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PTSA Newsletter Deadline

Northwest News is a publication of the staff and PTSA of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School. The current issue is available at www.smsd.org/schools/smnorthwest. Past issues of the newsletter, as well as other information about SMNW PTSA, are available at www.smnwptsa.org.

Information and articles for the February newsletter are due by Friday, January 24th for publication on January 31st. Submissions should be emailed to smnwptsa@gmail.com.

From the President

2014 ... wow! Time to regroup, see where we stand with our plans, and take off running into a new calendar year. I need to thank you once again for your time, your talents, and your donations to PTSA. You make things happen for our students, our school, and our community! You've helped create fun memories, honor students, enrich the classroom experience, and show our appreciation for our awesome NW staff. This year's After-Prom, PTSA's signature event, is April 26th ... you'll hear much more about this "Wild, Wild Northwest" adventure as it draws near, and there will be many opportunities to volunteer!

One of my favorite National PTA-sponsored programs, Reflections, is drawing to a close. This year students expressed their ability to "Believe, Dream, Inspire" through various creative media. I encourage you to visit the SMSD Reflections Open House on January 29th in the SM West art gallery; prepare to be amazed by the many talented student artists from all around our district.

As patrons of our school and our district, it is important for you to be informed on important legislative issues that affect you and your family. Check the district website (www.smsd.org) for the SMSD Legislative Platform and tips on how you can contact your legislators on matters that impact education.

Nominating committee is currently working to compile the PTSA leadership team for the 2014-2015 school year. If you are interested in serving as an executive board member or committee chair yourself, or if you would like to recommend another individual to serve, please contact me! I will gladly connect you with the committee to share your thoughts. Your input is important to us! The new slate of executive board candidates will be presented at our Feb 12th PTSA meeting.

Here's to a successful 2104! Enjoy your students!

Marianne D'Amato
marianne@magnaplus.com

SMNW Calendar

January

- 6 Second Semester begins
- 8 Enrollment Orientation @ Trailridge
- 9 1st semester grade cards given to students during seminar
- 9 8th Grade Orientation, NW, 6:30 PM
- 13,14 Enrollment Orientation, 10th and 11th grades
- 16 **9:40 Late Start**
- 15,16 Enrollment Orientation, 9th grade
- 20 **No School, Martin Luther King Day**
- 23 NW Area Band Festival, Gym, 7:00 PM

February

- 4 **Early Release, 1:10**
- 5 Talent Show, Auditorium, 7pm
- 6 Spring Group Photo Day
- 6 3rd Quarter Progress Reports given to students
- 6 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5-8pm
- 7 College Now Credit enrollment, last day
- 7 **NO SCHOOL**, Parent/Teacher Conferences, 7:30-11:00am & 12:30-2:30pm
- 8 ACT test, NW, 8am
- 10 Summer School enrollment begins
- 12 PTSA meeting, Library, 6:30pm
- 14 WPA assembly, TBA
- 15 WPA Dance, NW Cafeteria, 8-11pm
- 17 **NO SCHOOL, Presidents Day**
- 18 Great Works Concert, Community Covenant Church, 7pm
- 19 Band Concert/Chili Dinner, Cafeteria, 6pm
- 20 **Late Start, 9:40**
- 20-22 Winter Play, *Crimes of the Heart*, Auditorium, 7pm
- 24-3/14 AP Test Registration dates
- 27-3/1 KMEA @ Wichita
- 25 Orchestra Concert, Aud., 7pm

March

- 3 Spring Sports tryouts begin
- 4 Blood Drive
- 6 Top Sophomore Meeting, Little Theater, seminar
- 7 Jazz Cabaret, Cafeteria, 6pm
- 14 **End of 3rd Quarter, 1:10 dismissal**
- 17-21 **NO SCHOOL, Spring Break**
- 24 **NO SCHOOL, School Improvement Day**
- 27 3rd Quarter Grade Cards given to students

Summer Academy Information

- Dates: Session 1 June 9 – June 27
Session 2 July 7 – July 25
- Times: Monday – Friday 7am – 12 noon
- Site: Northwest
- Fees: \$170/session for in-district students
\$215/session for out of district students
Add \$35 for art classes

All tuition must be paid at the time of enrollment. Health assessment form is required of all students.

