School History

Klein Forest High School is the second high school built in Klein ISD. Opening in the Fall of 1979, Klein Forest welcomed students from the southern side of the district, including the Champions area of 1960. Klein Forest celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2009. There are two intermediate campuses and seven elementary schools within its feeder pattern. In the Spring of 2011, Klein Forest opened an NCAA-modeled athletic facility. Klein Forest High School works diligently to provide our students with real world experiences and opportunities that will assist in developing learners for a changing world. Newsweek magazine recognized KFHS as a Top 1,500 High School for three years in a row (2008-2011). Our teachers work to bring academic excellence, rigor, and relevance to our students each and every day. Over the past several years, our campus has seen gains in many areas including our completion rate, decreases in disciplinary infractions and implementation of a character education program for all of our students.

School Rating

Klein Forest is rated as a Met Standard campus in Klein ISD.

Counseling Program

Klein Forest High School is separated into nine academic houses in which students have access to a counselor and administrator. Each house operates a smaller learning community within the professional learning community of Klein Forest. There are 14 counselors that students have access to on campus, with different areas of expertise including academic readiness, college and career readiness, special education, and crisis intervention. Klein Forest houses a College and Career Center that is staffed in connection with Lone Star College system to assist with college preparation for all students on our campus including such things as SAT/ACT registration, college applications (with representatives from various university recruitment representatives), financial aid applications, etc.

Parent Involvement

Klein Forest High School welcomes parent and community volunteers. Our two parent and community liaisons work extensively with these two groups to ensure involvement. We also have a community-based corp of volunteers comprised of local senior citizens called Friends of the Forest. Several times throughout the year, Friends of the Forest coordinate and assist with activities related to campus activities of Klein Forest.
Special Programs

Klein Forest students have tablet computers, part of the KISD one-to-one technology initiative, that they use in their classes and at home throughout the school year. There are six honor societies including National Honor Society, Art Honor Society, French Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Journalism Society and Thespians. KFHS has A.V.I.D. (Advancement Via Individual Determination) which is a college preparatory system that ensures that students are college ready. KFHS has an extensive, award-winning Fine Arts program that includes band, choir, orchestra, drill team, art and theater arts. A comprehensive career and technology department includes courses that offer certification in fields such as Cisco Networking Systems, Restaurant and Food Safety, Emergency Medical Technician, and Cosmetology and Veterinary Technician. Our yearbook, The Evergreen received “Best Of” by the Balfour/Taylor Publishing Company, a recognition given to only 45 out of 7,000 schools. There are over 50 extracurricular and co-curricular organizations for students to get involved.

Math

Students continue to build on the basic foundation developed in grades K-8 as they expand their understanding through other math experiences. These foundations include the understanding of number, operation, and quantitative reasoning, patterns, relationships and algebraic thinking, geometry, measurement, probability and statistics. All are essential throughout high school math courses.

Science

In high school, students conduct field and laboratory investigations, use scientific methods during investigations, and make informed decisions using critical-thinking and scientific problem solving.

Social Studies

At the high school level, social studies courses include world geography, U.S. history, world history, government, psychology, sociology, economics, and special topics in social studies.

Core Curriculum

Klein Forest continues to offer students an academically recognized program of equity and excellence. KFHS offers 21 Advanced Placement (AP) courses as well as dual credit courses. Student scholars can also participate in the International Business Academy (IBA) and an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program – both of which are recognized nationally. Aquilae Stylus, KFHS Art/Literary Anthology received its 17th “Excellent” rating from the National Council of Teachers of English in 2011.

English Language Arts (ELA)

The ELA program at the high school level encourages students to become lifelong readers through efferent and aesthetic reading experiences, to think critically, and to communicate verbally and writing in all purposes and modes specified by the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Methods of instruction are adapted to meet the needs of students and technology is integrated to enhance communication skills. High school courses are designed to refine the skills of students to prepare them for a transition to college or career.

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Athletic Programs

Klein Forest High School offers a competitive and complete athletic experience for students who attend our school. KFHS offers football, basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, swimming, softball, baseball, soccer and a sports medicine program. Several athletes from Klein Forest have received scholarships from colleges and universities throughout the nation.

Other Information

At KFHS, we implement writing across the curriculum that encourages students to take AP and dual credit courses. During the past year, 356 students took at least one AP exam. In Texas, only 14.3 percent of students earn college credit for the course based on their AP exam score. Klein Forest, however, had 31.5 percent of students earn a score that guaranteed college credit on the exams. The greatest asset to Klein Forest is our students – current and former. Many students go on to win awards, are nationally recognized, serve on many different boards within the community, become Olympic athletes, serve as officers in the military, or pursue careers as doctors, lawyers and teachers on our campus. In addition to these honors, we have had many students during their years at Klein Forest be recognized throughout the state and the nation for their involvement in extracurricular organizations. We welcome visitors to our campus at anytime and hope that they will come to view this amazing campus. We continuously host student or teacher tours, allowing visitors to see the campus, observe first-hand our facilities, and experience the academic programs in action.

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