

John F. Kennedy High School Course Selection Process '12/'13

Once again it is time for students to select classes for the next school year (2012/2013). During the month of February, John F Kennedy counselors will be meeting with current 9th-11th grade students to guide them through the course selection process.

In order to effectively choose courses, it is important for parents and students to review the course selection materials carefully. These materials are available on the web at jfkcougars.net under Course Selection 2013, or in the counseling office. Resources include the course catalog, which contains course descriptions, graduation requirements, the (A-G) UC/CSU minimum college admissions requirements, and a hypothetical schedule for each class level. A math and science flow chart are also included. Along with the on-line course selection materials, reviewing your student's transcript on Zangle will make you aware of requirements your student is yet to complete. Using these resources please follow the recommended procedure for completing the blue course selection sheet.

A. NEATLY PRINT your legal name, ID #, and counselor. If you are currently in PACE, the Criminal Justice Academy, or the Culinary Academy please write the program's name directly under your name on the top of the form.

B. Review your course options and **circle** or highlight all your course requests.

C. Every grade level has certain **REQUIRED COURSES**. Choose courses appropriate for your grade level next year. (**Shown below**)

9th- Math, English 9, Geography, P.E., Science and elective (world lang./fine art/ Info. Tech., etc)
10th-Math, English 10, World History, Science, P.E. and elective (world lang./fine art/ info.Tech etc.)
11th-English 11 & U.S. History (math & science recommended)
12th-English 12, Government & Economics (math& science recommended)

Number PE choices as (IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE) 1, 2 and 3. We will try to place you in one of the three.

D. Schedule for at least 6 periods - seniors may have some exceptions.

E. Number elective choices in the order of interest. (#1 next to your first choice, #2 second, etc.)

F. Do not re-select a class in which you are currently struggling. (For example: If you have an "F" in Algebra 1 at this time, do not select Algebra 1 for next year. Select the next course in the math progression which is Geometry. Adjustments can be made later in the spring.

G. Prerequisites- You cannot take the second level of a course until you have completed the first level. Please review prerequisites for the courses you choose.

H. Advanced Courses/Specialty Courses- (AP, Honors, or advanced) Please review prerequisites and talk with your current teachers for their recommendations. AP courses require at least a B or better in the previous college preparatory class, or a C or better in a previous AP course. Selecting four or more AP courses will not be allowed without counselor approval. If you want to be admitted to specialty classes like Yearbook, Jazz Band, AP Art Studio, etc., review the prerequisites and talk to the teacher of the intended class for approval.

I. In order to complete the course selection process, counselors will be meeting with students in their history classes and students will inputting their selections directly into Zangle. Please have the course selection sheet completed and returned on the your student's scheduled day. Thank you!