Enrollment begins February 10. Enroll online at <http://summerschool.smsd.org> or at the Summer School office at Broadmoor Technical Center 6701 W. 83rd St, Overland Park, KS. You can enroll 8am – noon and 1pm – 3:30pm, Monday – Friday. **No enrollments will be taken over the phone.**

Students enrolling for courses required for graduation or grade level advancement should consult with their high school counselor prior to enrollment. Students must enroll in the corresponding semester in which the course credit is required. Counselors will provide a completed course request form to students to assure they are enrolled in the correct course and semester.

Weight training and fitness: contact the athletic department for more details

SLAB (Student Library Advisory Board)

Student Library Advisory Board meets every other Wednesday at 2:50 in the library. This is an enthusiastic group of students who love libraries, books and all things reading. We are reading galley books from Johnson County Public Library and will celebrate the first semester of galleys with a pizza party for anyone who had read and reviewed at least one galley. We will be shifting the fiction collection to shelving by genres. We are also collecting used books (all ages) to be donated to area senior centers and elementary schools. We plan to host a Scholastic book fair March 31- April 4 in the library.

Annual Great Works Concert

The SMNW Chamber Orchestra and Choirs will present the Annual Great Works Concert on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Community Covenant Church, 15700 W. 87th Street, Lenexa, KS. In addition to performances by the Chamber Orchestra and Choirs, this year's event features "The Reluctant Dragon," by John Rutter. Internationally recognized composer John Rutter has spun a tale for narrator, chorus, soloists, and orchestra that will delight audiences of all ages. Admission is free.

POPS Concert

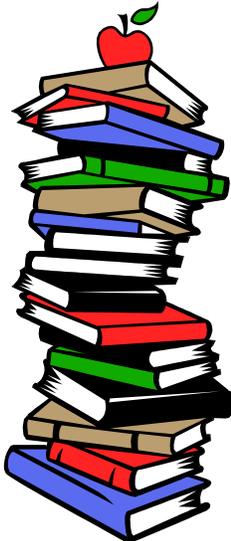


The SMNW Symphony Orchestra will present their 3rd Annual POPS Concert on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, in the Greg Parker Auditorium, SMNW High School, at 7:00 PM. This

year's concert features works from some of today's most popular artists. Special guests the SMNW Ukulele Club will help bring some flair to the event. Admission is free.

From the SMNW Library

Juniors are starting their research papers. The library offers educational databases to be used for research. Check out the library web backpack at www4.smsd.org/SMNWLibrary for a complete list of resources. Students with books overdue for more than a month are given a last reminder notice before a "charges due" slip is written and given to the bookkeeper. Students may always come into the library to recheck their book.



2013 – 2014 PTSA Meetings

Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 7, 3:00 pm

Meetings are in the SMNW Library

Yearbook Baby Ads

The last deadline for senior ads has passed, but a few spaces remain. If you meant to get your ad in but, in the rush of holiday events, just didn't get it done, now is your chance. We will accept ads until the spaces are filled or until January 20, whichever comes first. If you request a size that is no longer available, we will contact you and suggest a different size. Use the contract below. Cost will be based on the "Last Chance" pricing. It's a first-come, first served basis now. Get your ads in right away! If you have questions, contact Susan Massy at 913.993.7286 or susanmassy@smsd.org.



Key Club

Key Club is a community service group sponsored by Kiwanis. Meetings are held every other Friday morning in room 155. Thirty-one students have become members by paying \$11 dues and are working on earning about 50 service hours by the end of March. Members have a wide range of service opportunities, including collecting pop tabs, box tops, volunteering at grade school carnivals, baking cakes and buying gifts for City Union Mission kids to name just a few! Members also helped at the Merriam Christmas dinner and served at the Johnson County Parks & Recreation mystery dinner for 50 Plus adults. We had a great holiday party with music, games and treats and collected small gifts for City Union Mission. We will have a special project for members on Martin Luther King Day, making it a day of service instead of a day off!

