

Kenilworth Interdistrict Choice Program and Scholars' Academy





KENILWORTH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



1

**ADVANCE DIVERSITY,
EQUITY & INCLUSION**

2

**SUPPORT INNOVATIVE
TEACHING & LEARNING**

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**PLAN NEXT STEPS FOR
REFERENDUM PROJECTS**

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**ENHANCE STUDENT
ENGAGEMENT**

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**LEVERAGE DATA TO
ACCELERATE ACHIEVEMENT**

Kenilworth Interdistrict Choice Program Goal

The goal of the school choice program is to provide greater flexibility to parents and students in the selection of a public school that best meets the needs of the student. It offers parents and students expanded educational opportunities to attend schools outside of the district in which they reside. Parents will have the ability to select a public school best suited to their child's particular interests, abilities and learning needs. Parents will not be charged tuition in order for their children to attend a Choice school.



Kenilworth Interdistrict Choice Program Focus

The Kenilworth Public Schools' Choice program is open to entering grades seven (7) through ten (10) in September of each school year. Our programs at the David Brearley Middle and High School provide all students with a small, personalized, and caring educational environment in a superior educational facility. In addition to our special education and general education programs, we now offer students the option of an Academic Academy (The Kenilworth Scholars' Academy) for those who meet the necessary academic requirements. Each December we have conducted a lottery drawing to determine entrance into our David Brearley Middle and High School as we continue to receive far more applicants than we have available seats. We are a small but outstanding Union County School District assisting each student to reach his/her maximum potential.



Choice Program Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the Kenilworth Choice Program.

- *Students must have been enrolled in a public school during the full year prior to attendance in the Kenilworth School District.*
- *Students must be eligible for placement in Grades 7 – 10.*

