

# Welcome to SHARP PARK ACADEMY



**W**e're proud to have you as a Viking! This packet provides useful information for students and parents who are new to Jackson Public Schools.

Many more resources are available online at [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org), or feel free to call the office at **517-841-2860** at any time.



**S**harp Park Academy is a Y5–5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school with a dedicated, caring staff that is focused on learning for *all* students.

## WHERE AM I?

Use the map (the last insert in this folder) to locate your classroom.



## FREE MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Every JPS Elementary student may receive a **FREE** (and healthy) breakfast, snack and lunch... every day!



## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

JPS runs one of the largest transportation departments in the state, safely transporting over **5,000** students each day. For bus routes and pickup times go to: [www.jpsk12.org/domain/21](http://www.jpsk12.org/domain/21)



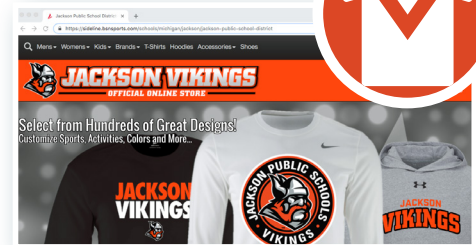
### Sharp Park Academy

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**517-841-2860** • [www.jpsk12.org/sharppark](http://www.jpsk12.org/sharppark)

## GET ALL YOUR VIKING GEAR HERE:

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com>

Select your school and choose from hundreds of great designs, or visit The Viking Store located at Jackson High and online at: [www.jhsvikingstore.com](http://www.jhsvikingstore.com)



# VOLUNTEERING: Participation & Parent Liaison

**J**ackson Public Schools encourages all parents, family and community members to become involved in their child's education. We rely on volunteers to manage and monitor special events, for assistance in the classroom, serving in the PTO and much more. We invite you to share your time and talents with our students.

Every JPS school has a designated **PARENT LIAISON** to solicit volunteers and other resources. Parent and community participation is essential to making Sharp Park Academy and all of JPS the best learning environment for your child and for our community.



## JPS HEALTHY FOOD POLICY

JPS only allows **HEALTHY** treats or **NON-FOOD** treats for classroom birthday or award celebrations. (Please no cupcakes). If cupcakes are brought to school, we will keep them in the office and send them home with the students at the end of the day. As a school, we are responsible for helping students learn lessons about good nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

Also, we enforce a **NO CANDY** and **NO POP** rule. This includes breakfast, lunch, and throughout the school day. Please do not pack these items in lunches.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT SHARP PARK ACADEMY

*For the safety of our students all volunteers must pass an ICHAT background check.*



**PICTURE DAY** Parents are needed to assist students throughout the process.



**POPCORN** Help us make and sell popcorn! Call the office for dates and times.



**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS** We need volunteers to help at check-in, monitor activities and run the concession stand.



**BOOK FAIR** Help is needed to monitor students, locate items, and work the register.



**PBIS CELEBRATION HELPERS** We occasionally need some extra help with our monthly Positive Behavior and Intervention Celebrations. Sign up as a helper and we will call you when the need arises.



**FIELD DAY** Help supervise and keep our participants hydrated at this end-of-year fun day held at Jackson High.



*If you are interested in any of these or other volunteer opportunities, please call or email:*

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# CURRICULUM:



**S**harp Park Academy is a Y5–5<sup>th</sup> elementary with two classrooms at each grade level. They follow the District curriculum, including Michigan Standards and strives to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are motivated to succeed. Students are encouraged to inquire and taught to ask a good “*I wonder*” question every day. These questions are incorporated into the unit of study, with the goal of answering all questions by the unit’s conclusion.

## STANDARDS-BASED GRADING

Standards-Based Grading is a refined way of communicating what students know and how they demonstrate their learning of the state’s academic standards.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?

To provide parents, teachers and students with detailed accurate information about the students’ progress towards proficiency in meeting the academic standards for English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies

### HOW IS PROGRESS MEASURED?

Progress is measured by proficiency levels.

**LEVEL 4**.... Mastery/Proficient (90-100%)

**LEVEL 3**... Developing (75-89%)

**LEVEL 2**... Emerging (60-74%)

**AC** .....Area of Concern (59% and below)

**BLANK**..Standard is not evaluated at this time.

### MODIFIED CURRICULUM: YES

indicates that a “modified curriculum” has been used, and **NO** indicates that a modified curriculum has not been used

**SPECIAL GRADING:** Physical Education and Music

**O** = Outstanding

**S** = Satisfactory

**N** = Needs Improvement

The elementary curriculum incorporates **TRANSDISCIPLINARY THEMES** into all reading, writing, science and social studies lessons.

These themes are:

- Who we are
- Where we are in place and time
- How we organize ourselves
- How the world works
- How we express ourselves
- Sharing the planet

Our learners strive to be:

- Inquirers
- Principled
- Risk-Takers
- Knowledgeable
- Open-Minded
- Balanced
- Thinkers
- Caring
- Reflective
- Communicators

Our learners attitudes are embedded:

- Appreciation
- Creativity
- Independence
- Commitment
- Curiosity
- Integrity
- Confidence
- Empathy
- Respect
- Cooperation
- Enthusiasm
- Tolerance

## YOUNG FIVES A GIFT OF TIME



*A bridge between  
preschool and kindergarten*

Sharp Park Academy offers the **Young Fives** program - an extra year to gain confidence, academic, social and emotional skills, independence, problem solving skills, and fine/ gross motor development.

