

New Direction Learning Center

General Information

- New Direction is an alternative high 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. An exception can be made if the student is pregnant.
- 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 **85% 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 nine weeks to end.
- Students are assigned to be in class 4 hours per day, either from 8:00am-12:00pm or from 11:00am-3:00pm. However, students are strongly encouraged to attend for the entire school day. If students miss any of their assigned time, they are required to make it up to remain in good standing.
- New Direction does not offer foreign language or fine art classes at this time. Students who are interested in coming to New Direction, but still wish to graduate on the Recommended plan can earn these credits in other ways. They can remain on their home campus until they complete the courses or take correspondence courses while at New Direction.

How to Apply

- Students will need to pick up an application in the CHS, KHS, or FRHS counseling offices.
- The application has a part for the student and parent to fill out and another part for the counselor to fill out.
- Once complete, the counselor sends the application to New Direction.

- When the application is received and reviewed and a new enrollment period begins, the student and their parent will be invited to an informational meeting / group interview with Mrs. Gibson, ND 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 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 will need to be held to determine whether the student can attend New Direction.**



Please contact me with any questions:

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