



Jefferson Township High School

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Dear Member of the Class of 2029,

Welcome to Jefferson Township High School! It is with pleasure that I invite you to attend our *Freshman Orientation Program* scheduled for Wednesday, August 20, 2025. The program begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. When you arrive, student drop-off will be in the A-lot by the entrance to the gymnasium. At the end of the program, student pick-up will be at the front of the building along the shoulder of Weldon Road. Building administration will be at the Freedom Gym door to greet you upon arrival and will aid students during dismissal. Students will then check-in, receive a copy of their schedule, and will be assigned a peer group to tour the building.

The orientation program will feature the high school administration and student leaders from our Peer Development Program who have generously volunteered their time for the day. Our goals are for you to be comfortable with navigating the building, operating your locker, and gaining familiarity with high school procedures prior to the first day of school. There will also be an introduction to student clubs and activities during the orientation, as well as an introduction to the athletic programs at the high school.

Dress for the orientation is casual, but please adhere to the enclosed High School Dress Code. I am looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to JTHS. If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to take a self-guided tour and try your locker on Friday, August 29, 2025 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. in preparation for the first day of school. Please note, if orientation needs to be rescheduled for any reason, you will be notified through a Blackboard email. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have. We look forward to welcoming you to the high school!

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Lonie

Interim Principal
Enclosure



Home of the Falcons



Dress Code: Jefferson Township Board of Education believes that schools should be safe and affirming spaces for all students. Furthermore, we believe that all students should have the right to express themselves fully in school through choosing clothing, hairstyles, jewelry, and accessories that appropriately represent and affirm their varied identities.

The Dress Code affirms that all students are to be treated equitable regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, and personal style. It is our responsibility to maintain a learning environment that does not interfere with the health and safety of the student or others while encouraging standards of dress most suitable for post-secondary educational, professional, and/or job environments.

Jefferson Township students are expected to dress in a neat, clean, and tidy manner that is appropriate for school and in accordance with modern standards of good taste. We entrust our community of students and parents to encourage and implement appropriate standards of attire.

- Clothing needs to be a positive reflection on the values and ethics of the school and community. As such, no such apparel or objects may obtain:
 - Any references to profanity, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex, or violence;
 - Ideas that promote gang membership/activities, prejudices, or other hate speech;
 - Ideas that advocate for any other illegal or age-inappropriate ideas;
 - The disrespectful wearing of flags or religious items; or
 - Items that have double meanings so as to convey an inappropriate message, as above.
- Students must wear footwear. The footwear must be appropriately safe for the classroom and activities in which the students are participating as per protocols for individual classes.
- All student must wear
 - Tops and bottoms with fabric that covers that front, back, and sides (including under the arms), and the clothing may not be strapless.
 - Clothing that covers the midriff, chest, buttocks, other private parts, and undergarments with opaque material.
- Sunglasses may not be worn unless they are for a prescription or other medical reason.
- No items may be worn that obscure the vision or the line of sight of the person or of the staff that is trying to see and identify any person, or that covers their face or ears. Exceptions for medical, religious, and/or cultural reasons will be made.

In all instances, the administration reserves the right to determine proper attire.

For items deemed inappropriate, every attempt will be made to remediate the situation by asking the student to change, having parents bring alternate clothing, or borrowing clean clothing from school, if available. Repeated offenders may meet with disciplinary consequences as outlined in Policy and Regulation 5200 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct.

Note: The building administrator(s) will address violations of the dress code with the student and parent/guardian.