# STAY CONNECTED The JPS App, Website & Online Resources

**A**t Jackson Public Schools, we are committed to delivering accurate and timely information to all families, so that you may support your child. JPS uses a variety of methods to communicate with you. Please familiarize yourself with the following. Copies of this guide can also be found on our social media and website.



## DOWNLOAD THE JPS APP ►

**It's FREE!** Download the official

Jackson Public Schools App for access to your school's news, calendars, important notifications and so much more. The Jackson Public Schools App can be found in the App and Google Play Stores on both iOS and Android devices.



## JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT WEBSITE: [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org)

In addition to information about the district, you will also find a website for each of our schools, agendas and minutes from the School Board meetings, District Services, as well as information for families and students. Individual school websites can be easily accessed from the JPS home page under "Select a School."



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Sharp Park Academy on Facebook at:

[facebook.com/pages/Sharp-Park-Academy/1522602434682925](https://facebook.com/pages/Sharp-Park-Academy/1522602434682925)



and JPS on Twitter at: [twitter.com/jpsvikings](https://twitter.com/jpsvikings)

and Instagram: [www.instagram.com/jpsvikings](https://www.instagram.com/jpsvikings)



Social media feeds are included on the JPS home page: [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org).



## SHARP PARK ACADEMY ONLINE EVENT CALENDAR

The Sharp Park Calendar can be found on our homepage:

[www.jpsk12.org/sharppark](http://www.jpsk12.org/sharppark) ►

JPS district calendars can be accessed from any device that supports the iCal format, such as Android and iOS devices, Google Calendar, Microsoft Outlook and other calendar programs. To access the Calendar from other applications such as these, use this link:

<https://www.jpsk12.org/site/handlers/icalfeed.ashx?MIID=1>



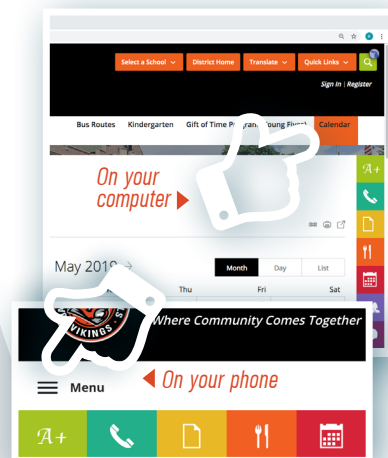
## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

If school is closed, JPS will notify families and employees through the JPS App, the JPS website, ([jpsk12.org](http://jpsk12.org)), Facebook, Twitter and on local TV and radio stations.



## FAMILY-STUDENT HANDBOOK AND CALENDAR

Families and students can access Student Handbooks from their school's home page. Registration information, the JPS Social Media Policy and Guidelines, Technology Use Agreement for Students, handbooks and policies are available online at [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org), under "For Families" and "For Students."



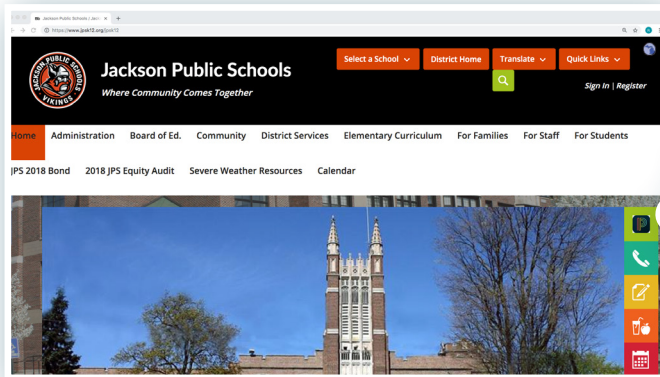
**PowerSchool** is the district's online student information system. PowerSchool provides a way for parents and students to track attendance, grades, class schedules and more.

## CREATE AN ACCOUNT

*In order to access PowerSchool you will need to establish an account.*

To create an account you must have your **Parent Access ID** and **Parent Access Password**.

- ▶ The ID and Password can be obtained from the main office of your student's school.



Go to the **PowerSchool** link on the JPS home page at: [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org)



Next, click on the **Create Account** tab, then the **Create Account** button. This page allows parents/guardians to establish their own account.

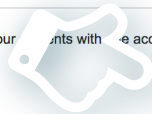
*\*All fields in this section are required.*

The **Link Students** to Account section establishes your student's information.

NOTE: Access ID is case sensitive.

Complete these fields for all of the students you have in Jackson Public Schools. Then click the **Enter** button.

On the **Sign In** screen, enter in the newly created User Name and Password. Click **Submit**.



*If you need assistance with PowerSchool please contact:*

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# SHARP PARK ACADEMY



Located adjacent Ella Sharp Park just south of the City of Jackson, **Sharp Park Academy** is a small Y5–5<sup>th</sup> grade school with modern amenities in a park-like setting that provides outstanding academic and social opportunities for its students.

