



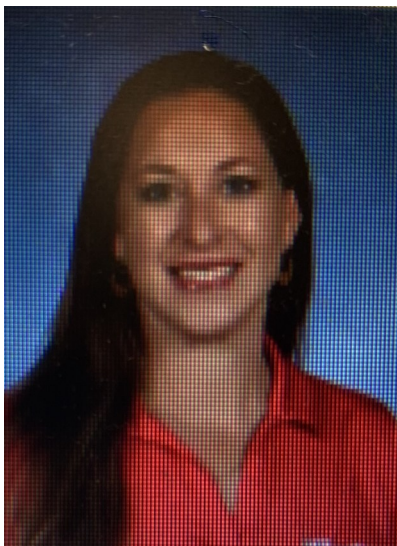
Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #32

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

May 2, 2025

Key West High School Mission Statement
To empower all students to maximize their potential and prepare them with the skills and experiences necessary to be college or career ready and to develop those character traits that will enable them to be productive members of society.



**Happy
Principal's
Day
Mrs.
Palomino!**
**Thank you
for creating a
positive and
caring learning environment for
our students! Go Conchs!**

UPCOMING EVENTS **MAY 2025**

- **May 9th**— Junior/Senior Luau at Lagerheads at 8:00pm (see flyer in newsletter)
- **May 10th**— Fashion Show in the auditorium at 7:00pm (see flyer in newsletter)
- **May 22nd**— Senior Banquet— 6:00pm in the cafeteria, 7:00pm in the auditorium
- **May 23rd**— Investiture practice in the auditorium at 8:00am and Investiture ceremony in the auditorium at 7:00pm
- **May 26th**— No School
- **May 27th**— Prom at Southernmost House at 7:00pm
- **May 28th**— Class Night ceremony in the auditorium at 6:00pm
- **May 29th**— Graduation practice at TRMS at 6:00pm
- **May 30th**— Graduation at TRMS at 8:00pm

KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram— [kwhs_news](#)

Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities

Twitter— [@kwhsnews](#)

Website— www.keysschools.com/kwhs



Students must show their KWHS ID when entering the campus and when a staff member asks to see it.
Thank you for your support and effort in keeping our school safe! Please see the next 3 pages for our Fortify Florida information.



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TELECHAJE
KOUNYE A



Please congratulate the following students for earning Perfect Attendance:

Pictured left to right: PBIS Sponsor, Susan Berenz, Christ Pierre, Stash Jackowski, Jesus Ortiz, Lily Smith, Savannah Clem, and Principal Rebecca Palomino

The following students attended a celebration in honor of passing another industry certification. Each of them will receive a cash incentive that varies between \$150 and \$700, provided by Monroe Computers. Way to go, Conchs!!!

Timur Myatiev, Logan Markey, Alexandria Buscemi, Bennett Logan, Carlos Leal Yat, Chase Johnson, Davens Azard, David Anthou, Emily North, George Clarke, Javon Gunn, Jonha Kuhn, Kevin Nguyen, Mario Orochena, Naomi Johnson, John Picco, Rylan Owens, Shobone Sarkar, Godlewski Nathan, Dewan Islam, Daniel Roy, Sharkar Shusmita, Annylusse Frantz, Ibodilloev Sanatillo, Woodnaelle Emile, and Chrisnide Eugene

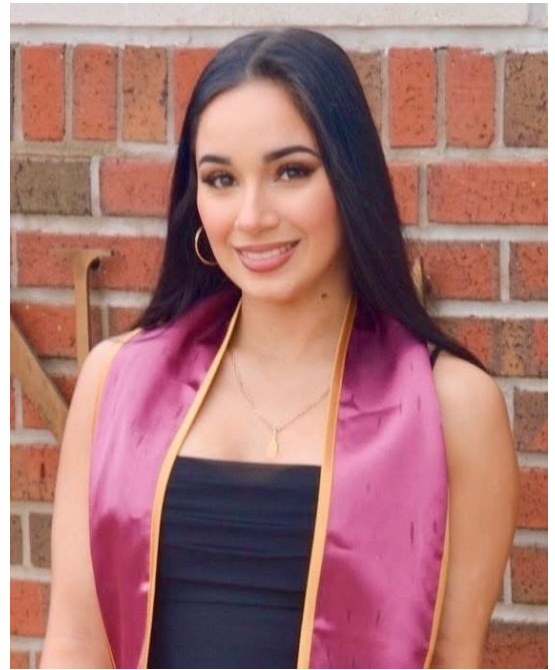


The yearbook staff is cleaning out their yearbook closet and have many copies of yearbooks from years 2019-2024 for sale \$25.00 each. Please email Dina.Kinnune@keysschools.com if you are interested.

