

**Kennedy Junior High School**  
**Fine and Applied Arts and Sciences and Foreign Language Courses**  
**Course Descriptors**

**Exploratory Classes**  
**(12 week rotation for each exploratory)**

**Family and Consumer Science-FACS**

Our Family and Consumer Science exploratory empowers individuals to creatively manage living and working in a diverse, global society. The curriculum addresses challenges students will encounter throughout their lives: balancing personal, home, family and work lives, acquiring marketable skills for success, developing employment and career readiness, understanding optimal nutrition for personal wellness and managing resources to meet the material needs of individuals and families. FACS provides an engaging, dynamic and challenging learning environment using PROJECT-BASED LEARNING to develop needed life skills that can be applied in student lives today and on into the future.

- The FACS curriculum is learning at the highest level, application. Students acquire sought after skills in problem solving, collaboration, time-management, organization and evaluation.
- The FACS curriculum engages students so that they can develop life-long skills to be self-directed learners, collaborative workers, complex thinkers, quality producers and community contributors. The FACS program, through a variety of enriching and enjoyable learning experiences, inspires students to relate classroom learning to real-life application.

**Future FACS Course Offerings for Applied Arts and Sciences**

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Courses for current 6<sup>th</sup> graders</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LIFE EXPEDITIONS</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LIFE TREK</b>

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Expeditions**

The seventh grade FACS students will examine, discover, explore, and create, as they develop life-long skills to support independence, family and future career choices. Through hands-on learning experiences, students will develop food preparation techniques, understand nutrition and healthy food choices, engage in product design, development and marketing, and explore the dynamics of family and consumer responsibilities. The foundations student explorations build in FACS create a springboard to developing creative careers.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Trek**

Students will build on and advanced their skills within the 8<sup>th</sup> grade FACS program. Project-based learning inspires creative problem-solving and like real life, students collaborate for success. Curriculum includes: designing, producing and marketing a personal sports bag; exploring the challenges of child care through a variety of learning activities and media; developing advanced techniques in food preparation and nutrition knowledge, and applying the principles and elements of sound interior design. Within each unit of study, students will uncover connections to multitudes of associated career and educational opportunities.