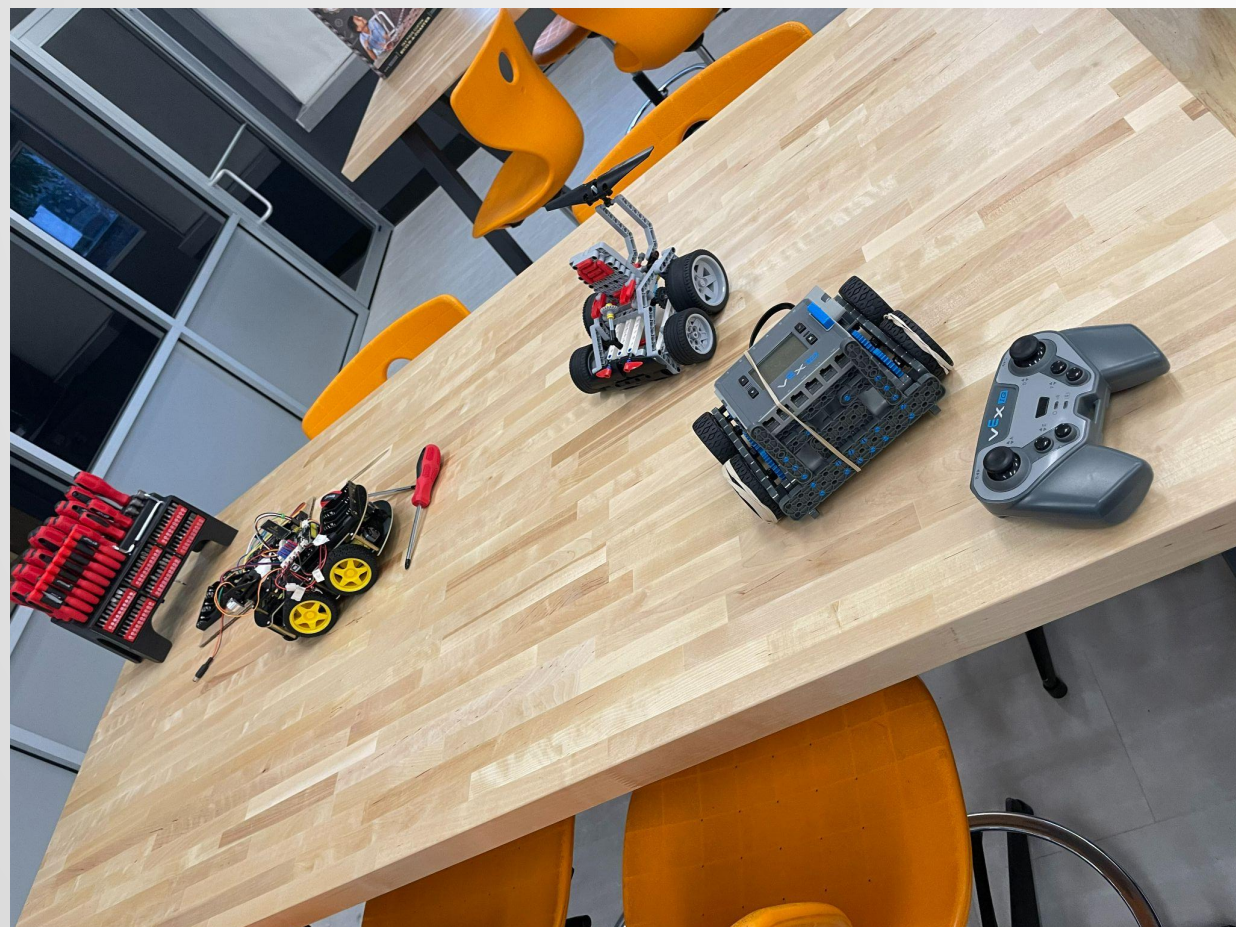


David Brearley Offers...