Welcome Madison Garcia!

KWHS would like to introduce our new Cheer Coach Madison Garcia. As a former Conch and Florida State cheerleader, as well as a former UCA Staff member and KWHS JV softball coach, Madison has the passion, dedication, and experience that will help our athletes achieve the next level of success.

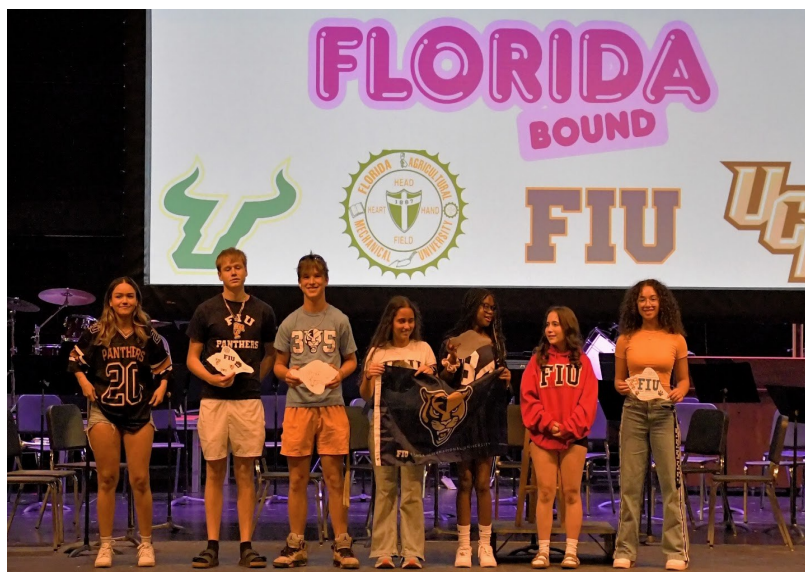
Madison is excited and grateful for the opportunity to coach at her alma mater and mentor the next generation of cheer athletes.



Congratulations to the Conchettes on an incredible 70th anniversary Conchette Capers performance! Your dedication, talent, and hard work truly shone through, making this milestone event unforgettable. A heartfelt thank you to Coach Stacy for her lifelong commitment to the Conchettes and her remarkable 10 years as coach. As you retire from Coaching, we celebrate not only your incredible contributions but also the legacy you've built. Your guidance and passion have been instrumental in shaping the future of countless young ladies, inspiring amazing performances, and continuing on the many traditions of Conchettes!

Decision Day is HERE! KWHHS welcomed seniors and their parents to share in the excitement as they acknowledge their postsecondary commitment to college, trade school, or military service.

The festivities will include photos, the conch banner, college roll call, beverage and cake. This will also include students who are going onto careers, military, and vocational schools.



HOSTED BY CLASS OF 26

Junior/Senior Luau



Tickets available using the QR code or CASH
at the Door. Seniors FREE, Juniors 20\$
Key West High School Juniors and Seniors
ONLY.

NO underclassmen or non KWHS Students.

FRIDAY

MAY
9

AT 8-11 PM

LAGERHEADS BEACH
O SIMONTON STREET, KEY
WEST, FL 33040

KEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

THE FASHION SHOW

SATURDAY

MAY 10TH

SHOWTIME 7PM

Doors Open at 6:30PM



SCAN TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS BELOW





KWHS AP TESTING

MAY 5TH

BIOLOGY - AM
EUROPEAN HISTORY - PM

MAY 6TH

CHEMISTRY - AM
HUMAN GEOGRAPHY - AM
US GOVERNMENT - PM

MAY 7TH

ENGLISH LITERATURE - AM

MAY 8TH

WORLD HISTORY - PM

MAY 9TH

US HISTORY - AM
MACRO - PM

MAY 12TH

CALCULUS AB - AM
SEMINAR - PM

MAY 13TH

FRENCH LANG. & CULTURE - AM
PRECALCULUS - AM
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE - PM

