

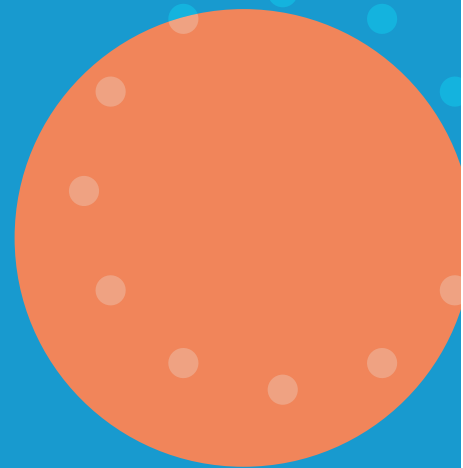


Jackson-Madison County Schools



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in our Public Schools**









## LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Stakeholders and Community Partners,

As we reflect on the achievements of our school district over the last four years, I am delighted to share the multitude of accomplishments that underscore our commitment to excellence in education.

Our schools have been recognized as Reward Schools, a testament to the dedication of our students, teachers, and administrators. These district designations showcase our collective effort towards academic success, as does the historic construction of a new PreK-8 Pope School. The Hub City Central Complex in East/Midtown will also stand as a beacon of innovation and collaboration when completed.

Ensuring the safety and security of our students remains paramount, and we have implemented comprehensive measures to maintain a secure learning environment. The expansion of the Local Options and Opportunities Program (LOOP) through partnerships with Jackson Energy Authority and West TN Healthcare is enhancing educational opportunities for our students.

We are proud of the remarkable achievements of our students, including the impressive ACT scores of our 30+ Club members and the addition of a middle school STEM center at Malesus. Increased investments in employee salaries along with the weCARE employee health and wellness initiative demonstrate our commitment to supporting the people who support our students. Our increasing graduation rate as well as TVAAS student growth underscore the progress our students and teachers are making. The growth in student enrollment and principal retention also highlight the positive trajectory of our district.

Our district operates under a responsible budget, and we are excited about the inclusion of eSports, the Greenpower Racing Initiative, robotics, and the success of our traditional athletics programs.

As we celebrate these accomplishments, we remain focused on the future, committed to providing an exceptional education for every student. We thank you, our valued parents and stakeholders, for your ongoing support and partnership in shaping the success of our district.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Marlon King  
Superintendent  
Jackson-Madison County Schools



## SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

Safe and supportive schools are critical to the well-being of the whole community. The Social and Behavioral Services Department supports a wide range of student support and services, such as truancy interventions, parental and community involvement, homeless needs, grievance claims, and code of conduct / DHA (Disciplinary Hearing Authority) inquiries. Crisis counselors, social workers, and school counselors, as well as Coordinated School Health, including school nurses are available. The goal of the Social and Behavioral Services Department is to provide non-academic support for students to be successful academically, socially, and emotionally.

- Provides school choice options for students through Open Enrollment. Parents can apply to attend schools other than their zoned school based on their interests and programs of study
- Distributes uniform clothing, school supplies, winter coats, and snack backpack food to students
- Offers social and emotional resources, as well as counseling services, to students and parents
- Provides opportunities for parents to partner with schools through Parent Academy classes
- Ensures rights and services are given to children and youth experiencing homelessness
- Arranges activities and events for parents, as well as mental health resources and support
- Conducts truancy hearings and works with students, parents, and schools to provide necessities such as transportation, clothes, etc. to help keep students in school
- Provides academic support and instruction for students who are not physically able to attend school

## EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

Pre-K is a voluntary classroom-based preschool program that provides students with foundational learning skills. Pre-K is highly encouraged and helps students develop social skills while easing the transition from home to elementary school. Currently, there are 45 Pre-K classrooms in our district serving over 700 students. JMCSS offers many Pre-K options for families. The Pre-K curriculum is research-based with goals that are connected to all four learning domains: science experiences, engaging math, authentic literacy, and social development.

- Pre-K offered at 11 schools in the district: Alexander Elementary, Andrew Jackson Elementary, Arlington Elementary, Community Montessori, Denmark Elementary, East Elementary, Isaac Lane Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Nova Early Learning, Rose Hill School, and South Elementary
- Multiple Learning Options:
  - Unique multi-age early childhood classrooms with Pre-K and K students at Community Montessori School, one of the few like it in west Tennessee
  - Two Head Start collaborative classrooms at Isaac Lane Elementary and Nova Early Learning Center where the student:teacher ratio is even lower
- Nova Early Learning Center serves 3 and 4-year-old Pre-K students
  - Special education services available at Nova Early Learning Center for children as young as 3-years old
  - Services on site: speech and language therapy, nurse, and occupational and physical therapy
  - Multi-sensory room available for students





## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career and Technical Education combines industry-based theory and procedures with real-world opportunities. This maximizes authentic learning opportunities for our students. The CTE Department offers dual-enrollment opportunities and ensures high-quality faculty, resources, equipment, and industry credentials.

