance services are designed to assist the individual student to make the most of his/her own abilities and opportunities. The counselors value the opportunity to help each student and at all times maintain an “open-door” policy. When students need to see their counselor and request an appointment, an appointment will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Guidance services are many and varied and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Individual counseling
 - Individual sessions to assist students and parents with a wide variety of educational and personal concerns (i.e. problem solving, interpersonal skills, anger management, stress management, study skills).
- B. Group counseling
 - Group sessions assist students and share topics concerning friends, divorce, loss, and other matters as needed.
- C. Consulting Teachers and Parents
 - Providing parents with resources to assist with family issues as well as any possible mental health concerns.
 - Providing a list of available tutors and peer tutors.
- D. Course Selection and Scheduling
 - Academic and career advisement.
 - Schedule adjustments for all grades.
 - Scheduling and orientation of new students.
- E. Assisting in the coordination, administration and interpretation of any school wide testing programs (Achievement testing, etc.).

Parents are welcome at any time, but it is recommended to call the guidance office to make an appointment. Guidance counselors are assigned to students based on teams.

Seventh Grade Team Liberty and Sixth Grade see Ms. Dawn Lose 543-8241 x 3110,
Dawn.Lose@kenstonapps.org

Seventh Grade Team Justice and Eighth Grade see Ms. Santina Lucarelli, 543-8241 x 3100,
Santina.Lucarelli@kenstonapps.org

The classroom teacher will gladly confer with the student concerning achievement and study habits. It is highly recommended for students and parents to contact the teacher at the first sign of academic difficulty.

MATHEMATIC COURSE SELECTIONS AND CURRICULUM PATHS

	Path 1	Path 2	Path 3		
6th GRADE	Math 6	Math 6/7	Gifted Math 6		
7th GRADE	Math 7	Math 7/8	Gifted Math 7		
8th GRADE	Math 8	Algebra I			
9th GRADE	Algebra I Part 1 & Part 2	Accelerated Algebra I	Geometry Part 1 & Part 2	Geometry	Honors Geometry

KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS ACADEMIC ACCELERATION INFORMATION

Academic acceleration may involve whole-grade acceleration or individual subject acceleration. Academic acceleration occurs when a student is not only doing the caliber of work necessary to be promoted to the next grade or enrolled in the next course in the academic sequence, but also demonstrates the ability to do the caliber of work required of students in that next grade level/subject/course. An acceleration evaluation committee will determine whether the student will be permitted to skip a grade level (i.e., whole-grade acceleration), or take a subject at a higher grade level or skip a course in the usual and customary academic sequence (i.e., individual subject acceleration).

* PLEASE SEE DISTRICT POLICY 5410 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Required Courses

Sixth Grade English Language Arts- Full Year

This course is a blended curriculum language arts and reading. Students will engage in a variety of activities focusing on grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and writing styles; informational, narrative persuasive. They will explore both fiction and non-fiction work focusing on a variety of themes. Critical thinking skills will be developed through the completion of different activities including, but not limited to, Independent Reading Projects, class novels, short stories, informational and cross-curricular texts.

Sixth Grade Honors English Language Arts - Full Year

Course work is an expansion upon the standard English Language Arts curriculum with in-depth enrichment. High-level readings are used to develop and enhance creative writing skills, critical thinking, public speaking techniques, and advanced academic writing.

Sixth Grade Gifted English Language Arts - Full Year (Eligibility for the Challenge Program must be met)

Course work is an expansion upon the standard English Language Arts curriculum with in-depth enrichment. The curriculum is rigorous in all areas with vast opportunities for creativity to expand the students creative and imaginative interaction within a higher level of literature and writing.

Required Courses

Sixth Grade Math 6 - Full Year

Sixth grade Math 6 will focus on four critical areas: (1) connecting ratio and rate to whole number multiplication and division; (2) using concepts of ratio and rate to solve problems; (3) completing understanding of division of fractions; and (4) extending the notion of numbers to the system of rational numbers, which includes negative numbers. Students will also write, interpret, and use expressions and equations to develop understanding of statistical thinking.

Sixth Grade Math 6/7 - Full Year

Sixth grade Math 6/7 is an accelerated math course that includes all sixth grade Math. It also encompasses seventh grade standards to include: 1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; 2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations.

Sixth Grade Gifted Math - Full Year

(Eligibility for the Challenge Program must be met)

Sixth grade gifted math is an accelerated math course that is an expansion upon the standard math 6 curriculum. It also encompasses seventh grade standards to include: 1) developing understanding of and applying proportional relationships; 2) developing understanding of operations with rational numbers and working with expressions and linear equations. This course will allow for student driven enrichment activities at a high level and rigorous pace.

Required Courses

Sixth Grade Science - Full Year

The sixth grade science curriculum consists of study in the areas of life science, physical science and earth science as outlined by the State of Ohio Science Content Standards. Concepts include the basics of rocks and minerals, parts of cells and functions, plants and simple machines. Students will develop skills in problem-solving and using the scientific method through hands-on activities and experiments.

Sixth Grade Social Studies - Full Year

The sixth grade social studies curriculum journeys through a variety of ancient regions such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, India and China. Cultures, geographic literacy, and active citizenship are encouraged through lessons, which link the past and present, integrating literature, primary sources and art within content curriculum. Research skills training and hands-on projects foster higher-level thinking skills and bring the material to life.

Band - Full Year

The sixth grade band focuses primarily on extending the fundamentals of note and rhythm reading, while adding various styles of music and increased full-band songs for performance. Band also gives students their first opportunity to switch to various 'color' instruments such as oboe, French horn, or tuba. The sixth grade band performs two concerts during the year, one in each semester. All concert dates will be listed on the official district calendar.

Chorus - Full Year

Sixth grade chorus is designed to help students master the fundamentals of vocal production, musical notation, and stage presence. Multicultural music in two and three-part harmony is a large part of the curriculum. Sight-reading using the solfege system is also introduced. There is one concert each semester.

Encore Courses

Art

The sixth grade art program is based on cultural themes and basic concepts of design such as the art elements. Students will learn about the art of various cultures from the past to the present, and create art using similar techniques as those cultures. This curriculum combines art production with art history and art criticism. Studying artwork from around the world can help us understand and appreciate many cultures and make connections to our communities and ourselves.

Physical Education

New physical education (PE) initiatives at the middle school focus on individual fitness. Students will utilize such technologies as the Hopsports Training System and T-Bows to ensure participation is at “Moderate to Vigorous” levels (MVPA). Our students are objectively assessed using Polar Heart Rate monitors. Developing fitness skills in students is essential and can impact them throughout a lifetime of learning. Both team and individual sports activities will continue forming a bridge between the middle school and high school programs. The students will build and master their skills with an emphasis on sportsmanship.

Technology 6

The Kenston Middle School grades 6-8 Computer Education courses utilize Google Apps For Education to explore the emerging technologies and productivity tools that support student learning. The nine week course specifically focuses on the technology skills related to communication, research, layout, presentation, and publication. The course builds as students move through each grade level. Students learn to be responsible digital citizens to effectively manage their digital footprints.

Health 6

The 6th grade Health course focuses on nutrition, exercise, and mental health. Students will demonstrate how portion control, food choices, mental health strategies and exercise can affect their overall well being. Professionals in the health and wellness field will reinforce topics discussed in class.

**** Additional Encore courses may be offered. Your student will be assigned Encore courses based on schedule availability.**