

Thank you for joining the Kairos community! We are so excited to start working with your child next year. By submitting the below registration forms, you are officially joining an educational movement to rethink what school can and should be in St. Louis.

Estos son los formularios necesarios para matricular a tu estudiante en Kairos. Si el inglés no es tu idioma principal, o si no te sientes cómodo/a llenando estos formularios en inglés, por favor llama a 314-607-0076. Kairos te conseguirá un traductor para ayudarte.

# Forms to Submit

The Kairos Registration Packet consists of four parts. To save paper and simplify the process, you can register entirely online. You can also mail hard copies of these documents to 4220 Duncan Ave Ste. 201, St. Louis, MO 63110.

You will receive **a free Kairos t-shirt for your child** if you complete each form by the following dates:

- Part 1—Student & Parent Information (~10 minutes)
- Part 2—Proof of Residency & Student Identity (3 documents)
- <u>Part 3—Request of Records</u> (optional, as many documents as you want)
- <u>Part 4—Proof of Immunization</u> (6 documents)

T-shirts will be handed out at the Kairos Community Open House at the Benton Park Pavilion on May 18th from 4-6:30 p.m. (<u>RSVP here</u>). You can track your submissions through the <u>Registration Form</u> <u>Tracker</u>. Your ID will be your student's initials and birthday (e.g., AL-02-12).

# Part 1: Student & Parent Information

### Form: Part 1: Student & Family Information

This form asks a series of standard registration questions. Some are federally mandated so that Kairos can identify students who qualify for free-or-reduced-priced lunch, special education services, or curricular language modifications. The form should take you under 10 minutes.

By completing this form, you are registering at Kairos. We will report to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that your child is scheduled to attend Kairos Middle School next year. Per pupil funding can only be allocated to one school at a time, so by registering at Kairos, you are affirming that you are not also enrolled elsewhere.

We are excited to design Kairos hand-in-hand with you and your family! We know you have a lot of questions about what that looks like, so we put together <u>an FAQ with some answers</u>. If you have

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other questions, please do not hesitate to email <u>jack@kairosacademies.org</u>, call 314-607-0076, or <u>schedule a meeting</u> with our team.

Part 2: Proof of Residency & Student Identity

Form: Part 2: Proof of Residency & Student Identity

To submit this form, Google requires that you sign into a Google account. If you do not have a Google account, please enter the following login information:

Username: 2019enrollment@gmail.com Password: kairoskid

To register your student, Missouri mandates that we collect evidence (i) of your student's identity and (ii) that you live within St. Louis City. Types of accepted documentation are listed in the form. Cell phone photos of the documentation are acceptable as long as the document's information is legible. You can also mail copies of the documents to:

Kairos Academies 4220 Duncan Ave. Ste. 201 St. Louis, MO 63110

If mailing, please include a piece of paper that identifies your first and last name, phone number, email address, and your student's first and last name.

Part 3: Records Request

## Form: Part 3: Request of Records

To submit this form, Google requires that you sign into a Google account. If you do not have a Google account, please enter the following login information:

Username: 2019enrollment@gmail.com Password: kairoskid

To best serve your child, we are working to collect as much information on them as possible before Day 1. Please use this as an opportunity to upload any and all documentation that you think it would be helpful for Kairos to have. Submitting records through this form is voluntary, and skipping this form will not hinder your registration. We will also request records from your student's previous school(s), but often parent submissions are the best way to get a full record of your student's educational history.



# Part 4: Immunization Forms

#### Form: Part 4: Proof of Immunization

To submit this form, Google requires that you sign into a Google account. If you do not have a Google account, please enter the following login information:

#### Username: 2019enrollment@gmail.com Password: kairoskid

To learn in a general student population, <u>Missouri law</u> requires that you provide "documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization." If you are underinsured, you can get your student vaccinated for free (<u>English</u>, <u>Spanish</u>).

You can claim certain exemptions, but Missouri law may require that your child be excluded from our mainstream educational program (i.e., it can prohibit non-vaccinated students from interacting with vaccinated students).

- <u>Religious Exemption</u>: "Actively choosing not to immunize a child by claiming a religious exemption is a parent's right; however, it carries significant responsibility. To protect inadequately vaccinated individuals and the entire community, unimmunized children could be excluded from school during disease outbreaks. This can cause hardship for the child and parent. No exceptions are made, regardless of the circumstances."
- <u>Medical Exemption</u>: "These individuals are at greater risk of exposure to any vaccine-preventable disease that can be life-threatening. To protect those who cannot be vaccinated and the entire community, unimmunized children could be excluded from school and child care during disease outbreaks. This can cause hardship for the child and parent."
- <u>Children in Progress</u>: "According to Missouri regulation, children who have not received immunizations required for child care and school attendance cannot attend until their immunizations are up-to-date. However, a child is allowed to attend if the required immunization series has begun and an appointment for the next dose is scheduled. This immunization appointment must be documented on an in progress card and filed with the child care facility or school. "



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### When is the first day of school?

