

Cambridge Checkpoint Program

John F. Kennedy Middle School

- ✓ Research shows that students taking rigorous courses have better success in universities
- ✓ Cambridge Lower Secondary Program starts you off in the right direction....

The Cambridge Checkpoint Program emphasizes...

- ✓ The development of oral and practical and thinking skills, as well as the acquisition of knowledge
- ✓ The application of skills, knowledge, and understanding
- ✓ The use of initiative and creativity in solving problems

And encourages...

- ✓ An investigative approach to learning
- ✓ The ability to undertake individual projects and to work as part of a team
- ✓ International understanding

What is the Cambridge Checkpoint Program?

- ✓ Cambridge Lower Secondary Checkpoint offers curricula for LA, Math, and Science.
- ✓ The purpose: prepare students for the demands and expectations of specialized, advanced academic programs in high school.
- ✓ It provides students with the opportunity to excel beyond Florida Sunshine State Standards.
- ✓ The curriculum focuses on preparing students for the culminating tests specifically required for the Cambridge certificate.
- ✓ Content is delivered through traditional academic and project-based learning units that enrich students' knowledge while allowing them to master academic content.

So what makes the Cambridge Program unique?

- ✓ Look at the "Big Picture" --the future...
- ✓ Students earning a Cambridge Diploma and completing 100 hours community service qualify for the highest amount of Florida Bright Futures Scholarship money awarded, regardless of SAT/ACT scores.
- ✓ Students passing Cambridge exams are guaranteed college credit in all Florida public universities.
- ✓ Whichever high school your child attends, he/she will be better prepared for having gone through this program!

Who is eligible to participate in the Checkpoint Program?

- ✓ All students are welcome to apply, but there are some requirements...
- ✓ This program is for the academically motivated student!
- ✓ Students must have a 3.0 or higher GPA (grade point average) for this current school year **and** the previous school year
- ✓ Students must have scored a level 3 or higher in Reading & Math on the FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) **OR** an equivalent standardized test/achievement test score

How do I apply to the Checkpoint Program?

- Complete the application process online
- Applications must be completed by midnight **February 24, 2023.**

What else does Kennedy have to offer my child?

- An "A School" for over a decade
- AVID National Demonstration Site
- Intramural and organized team sports
- Unique elective offerings: Forensics, Jazz Band, Coding, Lego/Robotics, and Forensics
- A variety of high school credit courses: Algebra 1, Geometry, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Computing for Colleges and Careers
- A variety of Clubs such as National Beta Club, Lego & Robotics Club, Future Problem Solvers, Drone Club, and more

Frequently asked questions...

- How many out of area (non-KMS zoned) students will be accepted into the Checkpoint Program?**

Answer: Kennedy may accept as many students earn a seat into the program—it matters not that they are out of area students.

- How many students will be accepted into the Checkpoint Program?**

Answer: We will select 66 7th grade students and 66 8th grade students.

- Does my child have to go to Rockledge High School if they are in the Cambridge Program at Kennedy?**

Answer: No, Cambridge Lower Secondary Program helps prepares students for success at the next level and beyond whether it be with Cambridge IGCSE and AICE , AP or IB. However, if he/she plans to continue in the Cambridge Program, Rockledge High School is the only central area high school offering it.

- Are there any skill gaps that a student in the program acquires?**

Answer: NO, Cambridge has specifically mapped out their standards side by side with the Florida Standards & Common Core Standards. All students will be taught BOTH standards/objectives simultaneously.

- Will there be a fee to apply/attend this Choice Program?**

Answer: Yes, for students NOT zoned for Kennedy Middle School.

- Will regional bussing be provided for out of area students?**

Answer: No, unfortunately, that was discontinued for all Choice programs and Educational Learning Option schools.