

New Direction High School

General Information

- New Direction is an alternative school of choice for Keller ISD.
- Students must apply and be accepted in order to enroll at New Direction.
- Students must be **16-21 years old** to attend New Direction.
- It is a **monitored-paced program**, not self-paced. Students must earn at least **5 credits** per year.
- It is an independent study program - good reading skills are essential.
- Students must make an **85** in each class to earn credit.
- Students must make a performance score of **75% or higher** each week to remain in good standing. This is based on their behavior, attitude, and dedication in their classes.
- Students are assigned to two classes upon enrollment, one core and one elective. When they finish a course, they move on to another course immediately. They do not wait for the semester to end.
- Students are assigned to be in class 4 hours per day, either from p.m. **8:00 a.m. - 12:00** or **11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** However, students are allowed to attend all day (class size permitting). If students miss any of their assigned time, they are required to make it up to remain in good standing.
- New Direction now offers foreign language and fine art classes. Students who wish to graduate on the recommended plan can take these courses prior to enrolling at New Direction or they can take these on our campus.

How to Apply

- Students will need to pick up an application in the CHS, KHS, FRHS, or TCHS counseling offices. Applications are also available on the New Direction website.
- The application has a part for the student and parent to fill out and another part for the school counselor to fill out.
- Once complete, the counselor will send the application to New Direction.
- When the application is received and reviewed and a new enrollment period begins (approximately every nine weeks), the student and parent will be invited

- to attend an informational meeting/group interview with Mrs. Gibson, the New Direction counselor. It is mandatory that the student and their parent attend the meeting or reschedule for another meeting before they can be accepted.
- A letter will be mailed to the student to let them know if they have been accepted. The ultimate decision of whether a student will be admitted is up to a committee of New Direction staff members. If so, they will be provided with an enrollment date and a list of materials to bring to enrollment. **If a student is receiving Special Education services, an ARD meeting must be held to determine whether the student can attend New Direction.**



Please contact me with any questions:

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