- 32 programs of study in JMCSS high schools prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management
- Programs of study in 16 out of 16 National Career Clusters
- Offers dual college credit statewide
- Prepares future health professionals with education and leadership skills
- Work-based learning opportunities
- Technological literacy (STEM) science, technology, engineering, and mathematics



CTE classes like dual enrollment mechatronics have exposed me to many creative learning opportunities, and I'm only a freshman. From programming logic controllers to creating a third-generation can crusher with my teacher, I'm gaining valuable engineering experience and college credit now.

- Michael Patrick  
Freshman, JCM Early College High

# INNOVATION

The JMCSS Innovation Department reimagines modes of learning and partnerships in education to ensure our schools meet the needs of the 21st century. There are Innovation Impact Institutes at each high school and either established or in the implementation phase at each middle school. The Innovation Department oversees STEM, Computer Science, and College, Career, and Technical Education initiatives. By identifying innovative practices in education and industry, JMCSS provides transformative postsecondary preparation and workforce development strategies.

## STEM & Computer Science

- **Robotics** – This program provides opportunities for students to learn how to code and write commands for robots. Students step into the world of science, acquiring knowledge and skills that will be useful and applicable beyond the classroom
- **eSports** – A rapidly growing trend in many schools and colleges, eSports is organized, competitive video gaming between students which fosters teamwork, communication, strategic thinking, hand-eye coordination, and problem-solving skills
- **GreenpowerUSA** – Inspires innovation in young people through the immersive experience of designing, building, and racing electric-powered vehicles

# FINE ARTS

Jackson-Madison County Schools values the fine arts and stresses the importance of educating the whole child. There are opportunities for students to take advantage of the arts at every age and to participate in district events.

- All high schools offer a variety of fine arts and performing arts such as concert band, jazz band, pep band, marching band, advanced choir, girls' choir, art, theater, dance, piano, and general music.

## Innovation Impact Institutes, Unique Innovative Programs

- Jackson-Central Merry High School-Digital Arts Production Institute
- North Side High School-BioSTEM Institute
- Madison Academic High School-Innovative Engineering & Coding Institute
- JCM Early College High School-Teaching & Learning Institute
- Liberty Technology Magnet High School-Cybersecurity Institute
- South Side High School-Advanced Construction Institute
- Jackson Academic STEAM Academy-STEAM Innovation Institute
- Jackson Careers and Technology-STEM Ingenuity Institute
- Northeast Middle School-STEM Ingenuity Institute
- Rose Hill School-STEM Ingenuity Institute
- West Bemis Middle School-STEM Ingenuity Institute

- Our fine arts programs perform and showcase art at multiple events annually.
- Each year, our bands and choirs perform in the West TN Concert Festival events for band and choirs and receive excellent and superior ratings in those events.





# ACADEMICS

In partnership with parents and the community, Jackson-Madison County Schools strives for educational excellence that inspires students to cultivate their individual potential and positively impact their world. The district provides students robust innovative activities and additional support to achieve their maximum potential.

- Families can enroll students in Pre-K at age 4 at eleven school sites, tuition free.
- All middle school students explore career and extracurricular options. Middle schools offer clubs, STEM, and early postsecondary exposure.
- High school students are afforded an array of choices to prepare them for postsecondary options or the workforce.
- **College:** associate degree, dual enrollment with local colleges, Advanced Placement courses

- **Workforce:** Local Options and Opportunities Program (LOOP), CTE courses (nursing, Junior ROTC, welding, cosmetology, automotive, etc.)

- Robotics can be found at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.
- STEM is available at all elementary and middle schools.
- After-school and in-school tutoring options are available.
- Comprehensive English as a Second Language (ESL) Program assists students in need.
- K-8 Summer Learning Camps have over 2,000 students.
- Freshman Academy three-day orientation for incoming freshmen prepares upcoming students.



## FACILITIES

The Jackson-Madison County School System is an award-winning school district, serving approximately 13,000 students in 26 schools. The district maintains over 30 facilities. Several are unique, such as the 5,000 seat Oman Arena and Nova Early Learning Center. The new Pope School, a PreK-8 community school, will be in the North Jackson area. This school is projected to open at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

### Unique Facilities

- Hub City Central Complex
  - New football/track and field stadium
- New Pope School
  - PreK-8 community school in North Jackson area projected to open at the start of the 2025-26
- Malesus STEM Innovation Center
  - Dedicated innovation center for all middle school students
- Workforce Development Center at JCM Early College High
  - Advanced manufacturing, welding, and health science offered as dual enrollment courses by TCAT-certified instructors
- Jackson Academic STEAM Academy (JASA)
  - Jackson's premier online hybrid public school
- Jackson Central-Merry Middle School and High School
  - Neighborhood middle school and high school located on the original campus of Jackson Central-Merry
- Madison Academic High School
  - Brand new facility on the campus of University of Memphis at Lambuth
- Nova Early Learning Center
  - District Pre-K Center housing 18 Pre-Kindergarten classes

## ATHLETICS

JMCSS, under the direction of Superintendent Dr. Marlon King, has made the improvement and development of district athletics a cornerstone of the District Strategic plan. The school system is committed to both academic and athletic excellence. Athletics, as well as other extracurricular activities, provide character-building opportunities for elementary, middle, and high school students. The soft skills acquired through these activities promote educating the whole child.

