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2026-27 SPECIAL PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

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Schools by Grade Level

Elementary Schools

Casey Elementary School
(Pre-K - 5th grades)
2101 Lake Circle
Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 987-3510

Barack Obama Elementary School
(Pre-K - 5th grades)
7020 Hwy 49 North
Jackson, MS 39213
(601) 960-5334

McWillie Elementary School
(Pre-K3 - 5th grades)
4851 McWillie Circle
Jackson, MS 39206
(601) 987-3709

Green Elementary School
(Pre-K - 5th grades)
1610 Forest Avenue
Jackson, MS 39206
(601) 987-3519

Middle Schools

Bailey APAC Middle School
(4th - 8th grades)
1900 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39202
(601) 230-1548

Northwest IB Middle School
(6th - 8th grades)
7020 Hwy 49 North
Jackson, MS 39213
(601) 987-3609

High Schools and Early College

Forest Hill High School
(9th - 12th grades)
2607 Raymond Road
Jackson, MS 39212
(601) 371-4313

Murrah High School
(9th - 12th grades)
1400 Murrah Drive
Jackson, MS 39202
(601) 960-5380

Jim Hill High School
(9th - 12th grades)
2185 Coach Fred Harris Street
Jackson, MS 39204
(601) 960-5354

Jackson Middle College
(11th - 12th grades)
JSU CSET Building, 1400 Lynch Street
Jackson, MS 39217
(601) 960-8791

Jackson Tougaloo Early College High School
(9th - 12th grades)
500 West County Line Road
Jackson, MS 39174
(601) 977-6160

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No matter what your child's academic goals and future interests are, you can find a perfect fit in one of our unique and competitive Advanced Academic programs. With specialized elementary, middle, and high school pathways across Jackson Public Schools, you can always discover a program designed to unlock your child's full potential!

Prospective parents,

Your commitment to finding the best educational environment for your child is commendable. Choosing the right school and academic program is a significant decision and an exciting journey.

I am Dr. Anthony Moore, and I have the privilege of serving our community as the Executive Director of the Jackson Public Schools Office of Advanced Academics. As parents, we have the critical task of selecting educational pathways that not only meet the unique learning needs of our children, but also enable them to cultivate their deep-seated passions, analytical talents, and creative abilities. At JPS, we firmly believe that every scholar deserves a rigorous learning foundation that pairs high expectations with highly qualified, supportive educators in a safe, nurturing environment. Our scholars consistently show the creativity, perseverance, and determination required to succeed when backed by the unwavering encouragement of their families, teachers, and school leaders.

Our Advanced Academics division has a proud tradition of offering specialized pathways designed to challenge high-performing students to achieve their absolute best. Every specialized advanced program is engineered to help your child build a successful academic "tool kit" for their future. Within our advanced academic portfolio, we offer rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) coursework, the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, intensive Creative and Performing Arts, innovative Arts Integration, child-centered Montessori learning, and immersive Early College and collegiate Dual Enrollment pathways.

Every child has his or her own path to success, and our mission is to ensure they find the perfect fit to build a successful "tool kit" for their future. I invite you to explore our advanced academic offerings and find the community where your scholar will truly thrive. We cannot wait to see what your child will achieve!

- Dr. Anthony Moore

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Advanced Academics Director







Dr. Anthony Moore

Advanced Academics Director

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Maisie Jones
Student Alum

I am a proud 2020 graduate of Murrah High School. I was a participant in Montessori at Van Winkle Elementary School, Gifted and APAC at Power APAC, Bailey, International Baccalaureate at Jim Hill, and APAC at Murrah. I am a summa cum laude political science graduate of Jackson State University. I was the university's first ever Truman Scholarship Recipient and is currently a Legal Defense Fund Marshall-Motley scholar and attends Mississippi College School of Law. I have plans to become a civil rights attorney with a special focus on post conviction litigation and/ or heirs' property. Jackson Public Schools' special programs have played a vital role in shaping my success by engraining me with creative and critical thinking skills, nurtured my confidence, and showed me how me to become a productive, motivated, and organized student.
- Maisie Jones