MAY 14TH

ENGLISH LANG. & COMP - AM

MAY 15TH

SPANISH LANG. & CULTURE - AM
COMPUTER SCI. PRINCIPLES - PM

MAY 16TH

PHYSICS I - AM
PSYCHOLOGY - PM

STATE TESTING

Key West High School

APRIL 29

Civics FCLE

MAY 1

ELA Retake

MAY 2

Algebra EOC Retake

MAY 5

Geometry EOC Retake

MAY 7

9th & 10th ELA FAST PM3

MAY 14

US History EOC

MAY 16

Biology EOC

MAY 20

Algebra EOC

MAY 21

Geometry EOC

GOOD LUCK!



Senior Exams

MAY 16TH

**4TH
PERIOD**

MAY 19TH

**3RD & 5TH
PERIOD**

MAY 20TH

**2ND & 6TH
PERIOD**

MAY 21ST

**1ST & 7TH
PERIOD**

Underclassmen Exams

MAY 27TH

**2ND
PERIOD**

MAY 28TH

**3RD & 4TH
PERIOD**

MAY 29TH

**5TH & 6TH
PERIOD**

MAY 30TH

**1ST & 7TH
PERIOD**

May 28th, 29th, & 30th are Early Release Days - Students are dismissed at 11:30.



Academic Challenge made it to Finals but came in 5th.

However, they were complimented by 2 different judges on how well our students worked as a team and how sportsmanship was apparent when they didn't turn on each other when the last round of competition got rough. We are proud of you, Conchs!!!

A big Thank You to Sponsor, Joanna Gray!!!

Pep Rally Bell Schedule	
1 st	07:35—08:20
2 nd	08:24—09:08
3 rd	09:12—09:59
4 th	10:03—10:47
Lunch	10:47—11:31
5 th	11:35—12:19
6 th	12:23—01:07
7 th	01:11—01:55
Pep Rally	02:00—02:30

Early Release	
1 st	07:35—08:00
2 nd	08:04—08:29
3 rd	08:33—08:58
4 th	09:02—09:27
5 th	09:31—09:56
6 th	10:00—10:25
7 th	10:29—10:54
Lunch	10:54—11:30

Standard Day	
1 st	07:35—08:25
2 nd	08:29—09:18
3 rd	09:22—10:14
4 th	10:18—11:07
Lunch	11:07—11:51
5 th	11:55—12:44
6 th	12:48—01:37
7 th	01:41—02:30

7th Period Exams	
7 th Exam	07:35—09:10
1 st	09:14—09:56
2 nd	10:00—10:42
3 rd	10:46—11:30
Lunch	11:30—12:16
4 th	12:20—12:58
5 th	01:02—01:44
6 th	01:48—02:30

Early Release Exam	
Exam	07:35—09:10
Lunch	09:10—09:51
Exam	09:55—11:30



KWHS 2024-2025 Bell Schedule

Managed by Sebastian Dietrich

Updated 8/6/2024 8:31 AM



Scan for latest or visit
kwhs.mcisd.link/bell-schedule

Congratulations to our Superintendent Reader's Award winners!



9th Grade

Nathan Behnen
Hadassah Cadet
Lucy Katz
Scarlett Holt
Hamida Muhsinova
Charlotte Murray
Durdona Oblokulova
Matthew Watkins



11th Grade

Kayla Boman
Melany Carillo
Gabriela Dominguez
Najae Gillette
Adriana Heinrichs
Carlie Macfarland
Whiteny Nervilus
Janelle Rodriguez

10th Grade

Jenasis Cartwright
Doodjina Conserve
Jillian Cullum
Shelby Dort
Anela Ewing-Fisher
Jalaya Hardin
Ameila Hilliard
Teodora Lazic
Anaya Nunez
Alber Pousada Mendoza
Arefin Yasmin

12th Grade

Neslihan Atilla
Molly Catena
Marisol Dye
Angie Herrera Yanes
Leslie Hernandez
Naomi Johnson
Davin Leggett
Jotzariel Nieves Gonzales
Emily North
Emily Pucuhuaranga



SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines



<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Format</u>
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025	Digital
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025	Digital