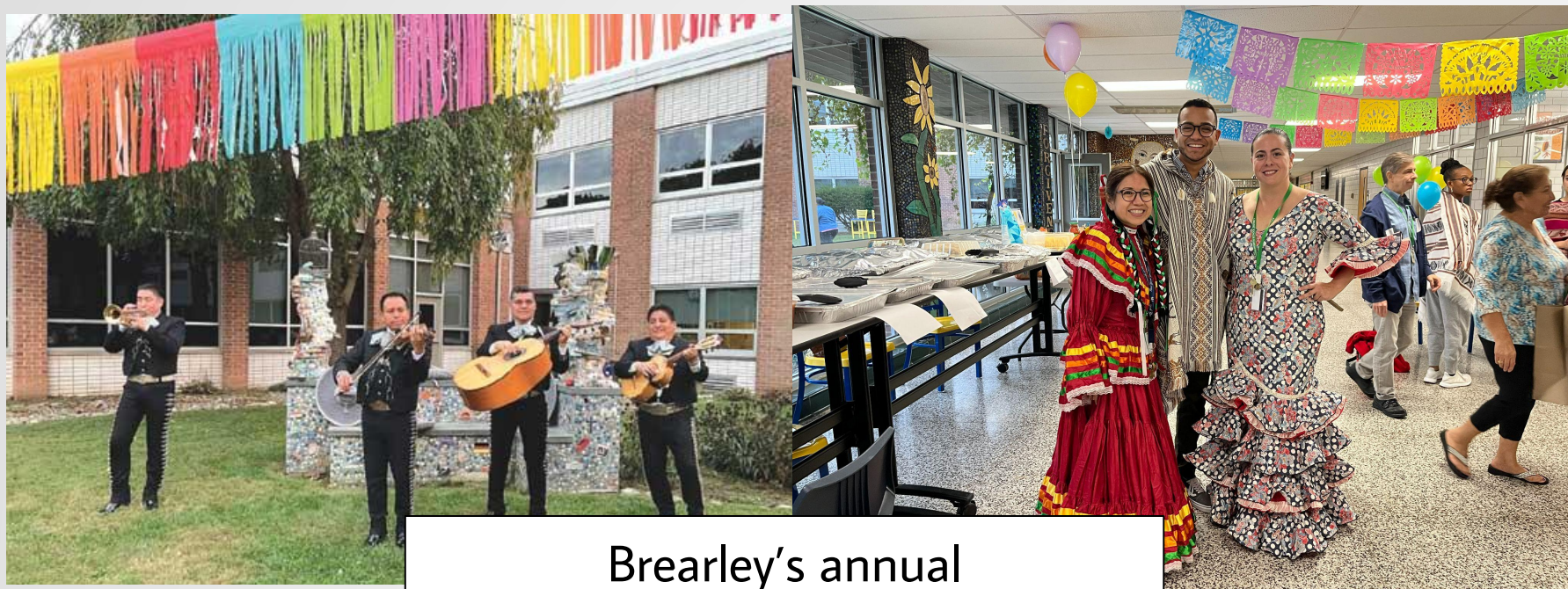
Well-rounded Academic Opportunities



State of the Art STEM Lab



An Environment that is Inclusive and Celebrates Diversity



Brearley's annual
Hispanic Heritage Night



A student representing "Race Matters"
and "Conversation Matters" at the
Activity Fair



Students earning the College
Board National Hispanic and
National African American
Recognition Awards

Brearley's annual
Pride Picnic



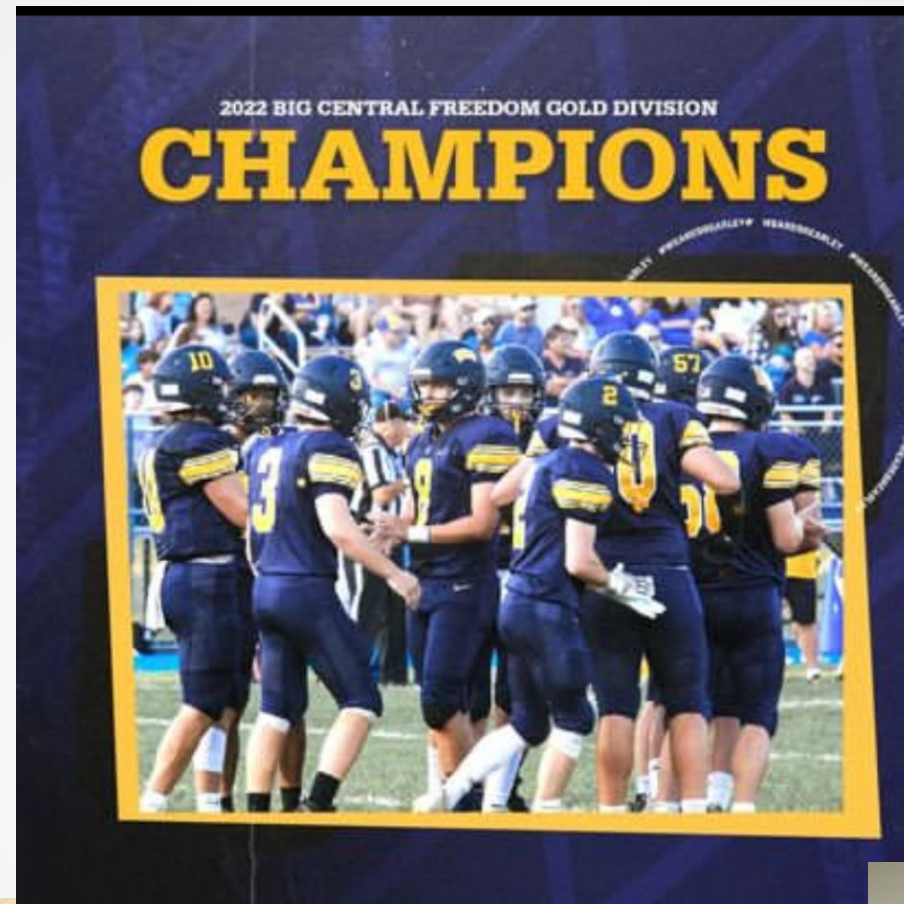


Access to the Arts





Extra-curricular Activities and Athletics



A Dedicated Community of Staff Members



An Academic Scholars' Academy

More on that soon!