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Student Alum

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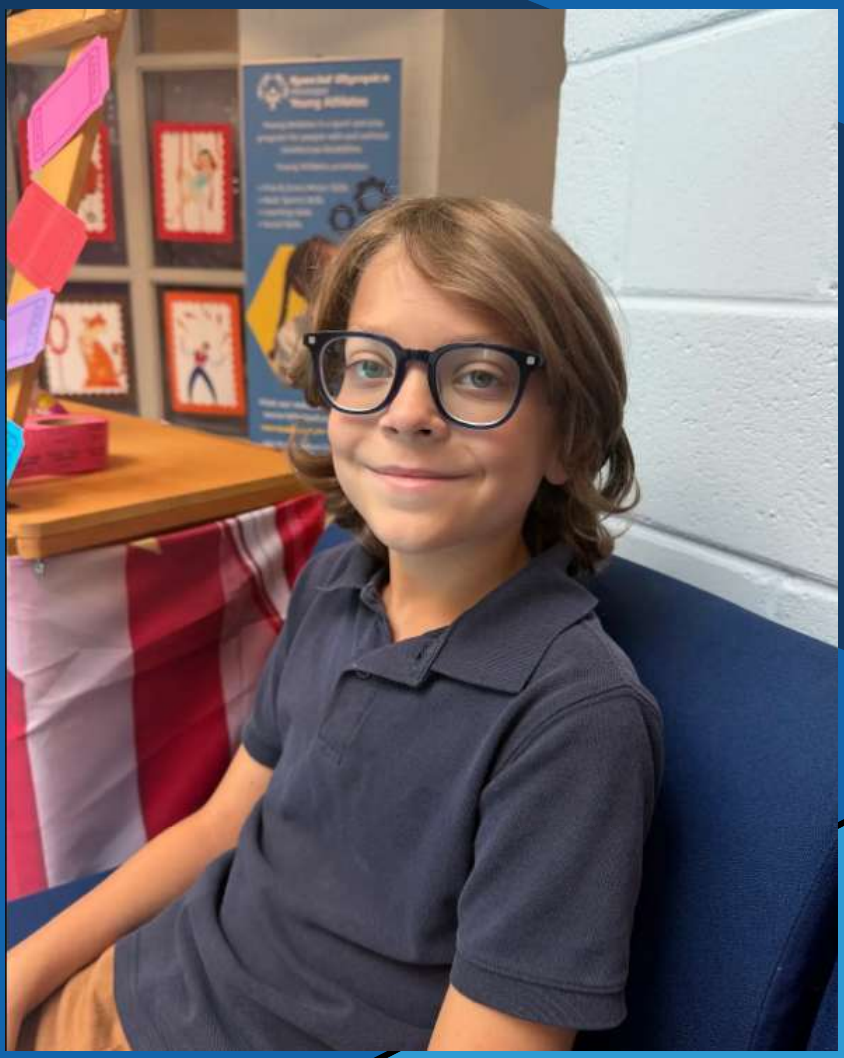
Morgan McCoy
Murrah High School

APAC is a great opportunity because it allows students to work with people just like them. I also like APAC because it challenges me to work harder and push myself, as well as preparing me for college and giving me skills that I can use in the future.
- Morgan McCoy, Grade 11, Murrah High School