The first day of school is August 12, 2019. Kairos runs in year-round cycles of approximately 5 weeks on, 2 weeks off. We have longer 3-week breaks around Christmas/New Years and at the start of summer. Our breaks align with traditional spring, winter, and Thanksgiving school breaks. For breaks that *do not* align with traditional time off, Kairos is coordinating optional enrichment programming with local youth organizations.

The final calendar is being reviewed by Kairos' board of directors. It will be handed out, along with other key information, at the Kairos Community Open House.

#### What are school hours?

Kairos runs from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with optional tutoring and supervision from 7:30-9 a.m. and from 5-6 p.m. Given our extended school day, Kairos will not assign homework. The goal is that students have time *during the day* when teachers are available for help to complete what would otherwise be their independent homework.

While we expect students to attend the regular school day, flexibility is available on a case-by-case basis for early release if families have a compelling reason (e.g., a once-a-week out-of-school activity from 4-5 p.m.). Our personalized learning model means students can complete some work independently at home to make up for missed school time. (This is also true if families need to miss a few days for some reason or if a child is home sick.)

#### Will you provide transportation?

Unfortunately, Kairos cannot provide transportation. Since we are not reimbursed for those costs, dollars spent on transportation would have to be taken out of the classroom. We are excited to work with our PTO (parent-teacher organization) to coordinate carpool, walking, and public transportation groups for students. Kairos is located within walking distance of multiple bus lines, which a number of parents have already expressed interest in using.

#### Will there be art and other extracurriculars?

Yes, we will have ~1 hour of art 2-3 times per week and ~1 hour of club time 2 times per week. Clubs are being finalized, but we plan to offer Chinese, chess, robotics, dance, and more.

#### Will there be recess or physical education?

Yes, students will have 20-45 minutes of recess or physical education per day in our outdoor garden and playing courts.

#### How much screen time will there be?



Students spend about 30% of their time learning objective content from technology. Laptops during this time function like textbooks. Students may be studying independently, working on practice problems with peers, or receiving 1–1 tutoring from a teacher.

#### I'm worried about the Summit Learning Platform (our online personalized learning curriculum).

Please see this <u>FAQ resource</u> that addresses common misconceptions about Summit Learning.

#### Will there be uniforms?

Kairos will have a dress code, not uniforms. Students will be expected to wear shirts with a collar and khakis or nice jeans. Students may not have images or words on their clothing, except when they wear Kairos branded gear (which can always be worn). Students may not wear accessories with insignias, etc. that are inappropriate for school. As with every part of our school model, we're actively seeking parent input through our Family Council (PTO/PTA) and community feedback surveys.

#### How can I join the PTO/PTA?

We are excited to work closely with our Family Council (the Kairos PTO/PTA) to bring family perspective into school decisions and to coordinate parent projects. The Family Council will start meeting in early summer. If you are interested in joining, please indicate that in the <u>Part 1: Student & Family Information</u> registration form.

#### Will all staff have background checks?

Yes, all Kairos staff will have background checks and be experts in their content area. We received over 100 applications to join our faculty; the team we built consists of dedicated and brilliant educators who are already preparing for Day 1 with your child.

### Can I tour the building?

Yes, you can sign up for a building tour by <u>clicking here</u>. Kairos Middle School is located at 2315 Miami St., St. Louis, MO 63118 (in the same building as Concordia Publishing House, but on different floors).

#### How will you manage my child's IEP?

At Kairos, we believe every child deserves the attention, support, and customized approach of an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan). Students meet with their coach daily to track progress toward personalized goals and design a schedule, curricular modifications, and study accommodations so that they can maximize academic and socio-emotional growth.

For students with diagnosed disabilities, our team will have special educators that provide direct services. Kairos will also contract with outside professionals to provide additional support as needed. Our goal is always to educate students with disabilities in as inclusive and mainstream an environment as possible.



#### How can I help prepare my child for Kairos' new educational approach?

One core part of our model is self-directed study of content knowledge. If your child has access to a computer and the internet, you can help them get started practicing those skills! Here are a few free resources that are guaranteed to raise your child's academic "grade level." Please let us know if your child has any trouble signing up for a free account:

#### 1. Khan Academy (www.khanacademy.org)

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Math		See all (32)
5th grade	<ul> <li>Arithmetic</li> </ul>	
Arts and humanities		See all (10)
Grammar		

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2. Vocabulary.com (<u>www.vocabulary.com</u>). (Choose "Kairos Academies" as your school.)

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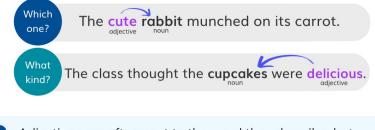


3. NoRedInk (<u>www.noredink.com</u>). (Enter class code "roasted hamster 15" to join Kairos.) **no**red**ink** 

# What Does the Adjective Describe?

Adjectives describe, or give more information, about words.

Adjectives usually answer questions like, "Which one?" "What kind?" or "How many?"



Adjectives are often next to the word they describe, but they can be found anywhere in a sentence.

