

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Secondary GT Service

If I do not request GT screening for my child, are there other options for advanced academic courses in junior high?

Yes; 6th grade students who are ready for the challenge of advanced coursework may enroll in Katy Advanced Placement (KAP) courses in English, reading, math, science, and/or social studies. These courses offer advanced curricula and are designed to prepare students for future success in Advanced Placement courses in high school.

Does my child need to be tested to enroll in KAP courses in 6th grade?

No, enrollment in KAP classes is a decision made by the parent and student after careful consideration of factors such as successful mastery of 5th grade coursework, state assessments, work and study habits, and extracurricular time commitments. Students who enter KAP courses commit to staying in these courses for at least one semester.

What is the difference between KAP and GT?

In Katy ISD, students who are identified as gifted in a particular content area are served through the delivery of KAP curriculum, which is appropriate for the needs of gifted learners. They enroll in courses titled “KAP/GT.” Usually, students in a KAP/GT course are clustered within a larger KAP class, although occasionally campuses are able to schedule classes which consist entirely of identified GT students.

Teachers of KAP/GT courses have received the required training in the education of the gifted, and are aware of the unique learning needs of gifted students. Identified GT students often form close bonds with other identified students, providing them with a means of meeting some of their unique social and emotional needs.

Is there a grade-point difference between KAP and KAP/GT courses?

No. Both types of courses receive what is called a weighted grade point, meaning that a grade of A in the course counts for five grade points rather than the traditional four grade points. A grade of B would count as four grade points, and so on. Grade point averages are not usually significant in junior high, but become more important with high school credit courses.

How can I find out more about advanced coursework in junior high?

Parents of 5th graders are invited to view the Katy Advanced Program (“KAP”) Information Session that will be available on our GT [website](#) January 7, 2021. A flyer with details will be sent home with 5th grade students and be emailed to KVA in December.