SPECIAL PROGRAMS Student

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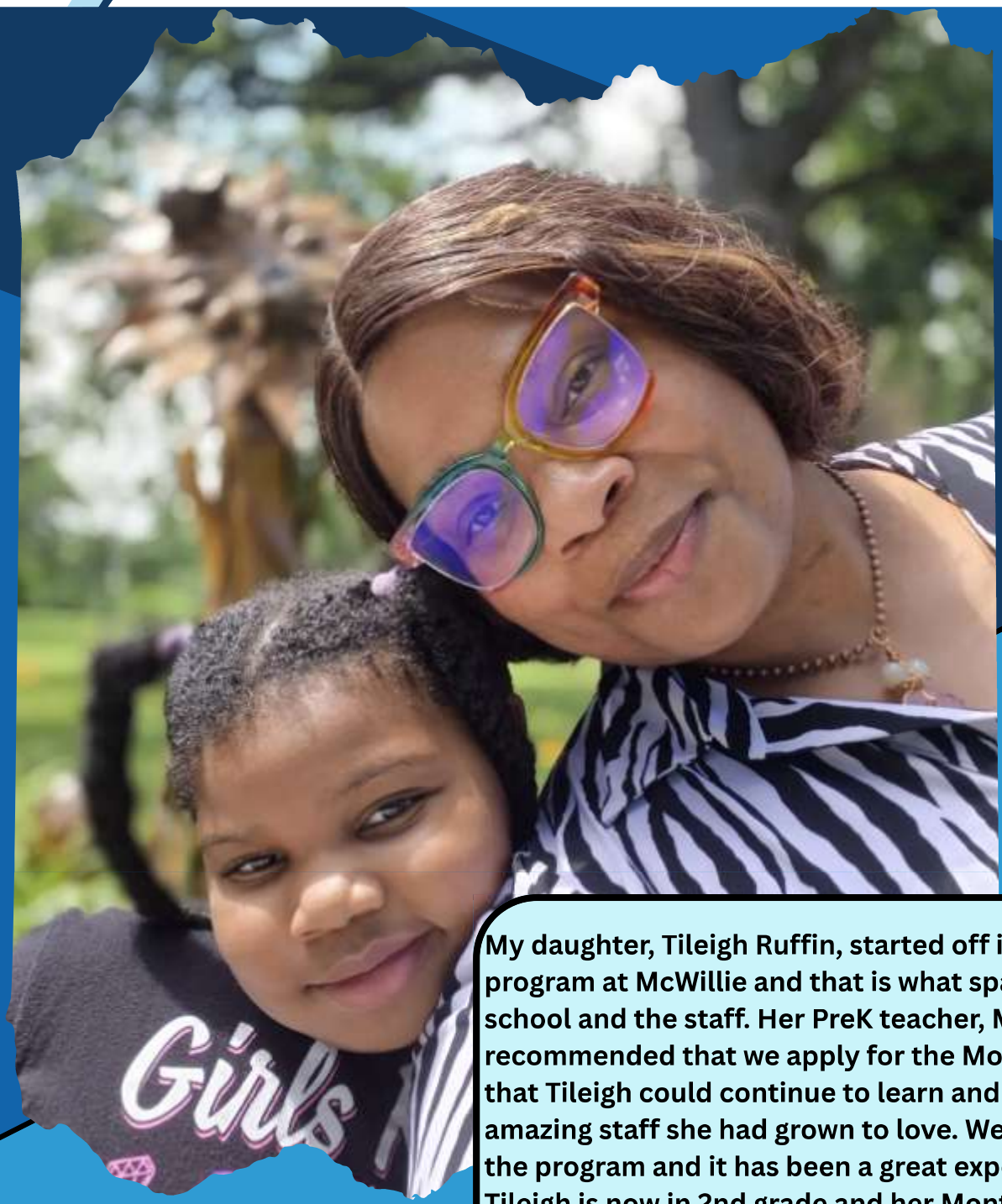
Roland Johnson
McWillie Elementary School

When I was in M3-6 with Ms. King, my favorite work was Long Chain, which has helped me now that I'm in 3rd grade because I understand how numbers are connected. I enjoy independent work cycle because I've learned over the years how to think for myself and behave. My teachers trust me, which is cool. I think all kids should do Montessori!
-Roland Johnson, 3rd Grade

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Student

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My daughter, Tileigh Ruffin, started off in the PreK JPS program at McWillie and that is what sparked our love for the school and the staff. Her PreK teacher, Mrs. Adams, recommended that we apply for the Montessori program so that Tileigh could continue to learn and grow along side the amazing staff she had grown to love. We were accepted into the program and it has been a great experience for us so far. Tileigh is now in 2nd grade and her Montessori experience has expanded her social and academic skills. The open communication between parents and staff help tremendously with the development of the children.
-Shamsie Ruffin, mother of Tileigh Ruffin, 2nd Grade

