



KETTLE MORaine SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2020,

Welcome to an exciting time of the year as your eighth grader considers the many options available in Kettle Moraine.

Earlier today your student heard from our high school counseling team regarding their transition to high school. No matter which of our high schools your student selects, our counselors will be by their side throughout their high school journey.

For many of our families, 2016-17 is not their first time a student will attend a Kettle Moraine high school. These families will notice the increased opportunities for students. These opportunities are the result of aligning courses to careers, an increase in personalization, and creating opportunities of rigor for all students.

Some of the most exciting changes you may notice are:

- ***New departments or pathways available.*** These include Digital Media and Computer Science. Both of these pathways offer our learners the opportunity to engage in rigorous and up-to-date learning in areas that lead to some of the newest careers.
- The ***first competency-based opportunity*** in our legacy high school. Students can enter our Computer Science Pathway and are then able to make choices about which strands of computer science they want to concentrate their learning. Moving at their own pace allows each learner to dictate how many credits are earned.
- Four years of ***building an Academic Career Portfolio*** (ACP) alongside teachers and counseling staff. Each graduate of 2020 will have a portfolio that will assist in post-secondary planning and decision making, college applications and job applications.
- Additional ***opportunities for students to engage in rigorous coursework*** that will be reflected on a high school transcript. Students will continue to be able to earn “bonus points” and list rigorous courses on their transcript through enrolling in courses that are offered through the PIE (UW-Whitewater), CAPP (UW-Oshkosh) or other approved university, dual-credit programs, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, upper-level Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses and upper-level World Language courses. These courses are noted in the guide available on our website. Previously listed “honors” courses in English and math are being renamed without the “honors” label. All students at Kettle Moraine will be part of the rigor previously found in those honors courses.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to serve students and our community by offering relevant and rigorous coursework. You are encouraged to attend the 2016-2017 Registration Fair for 8th grade students at Kettle Moraine High School on Thursday, February 4, 2016, beginning with a presentation at 6pm in the auditorium. If you are unable to attend, or if you have questions, please contact the high school counseling department at 262-968-6273 ext. 4025.