Monroe County School District 2024-2025 Calendar

August 5-6	New Teachers Report - BLPT Reports
August 7-9	All Teachers Report (Professional Days)
August 12-13	All Teachers Report (Professional Days)
August 14	Students Report
September 2	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
October 11	End of First Marking Period (42 Days)
October 14	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #2 Hurricane Makeup</i>
November 1	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #3 Hurricane Makeup</i>
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday - No School
November 25-27	Non-work / Non-Paid Days (No School)
November 28	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
November 29	Non-work / Non-Paid Day (No School)
December 20	End of 1st Semester (84 days) - Early Dismissal Day
December 23- January 6	Winter Break - No School
January 6	Professional Day (No Students) - Full Day for Grading
January 7	Classes Reconvene
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday - No School
February 14	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #4 Hurricane Makeup</i>
February 17	President's Day Holiday - No School
March 13	End of the 3rd Marking Period (45 Days)
March 14	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #1 Hurricane Makeup</i>
March 17-21	Spring Break - No School
March 24	Classes Reconvene
April 18	Professional Day (No Students) = <i>Priority #5 Hurricane Makeup</i>
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday (No School)
May 30	End of Second Semester (93 Days) - Early Dismissal Day
June 2	Professional Day (No Students) - Full Day for Grading
June 3	Professional Day (No Students) - School Based PD

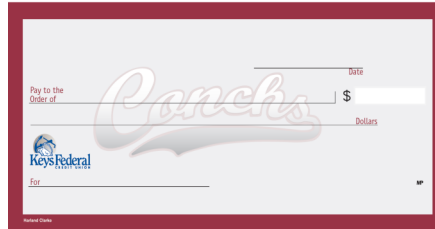


KWHS AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING

Late Bus departs at 4:45- Must have a late bus pass
AFTERNOONS (SEE BELOW)– 2:45 TO 3:45
(REPORT TO THE CLASSROOM DIRECTLY)

Science	Cerkleski 4-225	Thurs
Science STEM	E. Smith 2-102 J. Smith 4-109	Tue/Thur Tue/Thur
ELA /SAT Prep	Estenoz 1-115	Tue/Thur
ELA Recovery/ FAST Prep	Kinnune 4-209	Tue/Thur
Math/Chemistry & AP Chem/Physics	Nelson 1-208	Mon/Thur
AP Writing	Laubenstein 4-201	Mon/Thur
Math	Castro 4-118 (ELL) Hutman 4-234 (Alg 1 & Geo) Blackwell 4-204 (Alg 1 & Alg 2)	Thurs Tue Tue/ Thur
ESE/ Career Support	Berenz 4-106	Mon/Thur
Essay Writing	Rein Media Center	Mon/Tue/ Thur
Cosmetology Students only	Oropeza 1-133B	Mon (2:45-4:45)

Show your Conch Pride!



What are Conch Pride Accounts?

They are free checking accounts with Conch debit cards help raise money up to \$1,000 per month for Key West High School. Keys FCU donates:

\$5 to [KWHS for each account opened](#).

- \$2 to KWHS for each box of checks ordered.
- 1% of each account holder's debit card transactions, up to \$15 per month to KWHS during specific promotional periods like Back to School, Spring Break and Christmas season.

Conch Pride accounts include free adult and teen online & mobile financial education programs that teach them how to save and manage their checking account and credit history and more.

Who can get a Conch Pride Checking Account?

Conch Pride Checking Accounts and Debit Cards are perfect for KWHS students- 14 years and older, parents, teachers, staff, alumni, and fans-that live or work in the Florida Keys.

Where can you open a Conch Pride account?

In Keys Federal Credit Union at 3022 N. Roosevelt Blvd. in Key Plaza, 514 Southard St., and 5300 Overseas Hwy. in Stock Island.

How can KWHS raise more money?

Create awareness of, and encourage students, staff, parents, and fans to open a Conch Pride checking account by:

- Announce/socialize account at staff meetings, school assemblies, pep rallies, sporting events, parent encounters and in classrooms
- Send flyer out in weekly newsletter and Peach jar email service
- Hang posters and banners in school/visible areas

Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- Identify promotional/sponsorship opportunities on school materials/areas
- Circulate donation photos and information

Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

Keys FCU will create and provide all Conch Pride marketing materials. KWHS must distribute, hang, communicate, and publish them.



Athletics



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KWHS Track have their Regional meet on Friday!!

