

KENNETT HIGH SCHOOL

Freshman FAQ Sheet

1. How do I find more information about sports and how to join a team?

- A. Go to the following web address:
<https://sites.google.com/a/sau9.org/athletics/>. This link will also provide information regarding required athletic forms, activities code, and contact information.
- B. Call 603-356-4335 and ask to speak with Ms. Kerry Brady, Athletic Director, or email her at: k_brady@sau9.org with any questions you might have regarding high school athletics and/or eligibility requirements.
- C. Kennett High School Athletic Facebook page located at
<http://on.fb.me/1l0XUfz>

2. Are there clubs I can join when I arrive at Kennett High School?

- A. Yes, there are several. When you arrive to Kennett High School, you will receive a copy of the student handbook that will contain a list of all clubs and the advisor for each club. Next to the name will be a way for you to contact the advisor to get involved.
- B. Here's a partial list to get you started:
 - 1. Art Club- Ms. Hall: s_hall@sau9.org.
 - 2. KHS Computer Programming Club- Mr. Riddensdale:
j_riddensdale@sau9.org.
 - 3. Drama Club- Mrs. Fougere: h_fougere@sau9.org.
 - 4. Key Club-Ms. Molloy:
k_molloy@sau9.org.
 - 5. Student Council-Mr. Freedman: d_frdman@sau9.org.
 - 6. Yearbook Committee- Contact the main office for information:
356-4343.
 - 7. Career / Technical Student Organizations (CTSO)- for more information go to: <http://www.mwvctc.com>.
 - 8. GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) - Check with the School Counseling office.

3. How does lunch work? How do I pay my account? How do I know if I will receive free and reduced lunch? How do I enroll?

- A. There will be four lunches scheduled during the day. Lunch will be during block four. You will go with the class you are attending at that time.
- B. To learn how to pay for lunch, how to use the swipe card, and how to enroll in the free and reduced lunch program please go to the following web address: <http://sites.google.com/a/sau9.org/lunch-at-kennett/>.

4. How do I change my schedule prior to the start of the school year?

- A. You complete the schedule change form that will accompany the first draft of your course schedule. Once completed you turn it into your current school counselor or deliver it to Kennett High School.

5. What is Add/Drop?

- A. Add/drop allows a student to initiate a schedule change within the first seven days of a semester. Parent approval is not needed for elective class changes. Core classes are typically reviewed with parents / guardians. The add/drop window allows students to change or drop courses without penalty. Once the add/drop period is over (after the first seven days of a semester), any change in courses will be reflected on the student's transcript and will be noted as a withdraw pass or withdraw fail. **No class can be dropped after the Quarter 1 report card.**

6. What does truancy mean and how do I handle letting the school know my child is at home sick or involved with family business?

- A. The attendance policy, as governed by school board policy and New Hampshire Law, currently requires all parents and guardians to notify the school if their child will not be in attendance.
- B. Without an excused absence, your son/daughter will be considered truant. Once there are 5 days truant the Student Resource Officer, courts, and local police departments may become involved.
- C. For clarification of the policy regarding excused absences please refer to the student handbook and online at: <http://www.sau9.org/sau9/boards/Conway/policies/conwaypolicyJH.pdf>.
- D. In the event of an illness, parents/guardians must contact the school to inform them of the student's illness and absence. This may be done through the KHS absence line 356-4343 x5005 or via email at khsattendance@sau9.org. If it is not possible to call or email, a note signed by a parent/guardian should be brought by the child to the Vice Principal's office upon return to school.

- E. For absences other than illness parents/guardians must provide written notice . Additional documentation may be required. Notification of vacations should be sent to the Vice Principal at least 2 weeks prior to the trip.

7. How will I know who my daughter's/son's school counselor will be? How do I make an appointment to speak with or meet my daughter's/son's school counselor?

- A. Your daughter/ son will be enrolled on one of three teams. Your daughter's / son's final schedule mailed in August will have the team number listed. Each team has a school counselor. **Team 1** students work with Colleen Watson, **Team 2** students work with Cheryl Furtado, and **Team 3** students work with Nate Jaus. Jennifer Murphy will work specifically with one of three teams.
- B. To make an appointment or to speak with any of the school counselors please call 356-4325 and Mrs. Pearson will schedule an appointment.

8. What is the MMS grade portal and how do I use it ?

- A. The MMS grade portal is an online student class-monitoring tool for parents and guardians. Teachers update student's grades and may post assignments and important class information. Parents/Guardians will need to have a working email confirmed with Kennett High School.
- B. Grades are updated every other week by teachers.
- C. Grades may change frequently, so consistent monitoring is helpful.
- D. Students/parents may email a teacher directly through the portal.

9. Recommended strategies for parents and students for a successful 9th grade experience.

- A. Be prepared and on time for each class. Use the suggestions listed below.
- B. Contact from parents is encouraged. Please see visit the Kennett High School website for teacher email addresses. www.khsmwv.com
- C. Notify teacher/counselor/vice principal as soon as possible should any concern arise. For example, frequently absent, social issues, medical concerns, to name a few.
- D. Encourage daughter/son to stay after school. For example, initiate the first meeting after school for help via an email/phone call with the teacher. This way difficulty or problems are identified quickly.

10. What basic materials do I need for each of my core classes (English, Physical Science, World Cultures, Math)?

A. English:

- a spiral-bound notebook or a composition book
- pens or pencils
- a three-ring binder with dividers (a section of another binder can be used, you do not need a separate binder *just* for English)
- a consistent place to record homework
- a Google Docs account (a Google Docs account can be set up during one of our classes at the beginning of the year)

B. Math:

- A spiral-bound notebook.
- A three-ring binder with dividers (a section of another binder can be used, you don't need a separate binder just for Math)

C. Physical Science:

- Blue / Black ink pens or pencils.
- Calculator (optional)
- Agenda / Assignment notebook for projects/tasks/assignments.
- A section in a three-ring binder for notes and hand-outs. It is highly recommended these are kept throughout the year.
- Labs books are provided by teachers. These are vital for recording labs and data results only.

D. World Cultures:

- A consistent place to record homework.
- A Google Docs account (a Google Docs account can be set up during one of our classes at the beginning of the year).
- Blue/Black pens or pencils.
- A three-ring binder for organizing materials, hand-outs, and notes taken in class.