



JFK FRESHMAN CLASS

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS 2016/2017

Parent/Guardian Information

In order to accurately choose courses, it is important for parents and students to review the course selection materials carefully. These materials are also available on the JFK website: www.jfk.scusd.edu under Course Selections or hard copies can be acquired from the counseling office. Resources include the course catalog; which contains course descriptions, pre-requisites, college entry information, graduation requirements, learning academy plans, and sample schedules. Math and science flow charts are also included, as well as the Principal's letter. While using these resources, please follow the recommended procedure for completing this elective course selection sheet.

JFK Cougar Days

At the JFK Cougar Days students were asked to take home a copy of the Core Course Listings and Electives that were chosen by the student and counselor to share with Parent/Guardians. If the Parent/Guardian would like to discuss or make adjustments to the preliminary chosen selections, please contact a counselor found on the JFK website: www.jfk.scusd.edu, or seen below.

Choosing Courses

All 8th graders from feeder Middle Schools for John F. Kennedy were invited to attend the JFK Cougar Days. At the Cougar Days each student was given a Core Course Listing with pre-selected core classes in English, Math, Science and Social Science. These courses were pre-selected by the 9th grade JFK counselors using each student's most current grades. During the Cougar Days, the 9th grade JFK counselors met with each student to review the Core Course Listings and assist them in choosing their Elective Course Options and 1 P.E. selection for a total of six classes.

Alternate Electives

It is very important that students choose more than 1 elective course option. Sometimes courses become full, unavailable, OR are in direct conflict with a particular core class they will be taking. Because of these possibilities, we require that students choose at least 2 alternate elective courses in addition to their 1st choice elective **by order of preference: #1 (First Choice) - #2 (Second Choice) - #3 (Third Choice)**.

Learning Academy Programs

John F. Kennedy offers 3 *Learning Academies* to which a student may apply; Criminal Justice Academy (SPD), Manufacturing & Design Academy, and P.A.C.E. **All academies require an application.** However, PACE's application deadline has already passed. If your student is interested in the M.A.D., Criminal Justice or Culinary Academies you may request the applications before June of this school year on the JFK website: www.jfk.scusd.edu.

Advanced or Specialty Courses

Elective Course information can be reviewed through the JFK Course Catalog. We recommend speaking with current teachers for their recommendations before requesting advanced or specialty elective courses. If a student wants to be admitted to specialty classes like Jazz Band, String Orchestra, etc., students and parents/guardians must review the prerequisites and speak with the teacher of the intended class for approval.

Pre-Requisites

Students cannot take the second level of a course until they have completed the first level. Please review prerequisites in the course catalog for the courses chosen.

Graduation and College Requirements

A list of Graduation Requirements and the College (A-G) Requirements are included in the Course Catalog on the JFK website: www.jfk.scusd.edu. Please take the time to review them.

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