



Kirkwood High School Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will construction be complete for the start of school in August 2023?

Yes, Kirkwood High School is on schedule to open for the start of school in August 2023.

2. Will the building have two stories?

The layout of the building is like the layout of Rossvie High School. The only section of the building that will be two levels is in the gymnasium. The Auxiliary Gym and walking track are on the upper level of the Main Gym.

3. Will construction of the athletic facilities be completed in time for each sport?

Yes, the athletic facilities will be completed in time for the start of each sports season.

4. What sports programs will be offered at Kirkwood High School?

Kirkwood High School will offer the same TSSAA sanctioned sports that other CMCSS schools offer, as well as cheer and dance. Here is a complete list of the sports programs Kirkwood High School will initially offer.

Fall Sports	Winter Sports	Spring Sports	Other
Cross Country - Men's Cross Country - Women's Football Golf - Men's Golf - Women's Soccer - Women's Volleyball	Basketball - Men's Basketball - Women's Wrestling- Men's Wrestling - Women's	Baseball Soccer - Men's Softball Tennis - Men's Tennis - Women's Track and Field - Men's Track and Field - Women's	Cheer Dance

5. When will students have the opportunity to sign up or try out for sports teams?

In the Spring, Kirkwood High School will host a Student Activities Night to allow Kirkwood High School students the opportunity to meet/greet Coaches and Club Sponsors and to sign up to participate in various sports, clubs, and other student activities.

6. When will head coaches be selected for each of the sports programs?

The search for high quality coaches for all Kirkwood High School sports programs will begin before the end of October. Head Coaches will be announced via press release and social media as selections are made. Kirkwood High School social media will launch in early November to keep stakeholders informed of the school's progress and important information.

7. Will Kirkwood High School offer a JROTC program?

Yes, Kirkwood High School will offer an Army JROTC program.

8. What student clubs will be available at Kirkwood High School?

A wide variety of student clubs will be offered at Kirkwood High School based on student interest. Traditional clubs and organizations offered in the high school setting, such as National Honor Society, Student Government, and other service-oriented clubs are already planned. A Student Advisory Board has been established to assist in school planning. Students on the Advisory Board will discuss what clubs and organizations students will want to have at Kirkwood High when school begins next August. However, if there is a desire to start a student club or organization that is not already offered at the start of school, there will be a process for students to apply for the establishment of a new club or organization. That process will be shared with students next school year.

9. Will Kirkwood High School have a Career Academy like the other high schools?

Yes, Kirkwood High School will have the **Academy of Distribution and Logistics (ADL)**, which will focus on coursework in Supply Chain Management. The Academy of Distribution and Logistics application will be open to current 8th and 9th grade students during the CMCSS Career Academies application period beginning in January 2023. The supply chain management career pathway is a high demand and high wage career field with a variety of post-secondary education opportunities. To learn more about the distribution and logistics career field, visit this [website](#).

10. What Career Technical Education (CTE) programs will be offered at Kirkwood High School?

Kirkwood High School will offer the CTE programs of study listed below. Click the hyperlinks to learn more about each program.

- [Audio-Visual Production](#)
- [Automotive Mechanics](#)
- [Educational Therapy and Support](#)
- [Health Science](#) - Sport and Human Performance Focus
- [Logistics and Supply Chain Management](#) (The Academy of Distribution and Logistics)
- [Mechatronics](#) (Advanced Manufacturing)
- [Web Design](#)

Please review the chart linked [HERE](#) for more information about each program of study.

11. How will it impact my child's graduation progress if my child transfers to Kirkwood High, but the CTE program my child was in at his/her previous school is not offered at Kirkwood High?

The primary goal will be for all students transferring to Kirkwood High School to remain on track for graduation. Students can complete their Focused Elective Group graduation requirement by enrolling in a similar CTE program at Kirkwood High, or students can opt to begin a new Focused Elective Group program of study. Please view the [Kirkwood High CTE Program Crosswalk](#) to see the CTE program options for students transferring to Kirkwood High. Per state graduation requirements, students may select to complete focused electives in academic areas outside of Career Technical Education. Additionally, students that have completed 2 years in a particular CTE program may complete their Focused Elective graduation requirement by enrolling in a supplemental course, such as Psychology or Sociology. Kirkwood High School Counselors and/or School Administrators can discuss course options with students and parents before or during the registration process.