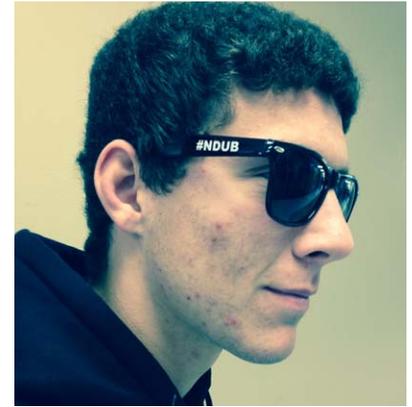
Caring—Our Way of Life

Freshman Orientation

The annual SMNW enrollment orientation program for current eighth-grade students and their parents will be Thursday, January 9 at 6:30 pm. The evening is designed to provide information to help students enroll at Northwest as members of the Class of 2018. Mrs. Gruman, principal, will present an opening session in the auditorium at 6:30 pm followed by breakout sessions with the different departments. Students and parents may attend the sessions to obtain information from specific subject areas and answer individual questions. Parents don't miss this opportunity to help your eighth grade student plan an appropriate freshman schedule for the next school year.

#NDUB Sunglasses

Support SMNW Prom by purchasing a pair of super cool black Ray Ban styled sunglasses with #NDUB on the right arm for \$5.00.



Contact Ms. Schauffer at 993-7334 or email her at saraschauffer@smsd.org.

Shawnee Mission eSchool

Health Education and American Government are being offered through the Shawnee Mission eSchool (electronic school) for high school students. eSchool courses offer students an online curriculum and lessons for independent study. Students will use the district-approved textbook with their online course. Students must have access to a home computer with Internet access. Online teachers assess student work and issue grades. Students must meet established board policies for eSchool enrollment and successfully complete the course to receive credit.

The **Health Education** course curriculum will include content in the areas of alcohol/drug abuse prevention skills, communicable and non-communicable diseases, safety, human growth and development, human sexuality, personal and social development, nutrition and diet, fitness, and mental health. Completion of this class will satisfy the health course graduation requirement for the state of Kansas. Open to students in grades 9 – 12.

The **American Government** course is based on the dual concerns of citizen responsibility and individual participation in the affairs of government at the local, state, and national levels. Completing this class will satisfy the American Government course graduation requirement for the state of Kansas. Open to students in grade 12.

Courses are offered during the summer and each subsequent semester. Call 913-993-9740 for enrollment information. Enroll online by going to summerschool.smsd.org. **The deadline for the summer session is May 5.** Course fee is \$160.



Happy Holidays from Student Council!

- The annual **Canned Food Drive** to benefit the Johnson County Christmas Bureau (www.jccb.org) occurred from Monday, November 11 through Friday, November 15. We collected over 11,000 cans and raised over \$7,000. We beat our goals for the year and shattered the numbers from last year! We were also the "winner" of the district competition, beating out all the other district high schools. We had over 68,000 cans and \$18,000 donated for the JCCB as a district. We are so proud of all the students for their contributions!
- The **Mother/Son Father/Daughter Dance** was a blast on Saturday, November 16! We had over 200 parents and students attend this fun, time warp dance that ended our canned food drive!
- StuCo has successfully hosted a **President's Council** meeting on November 21 for Quarter 2 guest speakers that included Ben Meske and Ms. Gruman. We'll be hosting a Quarter 3 meeting on Thursday, March 6 and a final Quarter 4 meeting in May. President's Council is a group of club/sport leaders in our school who get together to discuss leadership issues, common activities, and update on individual club/sport news.
- Friday, December 6 marked our annual **Adopt a Tot** program. We invited 36 Head Start of Shawnee Mission (<http://www.smks-headstart.org/>) pre-Kindergartners to SMNW and had over 40 fourth hour classrooms that participated in this worthwhile event. We raised approximately \$8,000 to make a difference in the lives of these Head Start students and their families.
- Each Shawnee Mission High School **StuCo exec board** met on Tues. December 10 as SMNW hosted this meeting. We will have another district meeting in February, so please let us know if there are any issues that you'd like us to address.

Student Council is also actively planning for a very exciting spring semester as well! Mark your calendars as this is what we have going on...

