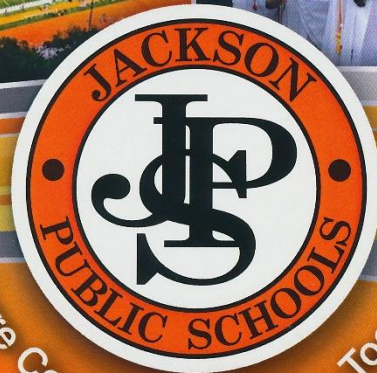


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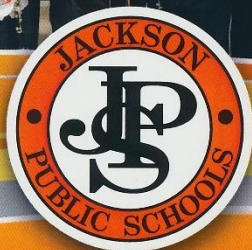
Welcome!

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-2 Montessori, preschool, all day Kindergarten and early elementary programs.

The High School offers more Advanced Placement courses than any other Jackson County high school. A unique partnership with Jackson College provides enhanced math AP and college readiness courses. Additional offerings include dual enrollment with area colleges, Virtual Learning, and a partnership with the Jackson Area Career Center for career path training.



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 K-2nd Grade Buildings

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 teamed 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.

McCulloch Academy

McCulloch is located within the heart of downtown Jackson. The faculty and staff at McCulloch believe all students deserve to feel safe and supported. As part of PBIS (Positive Behavior and Interventions and Support) program, they start from day one teaching students how to SOAR. SOAR stands for being Safe, On-task, having an Awesome Attitude, and being Respectful, Responsible, and kind.

McCulloch provides excellent classroom instruction followed up with WIN (What I Need) time four days a week. Students also receive Spanish, Music, and Physical Education instruction each week.

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 8 years of age) combines 1st and 2nd grades in multi-age classrooms. 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.

Spanish language and cultural studies are included to promote global awareness and 21st century skills.



Montessori School



Elementary Schools

3rd-5th Grade Buildings

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.

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 Programme, which promotes attitudes that foster a sense of individual and community responsibility for learning through learner profiles and attitudes 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, afterschool enrichment including orchestra, band, girl/boy quest, recreation department sports, and an academic games team.

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 apportions 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.



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Middle School at Parkside



IB World School

The Middle School at Parkside is proud to be the only Middle School **International Baccalaureate World School** in the county. The IB program creates a common curriculum with common core standards embedded in all units of instruction. IB learners strive to be knowledgeable, principled, open-minded, caring, balanced and reflective. They work to become inquirers, thinkers, communicators and risk-takers.

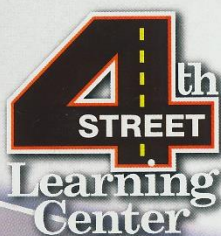
The main goal at Parkside is to build positive relationships with families and to foster students' academic and social abilities. Parkside's faculty and staff maintain an environment where teaching and learning are the primary focus giving students the essential academic skills needed for success.

Sports

Interscholastic sports include boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, cross country, track, football, swimming, volleyball and wrestling.

Extracurricular Opportunities

Students may participate in a variety of extracurricular activities including Academic Games, Junior National Honor Society, Student Council, Most Teens Don't, Destination Imagination, Dare to be Different, Science Club, Outdoor Adventure Club, Interact Club, German, Superintendent Success Challenge, and World in Motion.



The Fourth Street Learning Center is a school within a school. This small learning community, located within the Middle School at Parkside, is designed to offer specialized attention to 6th - 8th grade students utilizing a variety of non-traditional instructional methods that focus on the social, emotional and academic success of individual students.

Jackson High School

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



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 other Career & Technical Education programs that give students a significant 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.

Early Middle College

The importance of post-secondary education and career training is a core belief at Jackson High. In partnership with Jackson Intermediate School District (JCISD) and with the business community, Jackson High offers the JAC3 E/MC program.

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

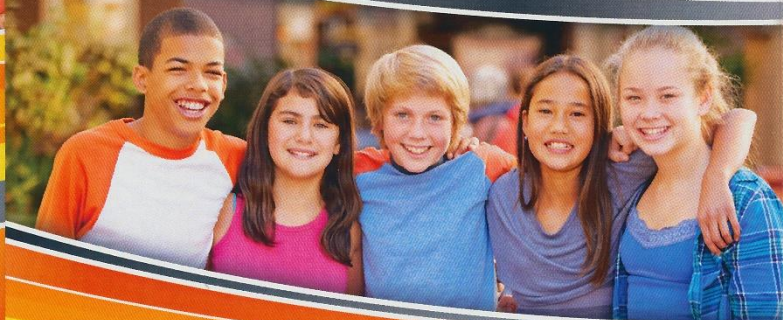
Jackson High offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations such as Student Government, Drama, and Viking Pride. In addition, there are many after school clubs for students to participate in that cover all areas of interest.

Athletics & Facilities

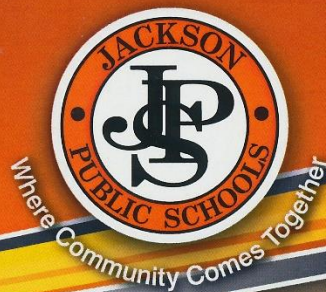
JHS is a class A school and a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and the Capital Area Activities Conference. JHS currently offers 23 interscholastic school sports.

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 track is a nine lane 400 meter rubber/polyurethane surface. JHS has a six lane 25 yard length pool, a fitness center, and a second gymnasium. The Louis Glick Community Baseball Field is a state of the art lighted baseball complex.

Other facilities at the Middle School at Parkside include a domed fieldhouse with a track and gymnasium, lighted soccer field and tennis courts, and a new softball complex.



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Non-Traditional Education Options



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.miscmv.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. It is a "School of Choice" public high school. Students attend for a variety of reasons and are supported by a veteran staff. The T. A. Wilson Academy staff considers it a privilege to attend the school and places responsibility on its student body to promote this image.

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



MISSION

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

VISION

We envision a community where all students become lifelong learners.

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