### High School

- Football
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Softball
- Baseball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Boys and Girls Track & Field
- Golf
- Cheerleading

### Middle School

- Football
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Softball
- Volleyball
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys and Girls Track & Field
- Cross Country
- Cheerleading
- Tennis
- Baseball

### Elementary

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Boys and Girls Soccer





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Our teachers are the heartbeat of each and every school. They are tireless in their dedication and passionate about their students.”

– Dr. Marlon King  
Superintendent, Jackson-Madison County Schools

# UNIQUE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Beyond the traditional school programming, Jackson-Madison County Schools offers a variety of unique program options for families. Open enrollment is available at every school, space permitting.

- **College Preparatory School: Madison Academic High School**  
Madison Academic High School is ranked in the top ten performing high schools in the state of Tennessee. This standout school has received the highest school designation for the state of Tennessee as a Level 5 School for over 15 consecutive years.
- **Early College Program: Jackson Central-Merry Early College High**  
Students can fast track their college plans or begin building a career by simultaneously earning a high school diploma and college associate degree in just four years - and at no cost to families - through a partnership with Jackson State Community College.
- **Academic Academy: Northeast Middle School Academic Academy**  
Housed within Northeast Middle School, the Academic Academy is an academic magnet program for middle school students. The vision is to encourage and challenge students to excel while earning high school credits in Algebra I, foreign language, and Environmental Science.

- **CyberSchool: Jackson Academic STEAM Academy (JASA)**  
Families enjoy the flexible learning schedule and homeschool feel of Jackson Academic STEAM Academy while reaping the benefits of a traditional school. Students can participate in all district extracurricular activities such as sports and band with their home school while taking advantage of innovative practices and offerings such as eSports, drone soccer, and club/STEAM days at JASA.
- **Public Montessori: Community Montessori**  
Community Montessori is one of only two public Montessori schools in the state of Tennessee. Multi-age classrooms can be found throughout this Pre-K through 8th school, where older students can model complex problem-solving and critical thinking skills to younger students.
- **Early Learning: Nova Early Learning Center**  
An early learning environment for 3-4-year-old students, Nova Early Learning Center houses 18 Pre-K classrooms. Special education services are available for children beginning at age three; speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy are available on site.

## ABOUT US

The Jackson-Madison County School System is a diverse and forward-thinking school system located in Jackson, Tennessee. Our city is conveniently located on I-40 between Memphis and Nashville. Comprised of 26 schools and 13,000 students, JMCSS is a district that offers a variety of education programs for all students including magnet schools, a cyberschool, career and technical education and open enrollment opportunities throughout the

district. JMCSS is the second largest employer in Madison County with over 1,100 professional staff and over 800 support staff. Beginning with our Pre-K Center through Grade 12, students in the Jackson-Madison County School System will find academic excellence, quality programs, competitive sports, well-trained instructors and students obtaining the preparation they need to become tomorrow's leaders.



# BELIEVERS UNITE

Recognizing the vital role of educators and staff in shaping young minds, the “Believers Unite” campaign places a renewed focus on investing in the well-being and professional growth of our dedicated teachers, leaders, board members, support staff, and beyond. By providing the necessary support, resources, and opportunities for ongoing professional development, Jackson-Madison County Schools aims to create an inspiring learning environment that propels both students and staff toward excellence.

Local businesses and community partners are rallying around this vision, recognizing the significance of a thriving education system in building a prosperous future for all. We need partnerships

with businesses and organizations like you!

Our school system has established impactful partnerships with several industry leaders. Toyota Tennessee recently expanded its decades-long commitment to JMCSS by announcing the creation of the Toyota Engineering, Manufacturing & Mechatronics (EM2) Institute at the Malesus STEM Innovation Center for middle school students. Meanwhile, Leaders Credit Union increased its dedication to Jackson-Madison County Schools with title sponsorship of the annual gala that supports the superintendent’s initiative to provide a state of the schools event for business and civic leaders. Believers across our community are investing in the future by investing in Jackson-Madison County Schools.



In 1957, we started as the Jackson-Madison County Teachers Credit Union until we expanded our field of membership and became Leaders Credit Union. We understand that investing in education is investing in empowering generations to come. We give back to JMCSS not only because of our roots but also because we see it as an investment in our future.”

– Todd Swims  
President/CEO



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