

WILDCATS

HELEN KELLER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

7TH GRADE HANDBOOK 2021-2022



Schaumburg School District 54
Ensuring Student Success

Principal, Keller Jr. High School

A Message From Mr. Barbini:

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

As a school community, we all welcome you and your family to Keller Junior High School! The 7th Grade Handbook will be a helpful tool in your child's preparation and transition into Keller.

Here, our belief is that we exist to provide an educational experience that will secure a foundation of a brighter future for all of our students. To establish this expectation, our work is continuously fueled by our commitment to each other, the students, and Keller community to pursue excellence. One of our top priorities is to continuously look for ways to learn, improve, and grow as a team.

TOGETHER AS ONE — this is the theme that drives all of us to work hard in all that we do. We are one team, one family whose vision ensures the success of all students at Keller. Our mentality and approach is to take ownership for and believe in the fact that every child can learn, at the highest levels, without exception. Simply stated, when we are TOGETHER AS ONE with our approach, it allows us to be WITHOUT EQUAL. This means that we aim to prevail, no matter what the odds are or how difficult the situation might be. We constantly strive to have an authentic will to win, and as a team, school, and community, we are unmatched.

The Keller families and community are an integral part of our work. Your support sets us all up for success each and every day. Furthermore, your role on the team validates that we truly are better together, and as a positive team we will commit to excellence and do amazing things. The success and happiness at Keller have been directly related to how well we connect with, relate to, and learn from one another. More importantly, our work has the biggest impact because we continue to partner with families. I look forward to connecting and working with all of you in the coming years to help make your experience here at Keller Junior High School the absolute best!

Sincerely,

Thomas Barbini
Principal

ADMINISTRATION

Thomas Barbini
Principal

Nathan Molby
Assistant Principal

Daniel Aguilar
Dean of Students

Student Services

The Student Service department at Keller is comprised of the assistant principal, dean, social workers, and psychologist. Working alongside our principal, we focus on supporting each student in multiple ways. Ensuring the success of the whole child is our promise, all while supporting the unique academic and social emotional needs of each student here at Keller.



Principal

Assistant Principal

Dean of Students

Social Workers

Psychologist

54 PROMISE

- Ensure the success of the whole child
- Perform in the top 10% of all schools
- Close the achievement gap for all students

KEY DATES



Course Requests Due
Registration Begins
Information Day
Class Begins

December 11, 2020
December 2020
TBD August 2021
August 16, 2021

Key dates for the 2021-2022 school year can be found at:

<https://sd54.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/2021-22-Calendar-at-a-Glance.pdf>



Keller Junior High School

Enrollment Information



All information regarding registration at Keller Jr. High, or any other school in District 54, can be found on our district website under "Registration" or listed below. This includes continuing student registration, consumable materials fee, proof of residency, transferring within District 54, assignment of students, early childhood registration, and accelerated placement.

<http://sd54.org/registration>



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Keller Junior High School

Continuing Student Registration:

Each spring, parents or guardians will receive a notification regarding registration for the upcoming fall. Parents are asked annually to prove residence within district boundaries and review their child's information to register in District 54 for the next school year. If you have a parent portal account, you can do that online. If not, you will receive a preprinted registration form.



Access to the Infinite Campus parent portal is available at
<https://campus.sd54.org/campus/portal/schaumburg.jsp>

Consumable Materials Fee:

Parents or guardians are required to pay a \$50 consumable materials fee for each kindergarten through eighth-grade student to cover the cost of workbooks, paper, art supplies, and other items used by students. You will have the option to pay this fee through the parent portal. If you believe you will qualify for the Free Lunch Program, and therefore will qualify for a fee waiver, do not pay the consumable material fee. Applications will be available in August for the Free Lunch Program.



Electives

Students enroll in two electives each year at Keller. Requested electives are not guaranteed. Electives currently being offered are:

Band
Orchestra
Chorus
Spanish
Dual-Spanish
Honors Spanish
Art
STEM
Media
Music
Reading Acceleration
Math Acceleration

Acceleration Course

The purpose of an Acceleration Course is to provide additional support to students in math and/or reading in an effort to advance their learning to grade level and beyond. Students will be enrolled in Math or Reading Acceleration in place of one or both electives. Criteria is based on classroom performance, multiple MAP scores, and other data points.



Keller Jr. High School
CLUBS



ANIME
ART
CHAIN REACTION
MACHINE
CHEMISTRY BEE
CLUB UNIFY
CODING
FUSE
GAME
GEMS

GEOGRAPHY BEE
Keller Book Club
MATH TEAM
MOCK TRIAL
TALENT SHOW
WE CLUB
YEARBOOK
YOGA

*Club offerings listed are for the 20-21 school year and change on a yearly basis.



Keller Jr. High School SPORTS

Sport Seasons:

August – October

Cross Country
Girls Basketball
Fall Intramurals

October – December

Boys Basketball
Cheerleading
Poms

January – March

Wrestling
Girls Volleyball

March – May

Boys and Girls Track
Boys Volleyball
Spring Intramurals

Students must maintain academic eligibility to participate in interscholastic sports. Students participating in interscholastic athletic programs, including intramural sports, shall have an annual physical examination prior to tryouts and participation in any scheduled practice or contest. Physicals are effective for one year from the date of the exam. The physical exam form for District 54 can be found at <https://sites.google.com/sd54.org/d54juniorhighsports/home>



Keller Jr. High School

Frequently Asked Questions



Lockers:

Seventh grade students share a locker with an assigned partner of the same gender. Eighth grade students get their own locker.

Supplies:

Visit the *About: Supply Lists* section of the Keller website for the 20-21 supply list. The supply list for the 21-22 school year will be posted by June 1st and can be found at <https://keller.sd54.org/resources/school-supply-list/>



Schedules:

Schedules are created to best fit each student with their appropriate core classes. Electives are assigned as available according to student request. Electives are not guaranteed.

Bus Transportation:

Busing is provided for students who qualify. There is a morning bus, after school bus, and late bus that leaves Keller at 4:00 PM.

Passing Periods:

Passing periods are each three minutes long. Students are expected to arrive at their next class before the bell rings.

Cafeteria:

Students eat lunch in the cafeteria daily. Pizza is sold on Mondays and Fridays. In addition, the PTA "Special Lunch" is delivered on Tuesdays for students who order it ahead of time.

Gym Expenses:

Students are expected to wear a gym uniform that is purchased from Keller in the first two weeks of the school year. The gym uniform consists of a t-shirt and shorts. Optional items for purchase are a sweatshirt and sweatpants. Pricing for the gym uniform will be made available prior to the school year starting.

Chromebooks:

Students must bring their fully charged Chromebook to school daily. Students are responsible for proper care of their Chromebook, as it is district-issued. All use of Chromebooks and student Google accounts are monitored by District 54.

WELCOME TO KELLER JR. HIGH!



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