- The **Talent Show** TryOuts will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 22 and 23 in the Orchestra Room 37 before and after school. Students must sign up in Mrs. Dent's Room 132 before tryouts. The actual 5th Annual Talent Show event will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Profits from this event go towards club scholarships that StuCo awards to clubs at SMNW to help with their funding issues and requests.
- StuCo will organize the annual **MatchMaker** fundraiser in late January and early February! It is a fun way for students to see who they are compatible with based on the surveys they filled out during lunch.
- PTSA and StuCo will team up to provide **dinner for teachers** on Conferences night in February! It was appreciated by staff members as many are not able to go home after school before conferences begin at 5.
- Just a reminder that our **WPA Dance** will be on Saturday, February 15, 2014 from 8-11 p.m. in the SMNW Cafeteria.
- The **4th Annual Dodgeball Tournament** will be held on Sat. March 1, 2014. Proceeds will benefit a local charity.

StuCo would like to wish you a restful holiday season and a happy New Year! Thank you so much for all your support! If you have any suggestions, comments, or questions for Student Council, please feel free to contact a representative or the Sponsor, Sarah Dent at nwdents@smsd.org. Thank you!

Enrollment 2014 – 2015 Begins January 13

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year will begin on January 13th. Enrollment materials will be handed out during English classes and will require a parent/guardian signature before being returned. Discuss course selections with your student before signing the card.

All students are encouraged to follow the SMNW Recommended Core Curriculum listed in the table below. Students who plan to attend a state school in Kansas should, as a minimum, follow the recommendations of the Kansas Board of Regents Qualified Admissions Curriculum.

For the class of 2013, students who followed the college prep curriculum scored a 24.0 composite on the ACT, while those who did not follow the college prep curriculum scored 20.9 composite on the ACT. Please see the graph that compares the ACT results of NW students who have taken the recommended core curriculum vs. those who have not.

The senior year is absolutely critical. The senior year course of study should be challenging and should prepare the student for their next year's work. Please have your senior select courses that will meet these needs.

For more detailed information about the core curriculum or enrollment, consult the [Program Planning Guide](http://repository.smsd.org/docs/public/curriculum/37E7LBMS8N/High-School-Program-of-Studies-2014-2015.pdf) (<http://repository.smsd.org/docs/public/curriculum/37E7LBMS8N/High-School-Program-of-Studies-2014-2015.pdf>) or call your student's academic counselor at 993-7230. Please examine the table below as you consider the enrollment options for your student.

Recommended Core Curriculum

English - 4 Units (English 9, 10, 11, and 12 – 1 unit each)

Mathematics - 4 Units (1 unit each of Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, with one additional credit beyond Algebra II selected from College Prep Math, Algebra 3, Statistics, College Algebra/Trig, Pre-calculus or Calculus)

Social Studies - 3 Units

Science - 3 Units (1 unit each in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)

World Languages - 2 Units (of the same language)

Fine Arts – 1 Unit

Computer Technology – Demonstration of minimum competency in computer usage is a requirement for graduation.

Honors/Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate – Honors, AP, and IB courses are available for all students. These courses are both accelerated and enriched. Students should have a strong interest in the course content and the motivation and commitment to accept the challenge of an advanced course.

Shawnee Mission Graduation Requirements

English	4	Units
Mathematics	3	Units
Social Studies	3	Units
World Geography or World Regional Studies	1	Unit
United States History	1	Unit
American Government	½	Unit
Social Studies Elective	½	Unit
Science	3	Units
Biological Science	1	Unit
Physical Science	1	Unit
Science Elective	1	Unit
Physical Education	1	Unit
Health	½	Unit
Fine Arts	1	Unit
Electives	7 ½	Units
Required for Graduation	23	Units

Computer Technology - Demonstration of minimum competency in computer usage is a requirement for graduation.

PARENT CONFERENCES

February 6, 5 - 8 p.m. and February 7, 7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

On Thursday evening, February 6, from 5 - 8 p.m., all of our teachers will be in the gym and cafeteria/mall areas to conduct conferences. These conferences will not be scheduled, will be no more than 5 minutes in length, and will be conducted on a first come, first served basis.

