

ATTENTION GIFTED 5TH GRADE STUDENTS!



You are cordially invited to attend Kanapaha Middle School's Gifted and Advanced Open House VIRTUALLY.

We will have a link on our webpage at Kanapaha.sbac.edu and scroll down to the Coyote Announcements and click on the video. We will not be doing shadowing this year due to COVID.

Come see why Kanapaha is consistently a top rated middle school in Alachua County. Our graduates attend all of the local high schools and are prepared to be highly competitive in programs like the International Baccalaureate Program and Cambridge.

Student Life:

Besides our great academic programs, we offer a plethora of clubs and sports. We have sports in volleyball, basketball, and soccer sponsored by the School and football, lacrosse, tennis, softball, and baseball are all offered by outside organizations. We have many different clubs including: Student Government, Builders Club, Creative Writing, Alliance, Heart and Sole, Garden Club, Speech and Debate, National Junior Honors Society, Drama, Hope Squad, Math Counts and Olympiad, Wyldlife, and Yearbook.

Electives:

Our electives include Computers, PE, Art, Theater, Speech and Debate, Student Aide, Spanish, Band, and Chorus. In the area of PE we do offer to 8th graders Physical Fitness which does count for a high school half credit. In Art, you can work up to Advanced Art. In all of the art classes they combine all levels of art and use all types of mediums. Our Speech and Debate class and club are part of a Florida Civics Grant and we are the only middle school in Alachua County to participate. Spanish can be for high school credit (optional) and is open to 8th graders who have scored high enough on the FSA. It typically replaces the required reading course. We have three levels of Band and you can join in any year and have never played an instrument. We send students every year to Honor Band both at the District and State Levels. Chorus is open to any student and can be taken multiple years. Typically, a student takes a half credit of PE and a half credit of another elective each year. We do have yearlong electives like Spanish, Band, Chorus, Speech and Debate, Advanced Art, Advanced Computers, and Advanced PE.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **Are all classes Gifted?** Each year students take 2 gifted courses and the rest are considered advanced. In the Gifted classes, only those students who are labeled gifted are in those

classes. For 6th grade the Gifted classes are Reading and Science. For 7th grade it is Civics and Science and for 8th grade it is U.S. History and Science.

2. **Is there an application to be in Gifted for KMS?** No. If you are zoned to us either by living in our zone or have been granted a zoning exemption and you have the Gifted label you will be placed in our Gifted program.
3. **Do all students take Reading?** Yes. We believe that this helps our students to become strong readers and prepares them for the necessary state tests.
4. **How is math placement done?** In traditional years there is a placement test given in elementary schools. We are unsure if this will be done this year. We also look at previous FSA scores as well. The majority of 6th graders in the Gifted program take 6th Grade Accelerated Math. This moves at a faster pace and covers all 6th grade math and half of 7th grade math. They would then continue to take Accelerated 7th grade math and then Algebra 1 Honors in 8th grade. Algebra 1 Honors is a high school level course and does have an End of Course test at the end of the year from the state. There are usually a small group who qualify for starting in 7th grade Accelerated Math which covers all 7th grade Math and Pre-Algebra. They would then continue to Algebra 1 Honors in 7th grade and Geometry Honors in 8th grade.
5. **What if my child is not currently labeled Gifted?** There are two ways to go about this. First would be to have your current elementary school test your child. There is a process for this and takes time. It is free. You can also have private testing done and this can be expensive. Both processes have a teacher input as well. If you wait to do testing late in the summer or next year, there is usually 6 weeks of data to collect as well.
6. **What is the benefit of coming here?** We are your neighborhood middle school. There are no long bus rides. Students can participate in many things and still get home at a reasonable time. We challenge our students at all levels. We have the highest passing rate for the high school course in Math. All of our courses are the exact same courses offered in the magnet programs.
7. **What do you offer for high school credit?** Physical Fitness, Spanish, Algebra 1, Geometry
8. **Can students take online classes thru Florida Virtual as well?** Yes. We counsel each family on requests.
9. **What is your Computer Program track?** Students can start with basic computers skills and each year move into a more rigorous program. We are the only middle school to offer this new program. By 8th grade they are running a business and learning how computer programming plays a role. It does prepare students who are interested in the magnet programs that focus on business and finance at BHS and Loften.
10. **Is there Morning Care?** Yes. From 7:15 am to 8:15am there is free morning care. Students come to the cafeteria and sit. There is EDEP for afternoon care and that is at a cost.