Shamsie Ruffin
McWillie Elementary School

SPECIAL PROGRAMS Parent

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At Jim Hill, living the IB mission isn't just about academic rigor, it's about opening doors for our scholars to see themselves as active, compassionate participants in a global community. Every inquiry, service project, and creative showcase builds the critical thinking skills they need to lead with purpose.
- Felicia Jennings-Wolfe

Felicia Jennings-Wolfe
Jim Hill High School

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Coordinator

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JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School is more than a high school—it is a launchpad for scholars who are ready to discover their potential and prepare for their future. Our scholars have the unique opportunity to earn college credit while completing high school, experience life on a college campus, and participate in meaningful leadership, service, and enrichment opportunities. What truly sets JTECHS apart is the personalized support our scholars receive as they grow academically, socially, and personally. If your student is motivated, curious, and ready to challenge themselves, JTECHS provides the environment, relationships, and opportunities to help them thrive. We invite families to take the first step toward an extraordinary high school and college experience with us!”



Precious Thurman
JPS- JTECHS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS Coordinator

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Jewel Jackson
Forest Hill High School



Forest Hill's Academic and Performing Arts program is a place where scholars are encouraged to discover their strengths, challenge themselves academically, and boldly express their creativity. Our goal is to provide experiences that extend beyond the classroom and help students recognize the possibilities available to them. We are proud to create a space where talent is nurtured, achievement is celebrated, and every scholar has the opportunity to shine.
— Jewel Jackson

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Assistant Principal

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Over the years I have had the pleasure of watching APAC scholars leave Murrah exceptionally well prepared for selective colleges, competitive scholarships, and, eventually, rewarding careers. When our students come back to visit, we hear again and again that they were the strongest students in their college classes. Long after graduation, even from afar, the APAC family continues to stay connected and give back to their community.

- Tarasa Brierly-Harp, Murrah High School



Tarasa Brierly
APAC ELA Teacher
Murrah High School

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Teacher

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Working as a Mathematics Specialist at Jackson Middle College has been one of the most rewarding chapters of my career. I am living my dream of working with scholars who love mathematics and want to be mathematics teachers in the future. The challenging part is supporting scholars through the critical transition into higher-level coursework, which requires a balance of high expectations and relentless encouragement. -Ken Dajon

Ken Dajon
Math Teacher
Jackson Middle College

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Teacher

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At Obama Magnet School, we want every scholar to see learning as an opportunity to explore, create, lead, and make a difference. Our goal is to pair academic excellence with experiences that help children become confident, compassionate, global citizens.

Stephanie Wilson
Barack Obama Elementary School

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Principal

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Casey Elementary School

"where the arts make us smart."

Casey Elementary

Pre-K - 5th Grade

MS Whole School-Arts Integrated

Casey Elementary School has been an Arts Access school for nearly 20 years. In 1999, Casey became the first school in the Jackson Public School District to become a Whole School Model. The Whole Schools Initiative is a school improvement effort promoted by the Mississippi Arts Commission to incorporate the arts fully into all aspects of a school's curriculum.





At Casey Elementary, the arts are not an "extra." They are part of how scholars learn. Through music, dance, theatre, visual arts, and media arts, our scholars build academic knowledge while developing creativity, confidence, communication, and problem-solving skills.