If you wish to schedule a longer (20 minute) conference with one or more of your student's teachers for Friday, February 7, please complete the form below. It should be returned to the school office or faxed to (913)993-7299 by **January 24**. Conferences will be scheduled as forms are received. Following receipt of your request, we will e-mail you confirmation of your appointment(s). If you have not received confirmation by **January 27**, please call the school office at (913)993-7200. **After January 24, you will need to call the instructor(s) to make conference arrangements.**

If you request to see one teacher, we will try to schedule the conference at the time requested. If conferences are needed with two or three teachers, we'll do our best to schedule them within a two-hour period. If four or more conferences are requested, we'll try to schedule them consecutively. Each conference is 20 minutes and conferences are scheduled at 30-minute intervals. Please indicate if your student will be attending. Counselors, social worker, nurse, and administrators will also be available for conferences.

CONFERENCE REQUEST FORM (to be used for Friday only; extra forms available in the school office)

Mail to: SMNW High School, 12701 W 67 St., Shawnee Mission, KS 66216 or FAX to: (913)993-7499

Student's Last Name _____ Student's First Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Home Phone # _____ Parent's Work Phone # _____

My son/daughter will attend the conference: Yes _____ No _____ e-mail address: _____

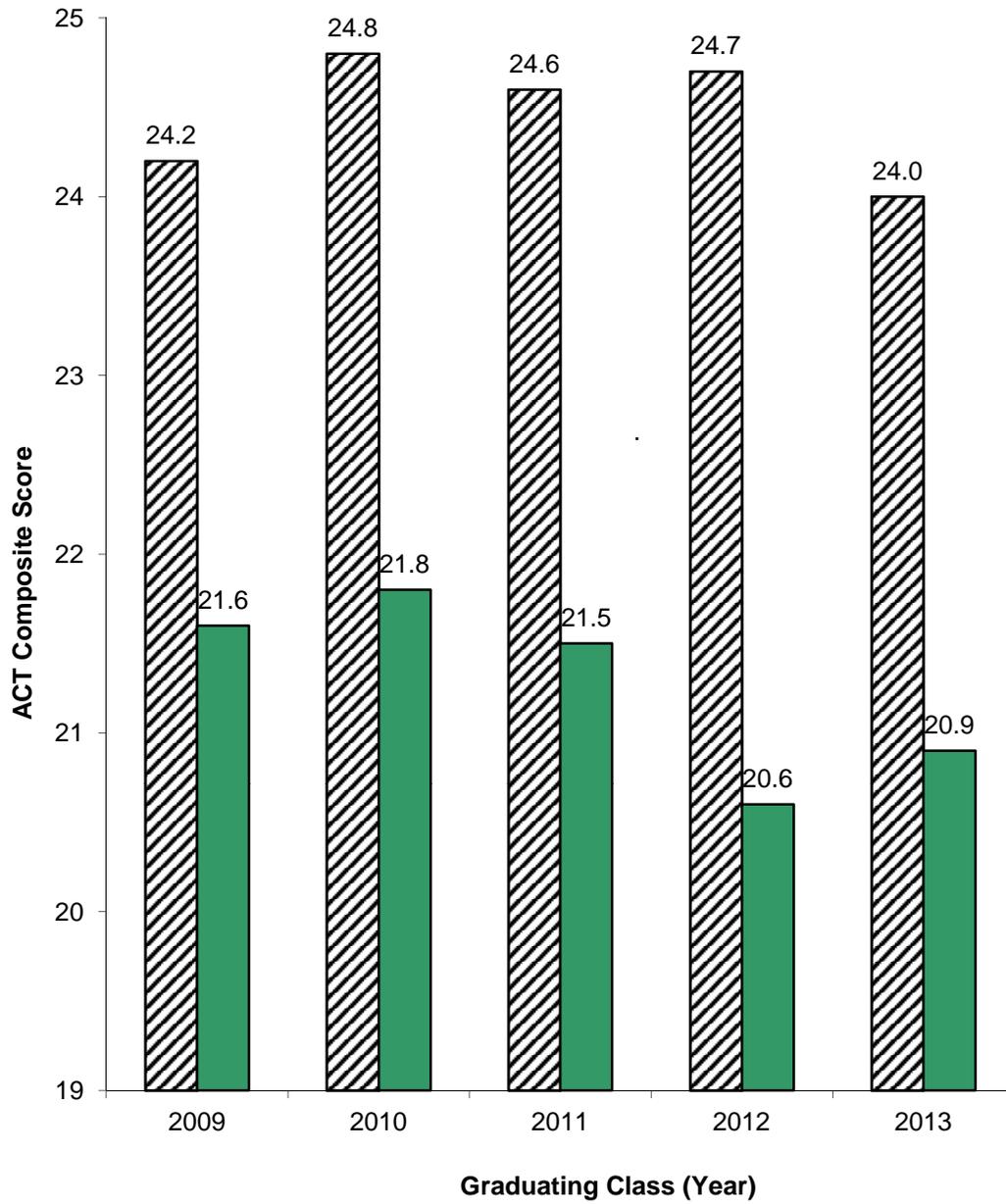
I would like to schedule a personal conference with the following instructor(s) – Use list below to obtain instructor's ID number

