

## IN THE MIDDLE: Krueger Gives Students a Head Start By Lauren Goolsby

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How would you like to see your middle school student challenged? Or even pushed beyond what you ever thought possible? Well, Krueger Middle School lets students take advanced classes that are usually not available until high school. Or in my case, eighth grade. I'm a seventh grade student at KMS who has been allowed to take several eighth grade and even high school classes.

The advanced classes that I take right now, in seventh grade, are eighth grade Reading, high school Biology, Algebra, and GT Humanities. These classes help me get ahead for high school while still in seventh grade. Even though I don't get to see my seventh grade friends as much, I get to meet eighth grade students from the classes I am in. The classes don't just help me academically, they also allow me to meet new people in different grades I wouldn't have been able to talk to otherwise. Honestly, there really isn't a down side to these classes.



What all does KMS offer their ambitious students? Krueger lets seventh and eighth grade students enroll in Algebra, Biology, GT Humanities, Geometry and ninth grade English. Seventh graders

can take some of these same classes, eighth grade Reading, and Pre-algebra.

Logan Haas, an eighth-grade student, is going to be leaving Krueger with four high school classes before he even hits the doors of Michigan City High School. His credits will come from Biology, ninth grade English, Algebra and even Geometry.

"Some of the classes can be challenging because there isn't a teacher, and I have to be taught off of the computer," Logan confesses. However, he is up for the challenge, and even though they can be hard, he says that taking these classes gets him ahead for high school, and lets him have more open spaces for extra-curricular classes once he reaches MCHS.

So if you want your middle school student to be challenged by fantastic high school certified teachers while they are still in middle school, then Krueger is the place to be. Take it from me, pushing yourself to your limits while in middle school keeps you focused, helps you have positive self-worth and challenges you to practice those skills that will be essential once we arrive at high school anyway. At KMS, you're never done growing.

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