KWHS Boys Lacrosse did not have a game this week!



KWHS JV Baseball does not have a game this week

KWHS Varsity played American Heritage on Monday!!
Good Luck!!



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KWHS Girls Lacrosse did not have a game this week!



KWHS Tennis did not have a match this week!



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KWHS Varsity Softball played American Senior High on Tuesday!! Go Lady Conchs!!

Activities

STAY INVOLVED!!!

SENIORS

Class of 2025 Executive Board would like every Senior to join!!
Senior Class of 2025 shirts can be purchased at Ramona's.

President— Deanna Gumarova Mercier
Vice President— Skye Sterling
Secretary— Pablo Anaya
Treasurer— Jada Franco
Historian— Alexa Condella

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Kristen Condella

Student Council

Please join Student Council to get involved in the planning of our pep rallies, Homecoming, student government activities, Teacher Appreciation and so much more!!!

President— Skye Sterling
Vice President— Chloe Blackwell
Secretary— Maya Gray
Treasurer— Tamika Kelly
Historian— Prometheus Delacerda

Student Council sponsor: Miss Ayesha Osborne

#CONCHSTRONG!!

JUNIORS

Class of 2026 Executive Board would like every Junior to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Kieran Smith
Vice President— Emmy Jackson
Secretary— Tamika Kelly
Treasurer— Janelle Rodriguez
Historian— Prometheus Delacerda

Class sponsor: Mrs. Paula Mercer

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2027 Executive Board would like every Sophomore to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Jordan Greene
Vice President— Lily Smith
Secretary— Jillian Cullum
Treasurer— Ryleigh Harnish
Historian— Pilar Rivera

Class Sponsor: Ms. Melissa Thomas

FRESHMEN

Class of 2028 Executive Board would like every Freshmen to join! Class shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Kaine Dickerson
Vice President— Ben Delostrinos
Secretary— Jalynn Morales
Treasurer— Kaleaya Dickerson
Historian— Hailey Morales

Class sponsor: Miss Miranda Acevedo

Congratulations 2025 GRADS

Show your support of the Class of 2025 by advertising in their
KEEPSAKE EDITION GRADUATION SECTION!

Graduates of Key West High School, Somerset Island Prep, Marathon High School and Coral Shores High School will be featured in Keys Citizen and Florida Keys Free Press on Thursday, May 29.

This keepsake issue of Keys Citizen and Free Press is your opportunity to salute the graduates and wish them bright and successful futures. Each graduate's senior photo will be reproduced in full color.

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FULL PAGE

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\$600

HALF PAGE

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QUARTER PAGE

3 COLUMNS (5" W) x 5" H

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CONTACT MISTY TO BOOK YOUR AD SPACE NOW:

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Yanelys Ballard
Assistant Principal
Ja-Ronika Veldheer

Key West High School Spring Testing Season Dates

as of 12/03/24 Student Copy

January

Date	Assessment
Wednesday, January 15 th	9 th & 10 th ELA FAST PM2

February

NO TESTING (Enjoy the month off!!)

March

Date	Assessment
Tuesday, March 4 th	PSAT 9 th & PSAT 10 th
Tuesday, March 11 th	SAT 11 th Gr.
Tuesday, March 25 th	SAT 12 th Gr. (Reportable- Sign up)

April

Date	Assessment
Tuesday, April 1 st	9 th Gr. FAST Writing
Thursday, April 3 rd	10 th Gr. FAST Writing

State Testing Windows

ACCESS for ELLs: January 20th – March 14th

FAA-Performance Task: March 10th – April 25th

FAST Writing 9th & 10th: March 31-April 11th

Florida Civics Literacy Exam: March 31st - May 30th

(Algebra, Geometry, US Hist, Biology) Retake: May 1st – 30th

PM 3 FAST State Testing: May 1st – 30th

May (Get ready for the ride....)