PREFERENCE	ID #	INSTRUCTOR'S NAME	PREFERENCE	ID #	INSTRUCTOR'S NAME
1 st Preference	_____	_____	5 th Preference	_____	_____
2 nd Preference	_____	_____	6 th Preference	_____	_____
3 rd Preference	_____	_____	7 th Preference	_____	_____
4 th Preference	_____	_____			

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**SMNW Five Year Summary ACT
Composite Score of Recommended
Core Curriculum Completers vs. Non-Core**

▨ Core Completers
■ Less Than Core Completers



Fundraising Event At



Support the SMNW Basketball Program
10% of receipts go directly to the Booster Club.
Lunch or Dinner, Dine In or Carry Out
All Season Long, Dec. 1, 2013 – March 1, 2014

2 Locations

Callahan's East
12843 W. 87th St.
Lenexa, KS
913-894-1717



Callahan's West
22917 W. 83rd St.
Lenexa, KS
913-422-3434

**Give This to Your Server When You Pay
And Help Us Raise Money!**

Total Amount Of Bill: \$ _____

Some exclusions apply. Regular priced items only. Alcohol not included, daily specials, coupons or BOGO offers.

Information below for baby ads editor to fill out:

Check # _____ Amount on Check _____ Page baby ad is on _____ Amount of picture _____

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Baby Ad Order Form | Class of 2014

Student Name _____
Parent Name(s) _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
E-mail Address _____
Daytime Phone Number (Mom) _____
Daytime Phone Number (Dad) _____
Evening Phone Number (Mom) _____
Evening Phone Number (Dad) _____

Size of ad: _____
Cost _____
Return photos? "Yes" "No"
(Add \$5 to the cost of your ad.
Photos will be returned in May
2014)

Reminder about photos:

- For a better quality ad, we request you send no Kodak picture maker copies, no home scanner copies or other duplicates of photos. Please make sure you include only the *original photos*. Thank you.
- We also request that you do not send photos that have been cut.
- If you wish to submit digital photos, please contact us before submitting them.

Sizes	Early Bird (now - 9/14/13)		Regular (9/15/13 - 11/2/13)		Last Chance (11/3/13 - 12/18/13)	
	black and white	color	black and white	color	black and white	color
1/6 page	\$74	\$88	\$84	\$102	\$105	\$132
1/4 page	\$112	\$134	\$127	\$153	\$158	\$198
1/3 page	\$148	\$176	\$164	\$199.50	\$206	\$258
1/2 page	\$203	\$245	\$221	\$274	\$279	\$343
Full page	\$405	\$489	\$443	\$548	\$559	\$698

NO PAGES WILL BE PURCHASED TO ACCOMMODATE LATE ADS. ADS ARE AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. PICTURES MUST BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF PAYMENT. NO LATE PICTURES.

- Please clearly print your message on the back of this sheet. We will design your ad.
- Make checks payable to Shawnee Mission Northwest High School.

Please send to: before August 14

Keegan White
6528 Hallet
Shawnee, KS 66216

after August 14

SMNW High School
12701 W. 67th
Shawnee, KS 66216

Or submit to the school receptionist clearly labeled, "Yearbook Baby Ad, Keegan White."

If you would like to see a proof of your ad before it is published, please indicate below and we will e-mail a PDF of the ad. We cannot guarantee that you will be able to make changes to your ad at that time but you should call if you notice any problems.

"Yes, please!

"No, thank you.

Kansas Qualified Admissions Quick Facts

High School Graduates Through Academic Year 2013-2014



What are Qualified Admissions?

