



BREAKING NEWS

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LOOP expands; Students earn employment with JMCSS

Our Local Options and Opportunities Program (LOOP) is expanding in an innovative way to meet our future workforce demands while also providing students with an incredible career opportunity. The LOOP 4.0 Grow Your Own initiative allows students to shadow, learn, and work in four different district departments in a hands-on approach to career exploration.

LOOP is a unique work-based learning opportunity where students attend a modified school day for academic credit and then work with JMCSS or an Industry Partner for the remainder of the day.

Since August 9th, 16 students have assisted in the areas of *school nutrition, maintenance, attendance, and academics*. These paid positions add support to our schools and allow high school seniors to glean institutional knowledge from veteran employees. Students learn industry protocols and procedures through the completion of meaningful tasks and interactions. LOOP is a unique work-based learning opportunity where students attend a modified school day for academic credit through an online learning lab model with teacher support and work experience at their placement with JMCSS or an Industry Partner for the remainder of the day.

During the interview process, the students indicated they envisioned future careers in the education field or within school system support. The LOOP 4.0 Grow Your Own initiative was designed to create a sustainable ecosystem to advance the success of the district. Our investment in career and technical education will reap huge dividends for families in Jackson-Madison County and West Tennessee. Getting our students early exposure in these demanding career fields will increase employment for our graduates and create pathways to higher-paying jobs. We are preparing our students for in-demand careers in the Madison County area and beyond.



JCM senior Kamron Hill works as an educational assistant at Isaac Lane. Students complete 20-25 hours per week in their new roles. There are 16 seniors participating in LOOP 4.0 this semester.