Date	Final Exams	State Test	AP Test	8 AM	12 PM
Thursday, May 1 st		ELA Retake			
Friday, May 2 nd		Algebra Retake			
Monday, May 5 th			Biology	X	
			European History		X
Tuesday, May 6 th			Chemistry	X	
			Human Geography	X	
			US Gov't		X
Wednesday, May 7 th		10 th Gr. ELA FAST PM3	English Lit.	X	
Thursday, May 8 th			World History: Modern		X
Friday, May 9 th		9 th Gr. ELA FAST PM3	US History	X	
			Macro		X
Monday, May 12 th			Calculus AB	X	
			Seminar		X
Tuesday, May 13 th			French Lang. & Culture	X	
			Precalculus	X	
			Environmental Science		X
Wednesday, May 14 th		US History EOC	English Lang. & Comp.	X	
Thursday, May 15 th			Spanish Lang. & Culture	X	
			Computer Sci. Principles		X
Friday, May 16 th	Senior Exam Period 4	Biology EOC	Physics 1	X	
			Psychology		X
Monday, May 19 th	Senior Exam Periods 3 & 5	Algebra EOC			
Tuesday, May 20 th	Senior Exams Periods 2 & 6				
Wednesday, May 21 st	Senior Exams Periods 1 & 7	Geometry EOC			
Thursday, May 22 nd					
Friday, May 23 rd					
Monday, May 26 th		NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day			
Tuesday, May 27 th	Underclass Period 2				
Wednesday, May 28 th	Underclass Periods 3 & 4				
Thursday, May 29 th	Underclass Period 5 & 6				
Friday, May 30 th	Underclass Period 1 & 7	Last Day of School			

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Are you ready to explore career fields this summer?
Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime!

*Earn up to

\$4,000

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU

\$15 per hour earned



Up to 30 hours/week of work



Multiple industries available



Skill-building workshops



Possibility for extended internships



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February 3, 2025

Application Opens

March 28, 2025

Application Closes

April 1, 2025

Career Exploration
& Skill Building

April 1, 2025

Employment begins

*Dates subject to change

WHO CAN APPLY?

CHARLOTTE, HENDRY, GLADES, LEE, COLLIER, AND MONROE COUNTY RESIDENTS

High School Students | Ages 15-18

Contact:

Denia Kolek

Program Manager

dkolek@careersourceSWFL.com

(239) 225-2500 Ext: 1182

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UF DUAL ENROLLMENT

get ahead **OF THE GAME**



REQUIREMENTS:

- 1** Open to high school juniors or seniors
- 2** 3.6 cumulative unweighted high school GPA
- 3** One of the following test scores:
 - **SAT 1100** composite
 - **PSAT 1130** composite (PSAT 10 or PSAT/NMSQT)
 - **ACT 22** composite
 - **CLT 72**

Application available at **dualenrollment.dce.ufl.edu**



Key West High School
Retake. Recover. Rise.

**Sign Up
Now!**

SUMMER SCHOOL

JUNE 5 – JULY 3

7:45 am – 1:45 pm

Start planning your come back! Recover that missing credit, so you have a fresh start next school year!

COURSES OFFERED

- ✓ Recover Core Classes Only
- ✓ HOPE (Health/PE)
- ✓ English Language Acquisition

REQUIRED DAILY ATTENDANCE

TARDIES COUNT! BE ON TIME.

MISSING SCHOOL = RISK OF BEING DROPPED

NO MAKE-UP TIME FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES



Website:
www.keysschools.com/kwhs



Transportation:
Bus services will be available



IMPORTANT DETAILS

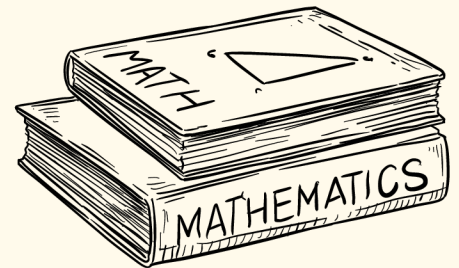
2025 KWHS Summer School
Registration



WHO NEEDS TO ATTEND?

You must attend summer school if you:

- Failed a **core class** (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- Need to recover credit to stay on track for graduation
- Receive a notification by your counselor or teacher



GPA & TRANSCRIPT NOTES

Recovering a course:

- **Does NOT** erase the F from your transcript
- **DOES** replace the F in GPA calculations
- This can **boost your GPA** and help you graduate!

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Show up every day and be on time
- Stay focused - **Edgenuity requires self-motivation**
- Ask for help if you're stuck
- **Finish your course** by the end of Summer school - no extensions!



Questions?

Contact Assistant Principal, Yanelys Ballard (Yanelys.Ballard@keysschools.com)
or email your school counselor