



Kouts Middle/High School

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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Kouts Middle School! Below are some helpful suggestions to make your transition to middle school easier.

1. Daily homework is typically an extension of classwork. Students with a scheduled study hall will likely be able to complete expected classwork within the school day. Band students do not have space in their schedule for a study hall. They are encouraged to utilize Study Lab.
2. Study Lab will be offered after school in a middle school teacher's classroom. It is a quiet place to study with a supervising teacher who can answer students' homework questions. More information on specific days and times will be available when school begins.
3. Students are expected to do their work with minimal help from parents, siblings, and tutors. This helps the student develop confidence and also informs the teacher of the student's knowledge and ability level. You are welcome to review work with your child and question items which appear incorrect.
4. Middle school students no longer have a Take Home folder like was used at KES. Students are expected to manage the movement of papers to and from school on their own.
5. Skyward is the student data software on which we post assignments and grades. Grades are updated regularly. Students are encouraged to log in daily to monitor their progress. Parents are encouraged to log in regularly to access attendance notes, grades, and disciplinary records. Parents have separate login details from their students with Family Access to see information regarding all their children. If there is a problem with logging into Skyward, go to the EPCSC website, click on the Technology Help Desk, and explain the problem.

6. Students are expected to purchase an assignment book, notebook or calendar to keep track of their assignments. Assignments are also posted on Skyward, Google Classroom, and/or classroom white boards.
7. We expect each student to arrive on time to class with all necessary materials for that particular class. Chromebooks are expected to be charged and ready for the day. Additional expectations will be discussed in each classroom.
8. Middle school orientation will be on Friday, August 9 from 9:00-11:00 AM with lunch following. Students will meet in the new gymnasium and then be split up by mentor groups. They will spend time going on a tour of the middle and high school, including the locker rooms and exploratory classes in the high school. They will have time to set up their lockers with organizational suggestions from their mentors. They will also have a Q & A time with their mentors to discuss any questions they have before the first day of school. Attendance isn't mandatory but is certainly recommended.

Sincerely,
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