JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOLS

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District Overview

Jackson Local School District is a comprehensive K-12 public school district, one of the 12 local and five city schools in Stark County. The district serves approximately 5,800 students in Jackson Township, a middle to upper-middle class community comprised predominately of professional, well-educated residents. This includes:

- Four elementary buildings serving students in grades K-5
- One middle school serving students in grades 6-8
- One high school serving students in grades 9-12

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Academic Services

Jackson Local Schools provides full-service special education (preschool-12), gifted services across all grades, and 1-to-1 devices for every student.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Two specialty academies, the Jackson Academy for Global Studies (JAGS) and Jackson School for the Arts (JSA)
- 25 Advanced Placement courses
- 23 Career and Technical course offerings in partnership with North Canton, Lake Local, and Plain Local school districts
- College Credit Plus - allows JHS students to earn an associate's degree through Stark State College while still in high school
- More than 50 extracurricular clubs
- Learning expeditions to China, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and multiple locations in Europe
- 27 athletic programs
- Purple Star school, serving military students and families

PURPLE STAR

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Camp Muskingum outdoor learning/camping experience for all 6th-graders
- Regional 7th-grade class trip
- Washington, D.C. and Cedar Point trip for all 8th-graders
- Career Day and non-profit fair where local business leaders interact with 8th graders about various professions
- Makerspace
- 22 extracurricular clubs, 6 athletic programs
- Purple Star school, serving military students and families

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- K-3 classes are self-contained
- Grades 4-5 travel classrooms for different subjects
- Small-group instruction is a priority
- Students participate in library, PE, and music
- Full-time school counselor in each building
- Purple Star school, serving military students and families
- Makerspace in each building

DID YOU KNOW?

- JLSD is consistently ranked in the top 10% of Ohio's 611 districts.
- We are ranked as the 32nd best high school in Ohio and 925 of 28,000 in the nation, according to *US News and World Report.*
- The Niche Report also ranks JLSD 25 of 606 Ohio districts and No. 1 in Stark County.

Academics

- Consistently ranked among Ohio's top academically performing districts
- Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon Schools - Jackson High School, Lake Cable Elementary, Sauder Elementary
- Graduation Rate of 97.7% with over 87%seeking higher education
- The class of 2025 earned nearly $5.5 million in college scholarships
- OMEA Superior-rated band and choirs

CHAMPIONSHIPS

JLSD has won state championships in several academic disciplines:

- JHS Debate Team - 2010, 2012, 2017
- JHS Horticulture - (individual & team) - 2018, 2020
- JHS Culinary - 2019

ATHLETICS

Jackson Local Schools not only excels in the classroom, we excel in athletics. Whether it's winning conference championships or state titles, Jackson students strive to their fullest in every competition. Niche ranks Jackson the 6th best district (out of 600) in Ohio for athletes (No. 1 in Stark County).

FUN FACT!

JHS athletic teams participate in approximately 900 athletic contests with 150 schools and JMMS teams participate in approximately 250 contests with 20 different schools.

- Division I STATE CHAMPIONS - Boys Basketball - 2010, 2017
- Division I STATE CHAMPIONS - Boys Baseball - 2014, 2017
- Division I STATE CHAMPIONS - Boys Cross Country - 2023
- Girls Volleyball State Runners Up - 2012, 2017
- Girls Golf State Runners Up - 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014
- Girls Lacrosse State Runners Up - 2014, 2016, 2017
- Boys Tennis State Runners Up - 2015, 2016
- 2007 Boys Soccer State Runners Up
- 2005 Girls Cross Country Runners Up
- 9 JHS individual athletes have won a total of 11 state championships
- Won the Federal League All Sports Trophy 25 times (14 consecutive)
- 250 Federal League titles

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- Our outstanding academic and athletic results are attained even though the district is consistently one of the lowest per-pupil spenders among the 20 most similar Ohio districts.
- District funds flow from the following sources:
  - Local - 72%
  - State - 18%
  - Federal - 4%
- Non-tax Sources (raised through tuition, fees, extracurricular activities, grants) - 6%
- District reduced energy consumption by more than 33%, saving taxpayers nearly $5.8 million since 2010

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

- Annually, JHS students who participate in service learning clubs, athletic teams and Senior Community Service Day give over 19,500 service hours back to the community.
- Partnerships with the Jackson YMCA, Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Jackson Township
- Jackson High School Student Council members provide community service hours to area organizations and direct an annual holiday meal and gift drive.
- Jackson Memorial Middle School Little Congress students learn the important of civic stewardship and school leadership.
- Elementary Cub Council begins to embed the important leadership skills in our young learners.
- The Jackson Local Schools Foundation, a board of citizens who work to build an endowment and raise funds for teacher grants through their annual winter Polar Bear Plunge into Lake Cable.
- Students and staff, district-wide, collect food, funds and personal gifts to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas to less fortunate Jackson families.
- Annually, students and staff shave their heads, raising more than $1 million for the St. Baldrick's Foundation to help cure childhood cancer.
- Students raise funds for the American Heart Association and Akron Children's Hospital.
- The district enjoys consistent community involvement through a wealth of athletic and academic support groups and classroom volunteers. Hundreds of parents, community friends and business leaders share their talents with students and raise funds for classroom extras.
- The park system is a collaboration between the school district and township government.

SCHOOL SAFETY PREVENTION RESILIENCE INITIAVTES

- District Partnerships with StarkMHAR and Blick.
- A full-time mental health counselor on site at JHS, JMMS, elementaries.
- CARE Teams (Coordinate, Align, Resources, and Engage, Empower, and Educate) at all buildings.
- District Family Support Specialists available to all buildings.
- Youth Mental Health First Aid training for staff.
- All staff trained on awareness issues and policy relating to bullying and aggressive behaviors.
- School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention Supports; utilizing a Bucket-Fillers theme, grades K-5.
- PAX, a time-tested, reward-based system that teaches self-regulation in young people with dramatic effects on behavior, academics, and long-term outcomes such as preventing mental health and addiction disorders (K-5).
- Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX) program for female students, focused on building leadership and self-advocacy skills (grades 5, 7 and 9).
- Students in grades K-5 receive age-appropriate instruction through classroom lessons and one-on-one counseling with elementary school counselors (i.e., bullying, conflict management, body safety, and technology safety).

BUILDING SAFETY

- A variety of physical safety interventions have been established using nationwide best practices.
- The Niche Report ranks Jackson the 12th safest school district in Ohio (out of 611 districts).
- A School Resource officer in each building due to a partnership with the Jackson Township Police Department and a float SRO for the district.

Transportation

Our fleet of 83 busses and four vans travel about 3,680 miles daily, or 631,400 miiles per year. That's over 25 annual trips around the Earth!

Communication

Our Facebook is populated almost daily with school news and exciting classroom photos, creating an engaging environment for our community.