12. What World Language opportunities will be available at Kirkwood High School?

Based on the interest survey conducted in September 2022, Spanish and American Sign Language were the two most preferred language programs. A third World Language course will be offered, but we are seeking additional student and school counselor input before determining the third language offering.

Should a student transfer with a credit already completed in a World Language that is not offered at Kirkwood High, school counselors and administrators will explore options for students to complete the second needed credit in an independent study setting, if necessary to keep the student on track for graduation. The goal will always be to ensure students stay on track for graduation.

13. Will AP and Dual Enrollment classes be offered when Kirkwood High opens?

Yes, a variety of Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes will be offered to students in the course catalog. Student achievement on state assessments and previous course grades will be considered when placing students in AP and Dual Enrollment courses. Additionally, an Advanced Coursework Agreement signed by both the student and parent/guardian will be required for enrollment.

14. What AP and Dual Enrollment classes will be offered next year?

Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes will be offered based on student interest. The course catalog will include a list of all available AP and Dual Enrollment courses by content area. Determining if a course will be included in the master schedule and assigned to an instructor will depend on student interest and requests during the registration process. For example, a class that has 5 or less students requesting to take the course will likely not be assigned to an instructor due to lack of student request. However, in such cases, school counselors will explore opportunities for students to participate in an independent study through Dual Enrollment or AP Access for All to ensure students do not miss an opportunity to take a desired class. You can visit the [College Board website](#) to learn more about the various AP courses available.

15. Will Honors classes be available for students when Kirkwood High opens?

Yes, a variety of Honors classes will be offered in all core content areas. Student achievement on state assessments and previous course grades will be considered when placing students in Honors courses. Additionally, an Advanced Coursework Agreement signed by both the student and parent/guardian will be required for enrollment.

16. What Fine Arts electives will be offered at Kirkwood High School?

Kirkwood High School will offer Instrumental Music, including Marching Band, Choral Music, Art, Theater, and Dance. Information concerning auditions for Marching Band and other advanced fine arts classes will be communicated via email and social media to all Kirkwood students and parents in the Spring.

17. Why are we being asked to make our decision about opting in or out of enrolling at Kirkwood High before the end of the first semester?

Due to the complexities of staffing, schedules, athletics, extra-curriculars, and other key planning areas, CMCSS is asking families of students at schools affected by rezoning to make their decisions in October/November 2022 for the 2023-2024 school year. Specifically for Kirkwood High School planning, our goal is for incoming Kirkwood High School students to remain on the normal high school registration schedule, which begins in January, as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year. This early decision will allow Kirkwood High School leadership to tailor course and student activity offerings to create a smooth transition to the new school for all students.

18. What happens if my family opts out of enrolling my child at Kirkwood High School for the 23-24 school year, but later we change our mind?

Ultimately, the purpose of rezoning was to relieve overcrowding at schools and boundary lines were redrawn to accomplish that goal. At the high school level, there are serious considerations like graduation credits and programs of study, so it is highly recommended that families consider any potential transportation challenges and other factors in the future before making the choice to opt out. However, if your family initially chooses to opt out of attending Kirkwood High, but later need to change that decision, you can contact the Kirkwood High School Principal or Lead School Counselor for information about the process for enrollment at Kirkwood High.

19. What opportunities are there for parents and families to get involved before the 2023-2024 school year? How will these opportunities be communicated?

We want to build positive relationships with all Kirkwood High School stakeholders! Families that opt in to enrolling at Kirkwood High School will receive a monthly e-newsletter with updates about the building construction progress, information regarding student enrollment, opportunities for student activities and other ways to get involved at Kirkwood High School. Opportunities for parent involvement will be included in these newsletters. Parent and Student Advisory Boards were developed in October to begin gathering input for school planning. If any parents or students would like to be involved on the Parent or Student Advisory Board, you can contact Mrs. Peppard at jessica.peppard@cmcss.net to join.

20. Who can I contact if I have more questions about enrolling my student at Kirkwood High School?

Additional questions can be sent to questions@cmcss.net. A Kirkwood High School or CMCSS representative will respond to your question(s). You can also contact the Kirkwood High School Principal, Mrs. Jessica Peppard, at jessica.peppard@cmcss.net.