



2025-2026

Mason City Schools

Journey Days

Journey Days are designed to spark student curiosity, enhance personal growth, and provide meaningful, purpose-driven learning experiences beyond the classroom. Rooted in our Portrait of a Comet, these days help each student uncover their unique purpose and potential by exploring who they are as learners, leaders, citizens, and individuals - with the support of their family and school community. Through hands-on activities, opportunities for goal setting, and self-reflection, students build essential life-ready skills.

The Journey Day Experience

Missions

Missions are the **core experiences every student completes**. They are designed to help students reflect, build essential skills, and engage deeply with the day's theme. Each Mission also includes Family Conversation Sparks—thoughtful questions and prompts to inspire meaningful dialogue at home.

Expeditions

Expeditions are **choice-based learning opportunities** that allow students to dive deeper into new tools, topics, or talents. These optional experiences help students build on their strengths, explore new interests, and nurture creativity. Whether it's coding, creating, designing, or exploring, Expeditions are all about meaningful growth through curiosity and choice.

Quests

Quests are **special experiences offered by our community partners**—like story hour at the library, behind-the-scenes tours, or job shadowing opportunities. These optional experiences reflect our belief that growing citizens begins in a Connected Community. Quests help students see how their gifts and interests can make an impact beyond the classroom, while building relationships with those who support and inspire them.

2025-2026 Journey Day Themes

- September 26, 2025 - Learner
- November 21, 2025 - Leader
- February 13, 2026 - Citizen
- March 13, 2026 - YOU