Qualified Admissions (QA) are a set of criteria that guarantee admission to a state university for certain Kansas residents. These criteria are set by the Kansas Board of Regents, the governing body for the six state universities. The purpose of QA is to enhance success at the university level by ensuring high school students are prepared for the rigors of a university education.

What are the QA criteria for high school students?

Graduates of accredited Kansas high schools under the age of 21 with fewer than 24 transfer credit hours are admitted to a state university if they meet *one* of the following requirements:

- Achieve an ACT score of 21 or higher, OR
- Graduate in the top one-third of their class, OR
- Complete the precollege curriculum with a GPA of 2.0 or higher (please see table to right).

Which Kansas institutions use QA?

Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University.

Is the QA Curriculum the same as my high school's required curriculum for graduation?

No. High school graduation requirements are determined by the Kansas State Department of Education and local school districts. Students should be aware that the local and QA curriculums are separate and the requirements may not be the same.

Qualified Admissions Precollege Curriculum

English	4 approved units of English, one unit taken each year of high school.
Natural Science	3 approved units from the following, one unit must be Chemistry or Physics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Advanced Biology (2nd Year Biology) • Earth/Space Science • Chemistry • Physics • Principles of Technology
Math	3 approved units from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Any math course that has Algebra II as a prerequisite. <p><i>Courses completed in middle school or junior high do not count toward the requirement.</i></p>
Social Science	3 approved units. <p>Students must complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One unit of U.S. History • Minimum of one-half unit of U.S. Government <p>Minimum of one-half unit from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World History • World Geography • International Relations <p>Approved courses from the following may be used to complete the requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology • Economics • U.S. Government (additional course) • U.S. History (additional course) • Current Social Issues • Sociology • Anthropology • Race and Ethnic Group Relations
Foreign Language	Not required.

For more information about the Kansas Qualified Admissions Precollege Curriculum, contact the Kansas Board of Regents at (785) 296-3421 or visit the Board's website at www.kansasregents.org.

Kansas Qualified Admissions Quick Facts

High School Graduates Beginning Academic Year 2014-2015 and After



What are Qualified Admissions?

Qualified Admissions (QA) are a set of standards used by the six state universities to review applicants for undergraduate admission. The universities that use QA are Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University. These standards are set by the Kansas Board of Regents, the governing body for the state universities.

When are the new standards effective?

State universities will use the standards for 2015 summer applicants. The standards apply to freshmen entering high school in the fall of 2011 and subsequent years.

What are the new QA standards?

Students graduating from an accredited Kansas high school, under the age of 21, MUST:

- Complete the precollege or Kansas Scholars Curriculum with at least a 2.0 GPA; AND
- Achieve ONE of the following:
 - ACT score of 21 or higher; OR
 - SAT score of 980 or higher; OR
 - Graduate in the top one-third of their class; AND
- Achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher on any college credit taken in high school.

Were changes made to the precollege curriculum?

Yes. For complete details see the chart at right.

Kansas Course Codes are used to identify courses that fulfill curriculum requirements. For a complete list of courses and the admissions standards, visit www.kansasregents.org/qualified_admissions.

Dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, and online courses may be used to fulfill the requirements. Courses completed in middle school/junior high do NOT fulfill the requirement.

Qualified Admissions Precollege Curriculum

English	4 approved units of English, one unit taken each year of high school, 1/2 unit may be Speech	
Natural Science	3 approved units from the following, one unit must be Chemistry or Physics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Advanced Biology (2nd Year) • Earth Science • Environmental Science • Aerospace • Marine Science • Botany • Microbiology • Geology • Astronomy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • Physics • Principles of Technology • Physical Science • Meteorology • Genetics • Zoology
Math	3 approved units from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Any course with Algebra II as a prerequisite AND students must meet the ACT college readiness math benchmark of 22	OR
Social Science	3 approved units that includes instruction in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. History • U.S. Government • Geography 	4 approved units, with one unit taken in the graduating year. Three units selected from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II • Any course with Algebra II as a prerequisite The fourth unit may be prescribed by the school district and must be designed to prepare students for college
Electives	3 approved units from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Math • Natural Science • Social Science • Fine Arts • Computer/Information Systems 	Students meeting the Kansas State Department of Education social science graduation requirements generally fulfill the precollege curriculum social science requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign Languages • Personal Finance • Speech, Debate, Forensics • Journalism • Career Technical Education

Kansas Scholars Curriculum & State Scholar Quick Facts



What is the Kansas Scholars Curriculum?