The Choice Application Process

Requirements:

- Part 1- sent to Kenilworth School District by email, fax, or mail
- Part 2- *Notice of Intent to Participate* submitted to your district's BOE office by **November 17th** and confirmation attached to application
- All applications are due by **December 1st**
- Any application that is incomplete will not be accepted



Choice Program 2024-2025 Applicant Timeline



Document Name/Process	From	Received by	Deadline
<u>Student Notice of Intent to Participate</u> (Required for <i>all</i> choice applicants)	Parent or Guardian	Sending/Resident District	11/17/2023
Student Application Deadline (Request/download application from desired choice district website)	Parent or Guardian	Choice District	12/1/2023
Lottery held (if applicable)	Choice District	N/A	12/12/2023 thru 12/18/2023
Notice of Conditional Acceptance, Rejection, or Wait Listing	Choice District	Parent or Guardian	12/21/2023
Student's Notice of Intent to Enroll in the Choice District (Provided by choice district. <i>Submit to only one choice district</i>)	Parent or Guardian	Choice District	1/5/2024
Student's Registration with Choice District	Parent or Guardian	Choice District	Determined by Choice District

Scholars' Academy Program

Maximum Number of New
Choice Students that can be
Enrolled: 23



General Education Program

Maximum Number of New
Choice Students that can be
Enrolled: 9

Grade	Seat Availability		Grade	Seat Availability
K-6	N/A		K-6	N/A
7	11		7	6
8	4		8	0
9	8		9	0
10	N/A		10	3
11-12	N/A		11-12	N/A

Kenilworth Scholars' Academy

Mission Statement

The David Brearley Scholars' Academy will work collaboratively to ensure the success of each student by placing the highest priority on academic achievement through a rigorous program of studies and unique external learning opportunities. Students enrolled in this academy are 21st Century thinkers and learners that have a global perspective and possess a social conscience. Their global awareness and social conscience will be evident in their involvement in activities and events that promote ingenuity, stewardship. and enterprise.



Rigorous Programming

The David Brearley Scholars' Academy is an academic program that serves the top 8-10% achieving students in each grade, 7-12. Participants enroll in all honors, Academy-level, and Advanced Placement classes, participate in off-site learning experiences, pursue an area of specialization, and graduate high school with at least 18 college credits and 80 hours of service learning.



Kenilworth

It's About Challenging our Highest Performers





Giving Back to the Community



Enriching Their Lives With Field Experiences



Helping Them Find Their Passion and Explore Career Paths



Allowing Students to Investigate Specific Fields of Interest



The Application Process

Requirements:

- All applications are due by December 1
- Any application that is incomplete will not be accepted
- A completed application consists of:
 - A completed application form
 - Last year's complete transcript
 - Copy of student's first marking period grade for this year (Official grades as of December 1st)
 - 2022-2023 NJSLA Scores



The Application Process

Minimum Requirements for Acceptance into Placement Testing:

- Students must have at least a 90% (A-) final grade in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies on last year's transcript
- This year's first marking period grades (or grades as of December 1st) as well as 2022-2023 NJSLA scores will also be considered



The Application Process

Academy Testing:

- Families will be contacted by December 4th if student qualifies for testing
- Placement testing will consist of three parts:
 - An ELA exam
 - A Math exam
 - A writing sample



Criteria	Description	Minimum Metric
Last Year’s Transcript	Minimum Cumulative Average Subjects Included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mathematics- Science- Language Arts- Social Studies	At least 90% final grade for course
First Marking Period Class Grades	Minimum Cumulative Average Subjects Included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mathematics- Science- Language Arts- Social Studies	At least 90% first marking period grades
Scholars’ Academy Entrance Exam	Highly Proficient Students Minimum Score	Point system based on grade. Minimum grade will be determined by the cohort
Writing Sample	Open ended essay	Minimum grade will be determined by the cohort.
2022-2023 NJSLA Scores	Total Scores in Math and English Language Arts	745 minimum

