Jackson High School

Jackson High School has a rich history of excellence and results. The diverse and numerous course offerings allow students to blend academic and career pathways that are tailored to them. JHS students develop and grow within a safe, effective and challenging learning environment that builds individualized opportunities unique to each student.

Jackson County Early College Program

The 3CEC program helps students find their way into a post secondary education. 3CEC stands for a Universal Early College Exit model where students can begin their college education as early as their freshman year and stay all the way through year 12 to a maximum of 60 credits.

Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement courses are available in many disciplines. JHS offers more Advanced Placement courses than any other school in Jackson County. Experienced AP teachers provide a purposeful learning experience that prepares students for college level learning. The National College Board has granted JHS permission to issue an AP identifying diploma.

Dual Enrollment

Jackson High School students can enroll in college courses on and off campus at no expense to them.

Career & Technical Education

The Jackson Area Career Center offers career and technical education programs that give students a head start on their careers and hone their work ethic for the next level of education. Co-op is also an option for highly motivated, responsible students.

Music Department

Jackson High offers an award winning Music Department with a reputation of sustained success offering choir, orchestra, marching band and performance opportunities. Over 400 students participate in the music programs every year.

Organizations

Jackson High offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations such as Student Government, Drama, and Viking Pride. In addition, there are many after school clubs for students to participate in that cover all areas of interest.

Athletics & Facilities

JHS is a class A school and a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the Southeastern Conference. JHS currently offers 23 interscholastic school sports. Jackson High School’s gymnasium is an over 2,000 seat facility with three full basketball courts, volleyball courts, and a three lane 160 meter track. Withington Community Stadium, a 7,000 seat venue, and Dungy Field are home to the JHS football and track and field teams. The Lewis Clark Community Baseball Field is a state of the art lighted baseball complex.

Jackson Pathways

Jackson Pathways is located on the ground floor of JHS. This school within a school model provides nontraditional classroom experiences. Pathways main goal is to provide students the necessary soft skills to be successful in the workforce. Providing experiences that build a bridge between the learning taking place in the classroom and the workforce.

SCMV

South Central Michigan Virtual school is an online educational option for Kindergarten - 12th grade. To enroll or obtain more information, please call 844-252-7268 or visit the website: www.scmv.org.

T. A. Wilson Academy

T. A. Wilson Academy is a first class alternative high school that services students from Jackson and surrounding school districts.

For more information, please visit the website: www.jpsk12.org/whois.

We envision a community where all students become lifelong learners.

MISSION

We will bring our community together to create a culture of academic excellence and workforce readiness.

VISION

T. A. Wilson Academy
Elementary Schools

Bennett Elementary School
Bennett has a dedicated, caring staff that focuses on Science & Technology interpreted through Engineering & the Arts all based on Mathematical Elements (STEAM). Its sister school is Northeast Elementary serving grades 3-5. The two schools share a focused philosophy on student learning, and developing in each student the characteristics of becoming a learner.

Cascades Elementary School
Cascades provides excellent classroom instruction followed up with WIN (What I Need) time 4 days a week. Each child receives a strong educational and emotional foundation formed with the opportunity to participate weekly in an enrichment program including Physical Education, French and Music. Frost Elementary is the sister school for grades 3-5 and is located within the same campus as Cascades.

Montessori School
The Montessori method emphasizes learning through all five senses. Children in Montessori classes learn at their own pace and according to their own choice of activities. The kindergarten curriculum (5 to 6 years of age) focuses on readiness and socialization skills, and provides varied levels of exposure to academics that prepares each child for kindergarten.

The early elementary curriculum (6 to 9 years of age) combines 1st-3rd grades in multi-age classrooms. The upper elementary (10-13) combines 4th-6th grade. Hands-on math, science and language arts are the cornerstones of the Montessori curriculum. The academic curriculum also aligns with Michigan state standards and frameworks.