The Kansas Scholars Curriculum is one of the requirements Kansas residents must meet in order to receive State Scholar designation during the Senior year. This curriculum is NOT the same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.

What are the other requirements to become a State Scholar?

- Students must have taken the ACT between April of the sophomore year and December of the senior year.
- Students must be a Kansas resident.
- Students must have their curriculum and 7th semester GPA certified on the official roster by the high school counselor, registrar, or similar official.

What is the benefit of completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum?

Students that complete the curriculum, and meet the other requirements, may be designated as State Scholars, which makes them eligible to receive State Financial Aid as provided by the Kansas Legislature.

The academic profile of scholars included an average ACT of 30 and an average GPA of 3.90.

State Scholars may receive up to \$1,000 annually for up to four undergraduate years (five, if enrolled in a designated five-year program) based on financial need and the availability of State funds.

How is financial need determined?

Financial need is measured by the Federal Methodology using data submitted on the FAFSA.

Kansas Scholars Curriculum

English	Same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.
Natural Science	3 approved units including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology• Chemistry• Physics <p><i>A fourth year of science is recommended.</i></p>
Math	4 approved units. Students must complete the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Algebra I*• Algebra II• Geometry <p>In addition, students must complete at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analytic Geometry• Trigonometry• Advanced Algebra• Probability & Statistics• Functions• Calculus <p><i>*Algebra taken in the 8th Grade is accepted.</i></p>
Social Science	Same as the Qualified Admissions Curriculum.
Foreign Language	2 approved units of one foreign language.

For more information about the Kansas Scholars Curriculum or State Scholar designation, contact the Kansas Board of Regents at (785) 296-3421 or visit the Board's website at www.kansasregents.org.



Is It a Cold or the Flu?

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Usual; high (100°F to 102°F, occasionally higher, especially in young children); lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache	Rare	Common
General Aches, Pains	Slight	Usual; often severe
Fatigue, Weakness	Sometimes	Usual; can last up to 2 to 3 weeks
Exhaustion	Never	Usual; at the beginning of the illness
Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Common	Sometimes
Chest Discomfort, Cough	Mild to moderate; hacking cough	Common; can become severe
Treatment	Antihistamines Decongestants Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medicines	Antiviral medicines—see your doctor
Prevention	Wash your hands often with soap and water; avoid close contact with anyone with a cold	Annual vaccination; antiviral medicines—see your doctor
Complications	Sinus congestion Middle ear infection Asthma	Bronchitis, pneumonia; can worsen chronic conditions; can be life-threatening. Complications more likely in the elderly, those with chronic conditions, young children, and pregnant women



¿Será un resfrío o será la gripe?

Síntomas	Resfrío	Gripe
Fiebre	Rara vez	Es común; fiebre alta (de 100°F a 102°F, especialmente en niños pequeños); dura de 3 a 4 días
Dolor de cabeza	Rara vez	Con frecuencia
Malestar general, dolor	Leve	Es común; muchas veces son severos
Fatiga, debilidad	A veces	Es común; puede durar hasta 2 o 3 semanas
Agotamiento total	Nunca	Es común; al principio
Tiene la nariz tapada o congestionada	Con frecuencia	A veces
Estornudos	Es común	A veces
Dolor de garganta	Con frecuencia	A veces
Molestia en el pecho, tos	De leve a moderada; tos seca	Con frecuencia; puede volverse severa
Tratamiento	Medicinas con antihistamínicos Descongestionantes Medicinas anti-inflamatorias sin esteroides	Medicinas retrovirales— visite a su doctor
Prevención	Lávese las manos frecuentemente Evite el contacto cercano con alguien que esté resfriado	Hágase vacunar cada año; Medicinas retrovirales—visite a su doctor
Complicaciones	Sinusitis o congestión nasal Infección del oído medio Asma	Bronchitis, neumonía; puede ser mortal