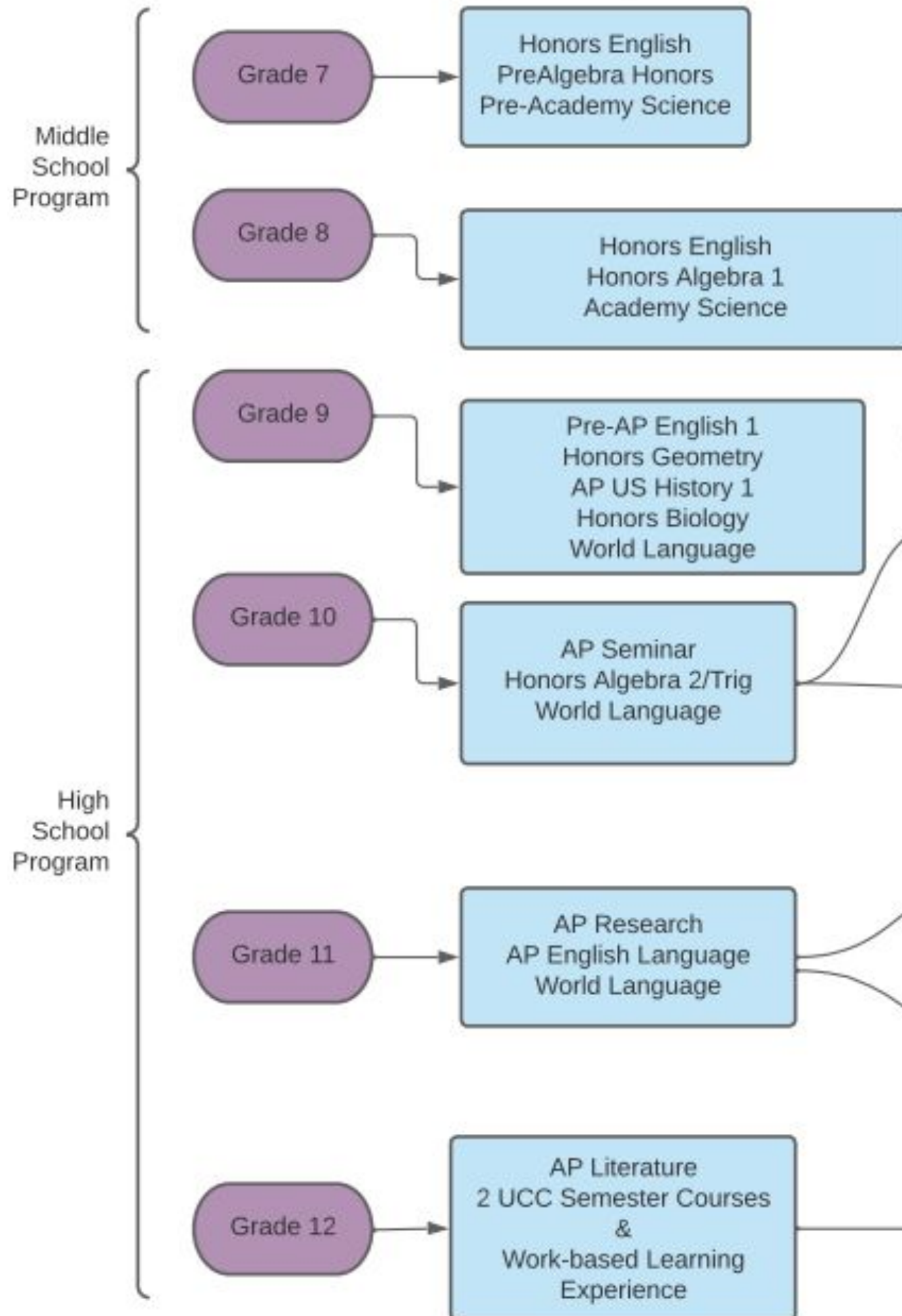
Acceptance

- Placement will be determined by factoring grades and scores on placement testing
- Students who do not earn placement but met our minimum requirements may be placed on a waiting list.

