October 2026

The Office of Advanced Academics presents

The Advanced Edition

WELCOME!

The Advanced Edition is excited to share opportunities that inspire curiosity and support every student on their path to success.

Forest Hill APAC teachers engaged in professional development to increase engagement and stregthen learning in their Pre-AP classes.

Thank you for being part of a community that believes in challenging minds and building bright futures together.



5th Annual Special Programs Fair

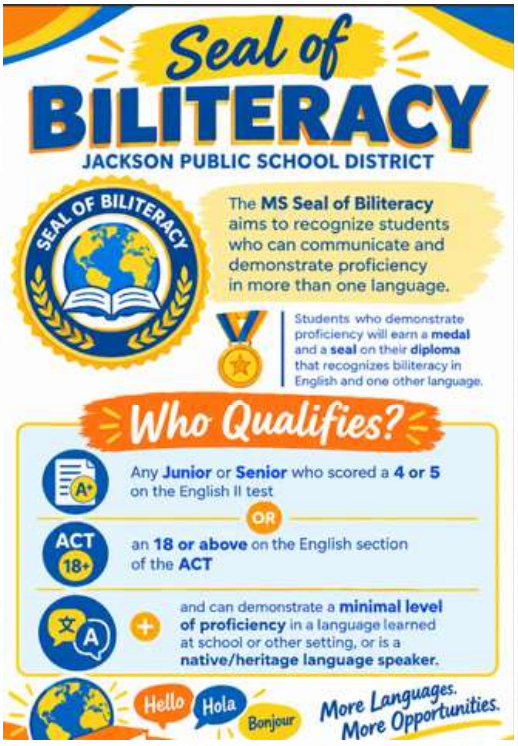
Find Your Perfect Fit!

Thursday, October 29, 2026
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Kirksey Middle School,
5677 Highland Dr, Jackson, MS 39206

FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS

- Art
- Games
- Student Talent
- Jazz
- Testimonials



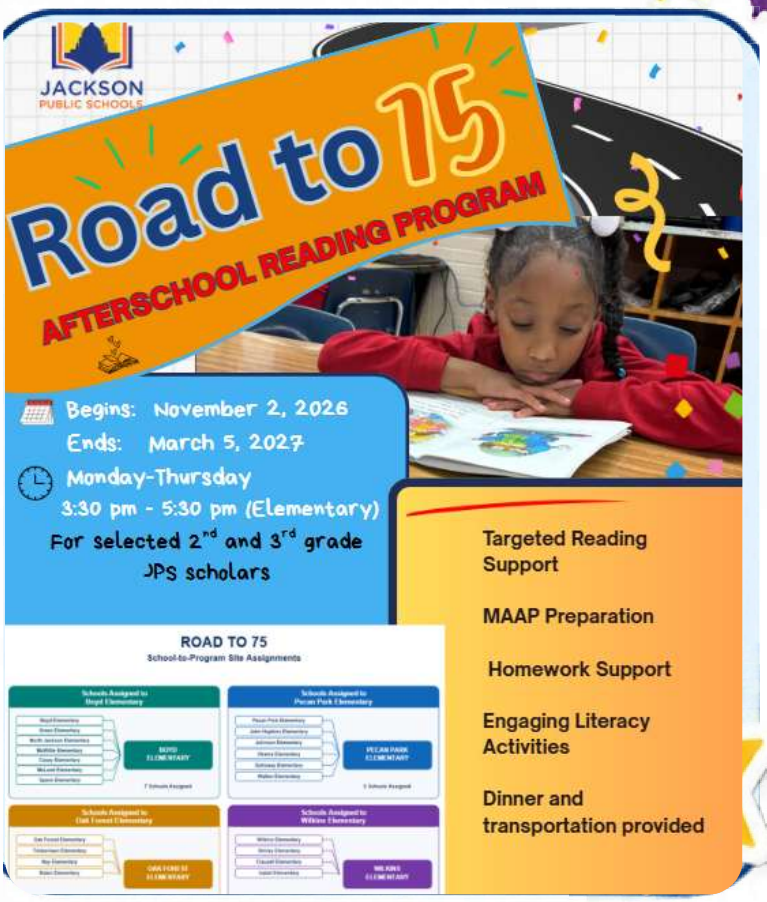
FEATURE

Road to 75

Starting November 2, 2026

Road to 75 is a district initiative designed to support the literacy growth of selected second- and third-grade literacy scholars.

Through targeted support, additional practice opportunities, and focused instructional resources, this initiative helps scholars strengthen key literacy skills and build confidence as readers and writers.



UPDATE

Special Programs Applications

Families interested in applying for special programs opportunities are encouraged to stay informed about upcoming dates and information.

Details about program offerings and the application process will be shared once they become available.