Northeast Elementary School
Northeast Elementary encourages student voice through monthly town hall meetings, a student council and student responsibilities. Northeast’s unique niche allows for concentration in areas that prepare our students for their next step to the Middle School at Parkside.

All students take part in the STEAM program which focuses on Science & Technology interpreted through Engineering & the Arts all focused on Mathematical Elements.

Frost Elementary School
Frost focuses on educating the whole child. As a Leader in Me school, Frost’s emphasis is on teaching Stephen Covey’s Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. Additionally, each day trained, highly-qualified tutors come into the building to work with students to provide them with the focused instruction they need to advance in the critical areas of math, reading and writing.

Children receive daily instruction in Physical Education, technology, French, or music.

Welcome to Jackson Public Schools, “Where Community Comes Together.” JPS works with students, families, educators and the community to empower all students to achieve academic and social success through a relevant and comprehensive curriculum that, in turn, prepares them to be innovative and productive students.

There is no greater strength than that of a community that works together to achieve success for its youth. It is through strong partnerships with agencies such as the Center for Family Health, the City of Jackson Recreation Department, the Department of Health & Human Services, the Community Action Agency and the Jackson Police Department that JPS is able to provide connections and wrap around services for its families.

Jackson Public Schools is committed to innovative academic success for each student. JPS offers a K-8 International Baccalaureate Program, free K-5 Montessori, preschool young fives, all day Kindergarten and early elementary programs.

At Jackson High our students are offered the opportunity to achieve higher education credits through a number of unique partnerships with agencies such as the Michigan Police Department, the Department of Health & Human Services, the Community Action Agency and the Jackson Police Department that JPS is able to provide connections and wrap around services for its families.

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Elementary Schools K-2nd Grade Buildings

Bennett Elementary School

Montessori School

The faculty and staff at Jackson Public Schools believe that learning is unique to each student. JPS offers Alternative Middle School and Alternative High School for students who require an innovative approach as well as comprehensive Special Education Services.

Elementary Schools 3rd-5th Grade Buildings

Northeast Elementary School

Dibble Elementary School

Hunt Elementary School

Balanced Calendar

Hunt Elementary School

Hunt Elementary School is the only school to offer a balanced calendar year within the Jackson Public Schools. Families have a choice to enroll in a school where the balanced calendar reduces the long summer break and simply apportion those days throughout the school year, producing more frequent breaks, limiting long periods of in-session days, as well as longer vacations.

The main goal is to have a safe, orderly environment that will allow students to reach their best potential academically and socially. The climate and culture at Hunt is one that promotes the social growth and high academic expectations to move all learners forward. The belief is that all students are able to learn the essential academic skills needed to be successful. Each child’s education depends on parents, teachers and students working together to create a climate where learning can take place.

International Baccalaureate Sharp Park Academy IB World School

Sharp Park Academy is unique among elementary schools; it is the only elementary school in Jackson Public Schools to offer the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, which promotes attitudes that foster a sense of individual and community responsibility for learning through learner profiles and attributes that are explicitly reinforced as teachers and staff integrate the common core curriculum with the six themes that students explore during the year.

The highly integrated model supports students as they explore Michigan standards across the curriculum. Through the use of “I wonder” questions, an inquiry model, students develop deeper understanding of issues and concepts that are relevant and meaningful to them, apply learning and communicate the significance to others.

In addition, students at Sharp Park Academy begin second language acquisition classes, learning German in the 1st grade.

Traditional K-5th Grade

Dibble Elementary School

Dibble Elementary School is a K-5 building and maintains high academic standards. Learning is tailored to meet each individual student’s needs through differentiating instruction providing interventions where necessary. All students will be challenged and all struggling students will be lifted.

Dibble offers many opportunities such as Spanish, English as a second language support, special education programs, character building through a school wide “Bucket Filler” theme that recognizes positive behaviors, mileage walking program, after school enrichment including orchestra, band, girl/boy quest, recreation department sports, and an academic games team.