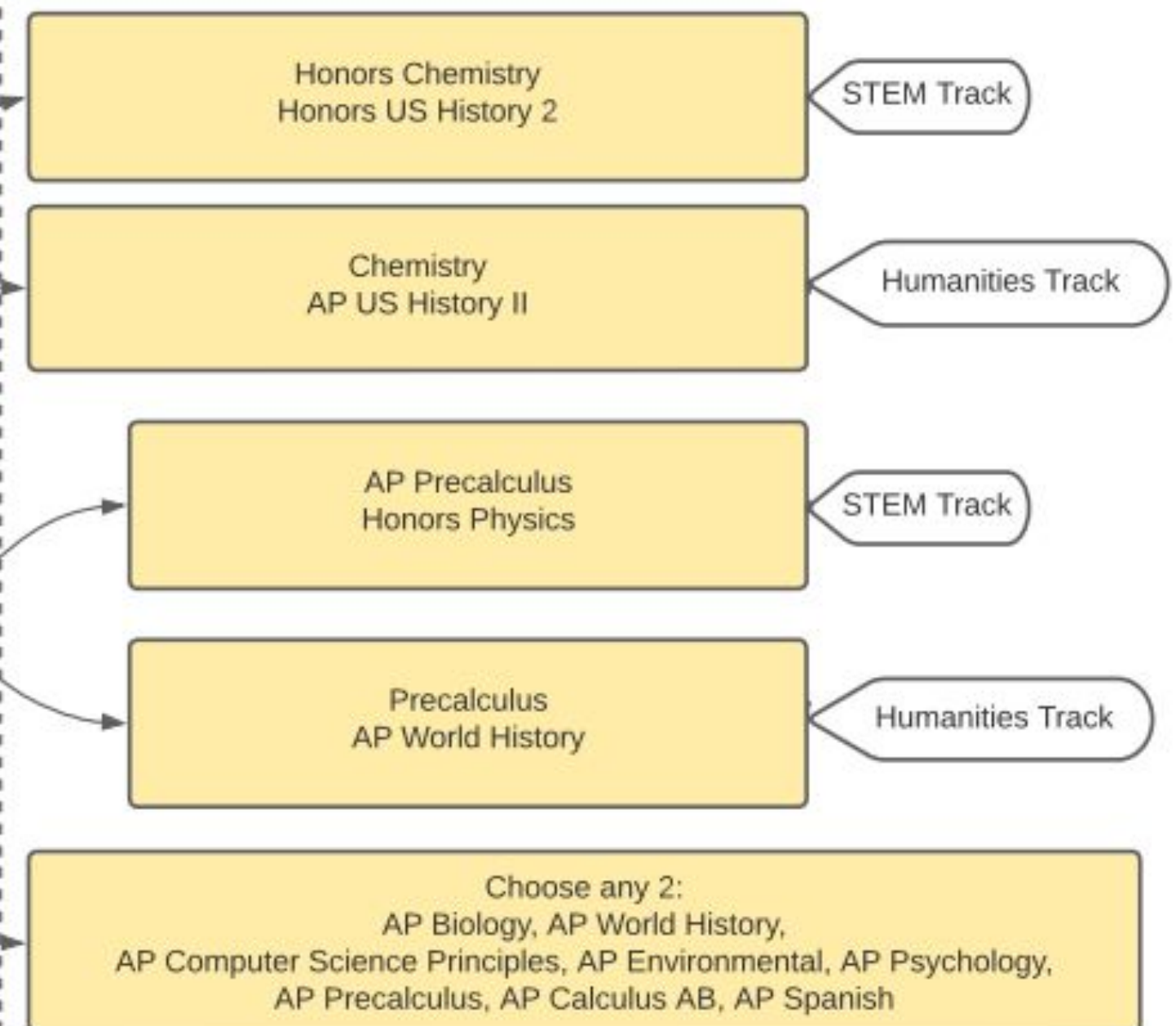


David Brearley Middle-High School Scholars Academy 2024-2025 School Year Program of Studies