Opening date: October 26, 2026



Defined Learning in Action: Exploring Mississippi, One Stop at a Time



Bailey APAC Middle School
Ms. Rose Wright's Class

Learning came to life in Ms. Rose Wright's classroom as eighth grade scholars took on the challenge of planning a trip across Mississippi! Through Defined Learning, students created travel itineraries, explored destinations throughout the state, and used an oversized Mississippi map to bring their plans to life.

This engaging, hands-on experience encouraged scholars to apply geographic knowledge, collaborate with classmates, think critically, and communicate their ideas. From the classroom to destinations across Mississippi, these scholars are discovering that learning has no boundaries!

PROJECT BASED LEARNING @ BAILEY APAC MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank you for going above and beyond, for believing in our students, and for inspiring a love of learning in every classroom.

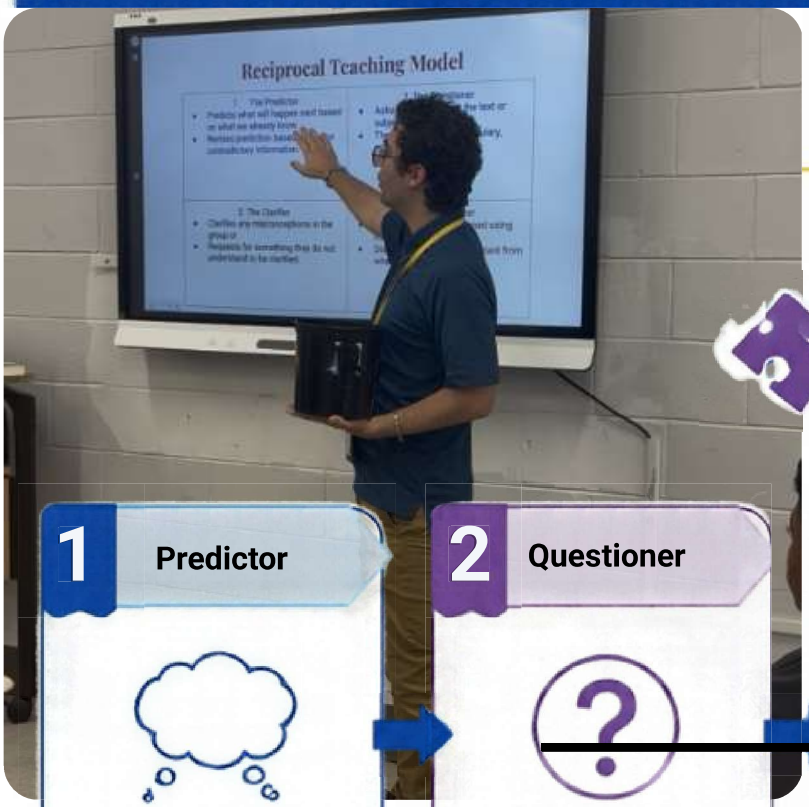
Our educators are at the heart of everything we do. Your dedication makes a lasting difference in the lives of our students every day.

You are appreciated, Mrs. Rose Wright!
~ Bailey APAC Social Studies teacher

DEFINED LEARNING IN ACTION | BAILEY APAC



Reciprocal Teaching in Action





1 Predictor

Think about what might come next.

2 Questioner

Ask questions to guide understanding.

3 Clarifier

Identify what is unclear and seek clarification.

4 Summarizer

Summarize the key ideas in your own words.

Student Led Prompts

1. What do you predict this text will be about?
2. What question should we ask?
3. What needs clarification?
4. How would you summarize this section?

Reciprocal Teaching in Action at Murrah High School

Ninth-grade scholars in Mr. McElroy's APAC English I classroom began their reciprocal teaching journey with the introduction of Solito by Javier Zamora.

Through predicting, questioning, clarifying, and summarizing, students engaged in meaningful discussions while strengthening their reading comprehension, critical thinking, and collaboration skills.

This student-centered approach encourages scholars to take ownership of their learning while building confidence as independent readers.

Reciprocal Teaching works best when learners share responsibility through meaningful discussions, thoughtful questioning, clarification, and summarization as they work collaboratively to deepen understanding while creating a more engaging learning experience.

Upcoming Dates

OCTOBER 21 — **October 21** AP Awards Ceremony @ Murrah @ 6pm

OCTOBER 22 — **October 22 –** Seal of Biliteracy @ Jim Hill High School

OCTOBER 29 — **October 29 –** 5th Annual Special Programs Fair

NOVEMBER 2 — **November 2-** Road to 75 begins

NOVEMBER 3 — **November 3 –** Coordinators virtual meeting, 2–3 p.m.

NOVEMBER 13 — **November 13 –** 100% PD Day
November 13-15 National Folk Festival



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Together, we're building a brighter future for every student in Jackson Public Schools.