

KEARNY 8TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION NIGHT



Counselors

- Mrs. Edi
- Mrs. Fasciano
- Mrs. Hart
- Ms. Iannotta
- Mr. Leone
- Mrs. McShane
- Mr. Marmolejo
- Mrs. Mandelman
- Mrs. Olguin



COUNSELING PHONE NUMBER: 201-955-5060

Graduation Requirements

English and PE/Health	20 Credits Each
World Cultures	5 Credits
US History	10 Credits
Foreign Language	5 Credits
Financial Literacy	2.5 Credits
Fine/Performing Arts	5 Credits
Practical Arts	5 Credits
General Electives	17.5 Credits
Total	120 Credits

High School Credit Requirement

- **120** Credits to Graduate
 - Divided by 4 years
= 30 credits a year
- Students must pass **AND** get credit for all graduation requirements
- 102.5 of the 120 credits students need are graduation requirements
- If a student has lost credit or failed a course, they can go to summer school (no more than 2 courses may be taken)
- NJSLA test
- NJGPA 11



New Courses at KHS for 2022-2023

- World Music / Piano
- Guitar 1
- Math Skills

WORLD LANGUAGES

- Italian
- French
- Japanese
- Latin
- Spanish



Scheduling

- Students will log into their parent/student portal to make elective and language requests
- Choose up to 2 Electives (All 9TH graders required to take Freshman Seminar)
- Academic courses will be inputted by teacher recommendation
- Mr. Carratura will review choices
- No Elective class is guaranteed for any student
- Portal will open Mid February directions to follow

Early College Academy

The Early College Academy is intended to give academically prepared students the opportunity to earn an *Associate of Arts* degree from Hudson County Community College while also achieving their high school diploma.

The Early College Academy is structured as a four year cohort allowing enrolled students to satisfy high school graduation requirements and HCCC's college-level courses in fulfillment of the Associate Degree requirements.

Student must be enrolled in Algebra 1 in 8th grade to be eligible

HCCC PARTNERSHIP

- LEAP Courses
- KHS has a partnership with Hudson County Community College that allows our students to accelerate their learning by taking LEAP Courses. Our LEAP Courses provide 11th and 12th grade students with the opportunity to achieve additional high school and college credits through this program.

Biology	Sociology
Intro to Computers	College Algebra
Speech	Intro to Psychology
English Composition	

Middle College Program

- Fairleigh Dickinson University approves the course material, and with the cooperation of the high school faculty, supplements the curriculum with professional lectures, laboratory demonstrations, theater experiences, art exhibits, concerts, and museum trips. In addition, the high school students use the varied resources of FDU, including the campus libraries and computer facilities. Participating students may attain advanced standing and college credit through the Middle College Program. Several of our AP courses (we have 17) are offered as Middle College credit this year. The cost is \$234.00 per 3 credit course.

Rutgers Newark College of Arts and Sciences

- NCAS has partnered with Kearny High School to enable qualified seniors to take Planet Earth, a 4-credit lab-based Geology course offered by NCAS' Department of Earth and Environmental Science. Students earn 5 KHS credits and have the opportunity to earn 4 college credits that are transferable to Rutgers, starting them on the path to earning their college degree while still in high school.

SCOIR

- SCOIR is a dynamic and visual college search, selection and application tool for students, parents, and counselors.
- SCOIR gives each stakeholder in the college process their own individual account as there are features in the program that are uniquely tailored to the student and parent role in the college process.
- Students and parents will receive an email to “invite” them to initiate their SCOIR account, giving them access to this powerful and fun resource.

Attendance Policy

- Students are allowed no more than **7** unexcused absences each semester; 14 for the year
 - Exceeding either of these numbers will result in a loss of credit
- 4 Tardies = 1 Unexcused Absence
 - Absences and tardies combine to result in loss of credit
- Always bring a doctor's note to have days excused whenever possible



Attendance Con't

- Doctor/dentist/personal appointments should be made **after school hours**
- Students will **not** be excused all day for a routine office visit
- Please follow the school calendar:
Students are **not** excused for family events/vacations

Student Timeline

■ Grade 9

- Take Academic Classes if Possible
- Begin to Think About Career Choices
 - Interest
 - Abilities
- Get Involved
 - Listen to announcements for clubs/activities
 - Still time to join sport teams and clubs
- Take the NJSLA test



Extracurricular Activities

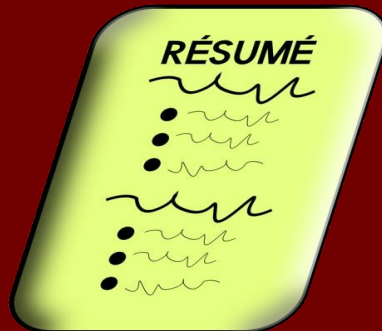
- Alpha and Omega
- Critics' Cafe
- ESL Café Club
- Engineering Club
- Fishing Club
- French Club/French Honor Society
- Future Poet Society
- Future Educators Association
- Gay , Lesbian, and Straight Alliance
- Italian Club/ Honor Society
- Japanese Club/Honor Society
- K Birds
- Kearnian
- Latin Club/Honor Society

Extracurricular Activities

- Library Council
- Math League
- National Honor Society
- REACH-responsible educated adolescents can help
- S.A.V.E environmental club
- Self Advocacy Team
- Stock Market Club
- Student Government/
Student Board Liaison
- Technology Students Association
- Teenagers Against Animal Cruelty
- Advisors - classes of 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026

Extracurricular Activities Cont.

- Keep a record starting now of all clubs and activities in which you participate
- Log all community service activities and save any certificates of recognition
- Don't be afraid to try new activities!!!
- Information can be uploaded into Scoir



Athletic Eligibility

You must have:

- All 1ST time 9th graders automatically eligible for athletics
- **15** credits by the half year mark to play a Spring sport in the current year
- **30** credits by end of year to play Fall/Winter sports for the 10th Grade
- Ask your counselor for clarification if you are unsure about your eligibility
- Keeping your grades up is crucial if you are a KHS athlete!!!



Athletic Teams

Fall Sports	
Football	Girls Volleyball
Boys/Girls Soccer	Boys/Girls Cross Country
Girls Tennis	Cheerleading
Winter Sports	
Boys/Girls Basketball	Boys/Girls Indoor Track
Wrestling	Ice Hockey
Boys/Girls Swimming	Cheerleading
Boys/Girls Bowling	
Spring Sports	
Baseball	Softball
Boys/Girls Outdoor Track	Boys/Girls Crew
Boys Tennis	Boys Volleyball

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

- Class of 2026
- Incoming freshman 2026:
- Posts from clubs, teachers, and counselors
- Will follow you throughout your senior year

Link will be sent once Class
Advisor is selected

Testing Requirements

Acquire Qualifying Score on NJSLA

- SAT
- PSAT
- ACT
- Accuplacer
- ASVAB

Classes of 23 and beyond

- Must be proficient on the NJGPA given in Grade 11
- Applies to all students

Miscellaneous

- If you have a question - **ask** - *do not assume!*
- Utilize your Student Handbook - it is filled with useful information (on website)
- Take advantage of the programs and activities offered at the high school
- Listen to the morning announcements for important information
- ALWAYS check www.kearnyschools.com for up to date information

Final Notes

- Help period is offered **Monday - Thursday** by **every teacher** either before or after school
- Peer tutors are available as a free service to students that need assistance beyond help period
- All students **MUST** have **30 credits** in order to enter grade **10** in the Fall of 2024
- Program of Studies and Student Handbook are available on the website

Thank you for coming!

We look forward to
working with you and your
child in the upcoming
2022-2023 school year.