Program Requirements



Program Choices



FAQ's

1. Bussing from outside districts
2. Siblings
3. Scholars' Academy test date make-up
4. Acceptance - via email by 12/21/23
5. Fun fact: we've been a participating district since 2001!



Social and Emotional Learning

David Brearley offers students a supportive and welcoming learning environment.

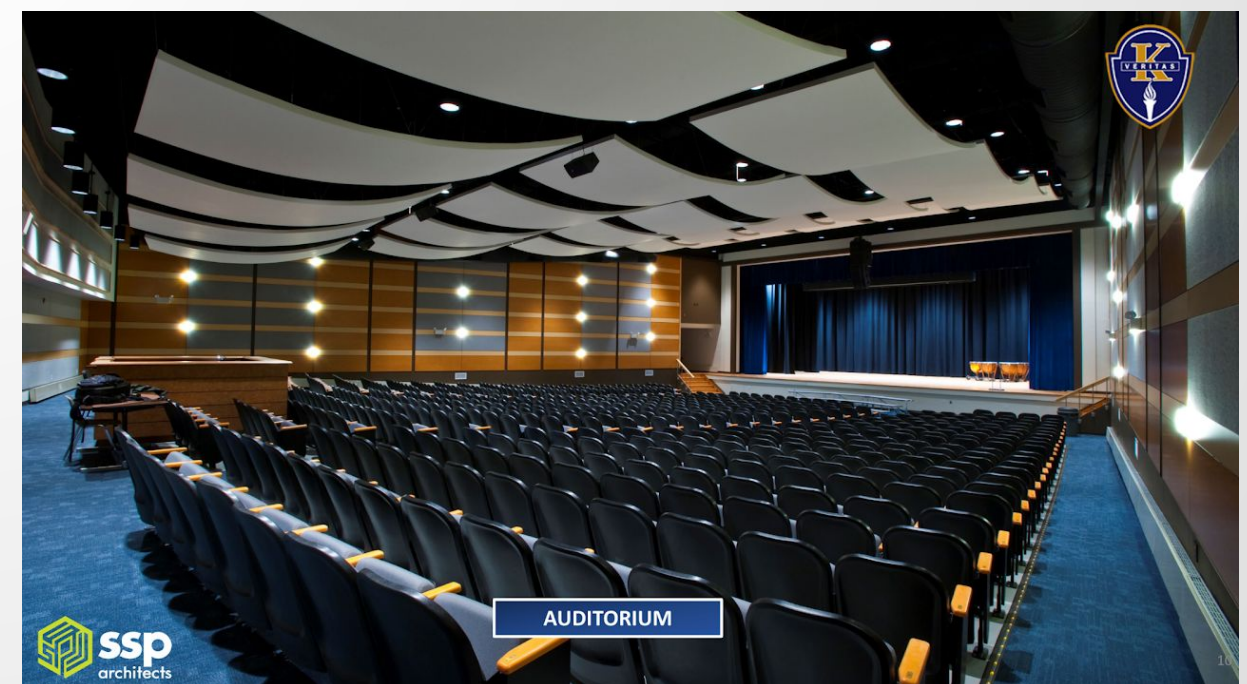


Referendum



Highlights:

- A “true” Middle School
- Modern, inviting auditoriums
- More space for pre-K
- New turf and track, improved fields
- High-tech wing for High School
- Heating/cooling/air quality upgrades





Brearley Pride

Here at Brearley, we strive to embrace school spirit and pride.





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