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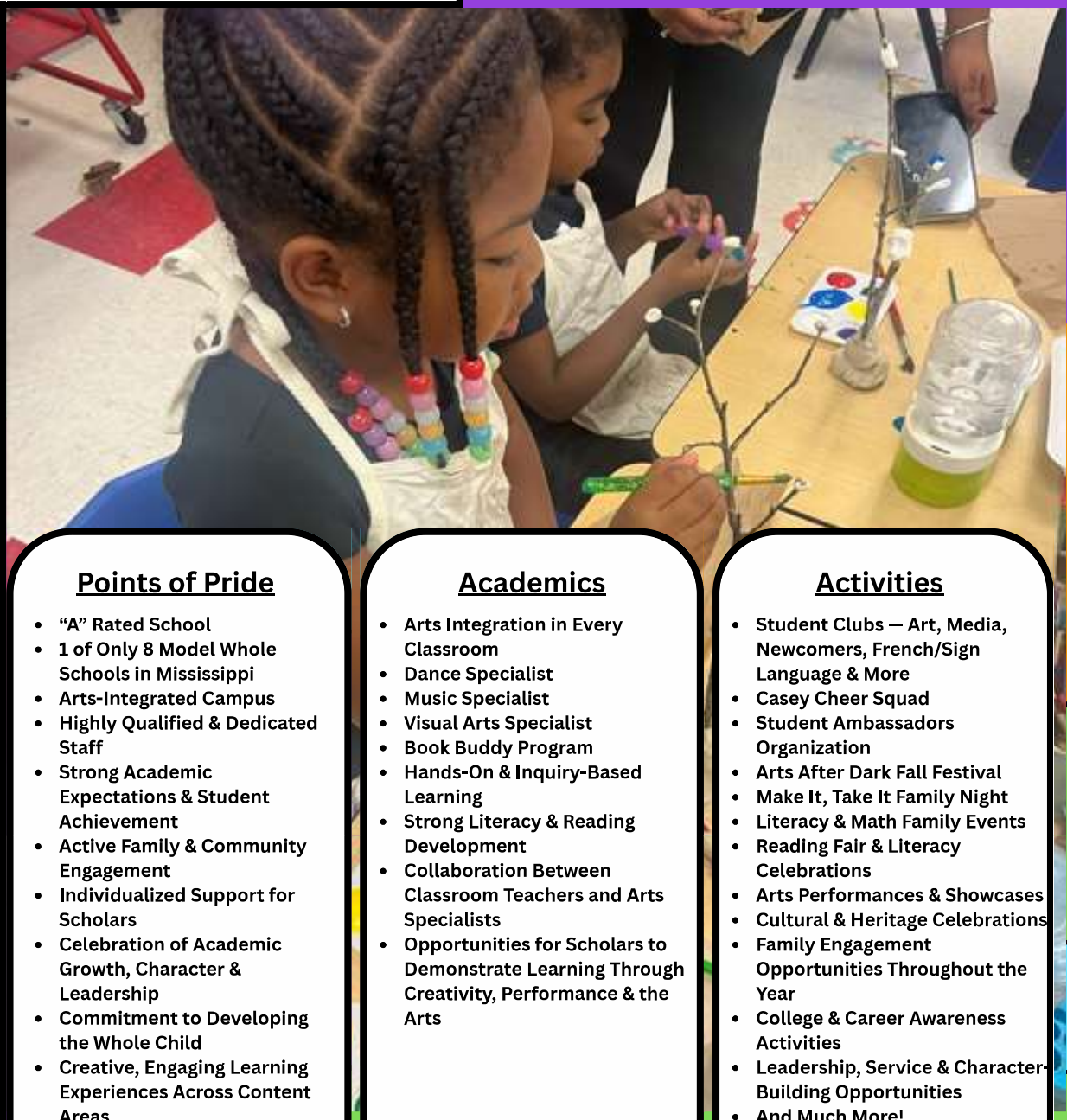
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Casey Elementary School

Casey Elementary

Pre-K - 5th Grade

MS Whole School-Arts Integrated



Points of Pride

- "A" Rated School
- 1 of Only 8 Model Whole Schools in Mississippi
- Arts-Integrated Campus
- Highly Qualified & Dedicated Staff
- Strong Academic Expectations & Student Achievement
- Active Family & Community Engagement
- Individualized Support for Scholars
- Celebration of Academic Growth, Character & Leadership
- Commitment to Developing the Whole Child
- Creative, Engaging Learning Experiences Across Content Areas
- Focus on Literacy, Mathematics, Science & the Arts

Academics

- Arts Integration in Every Classroom
- Dance Specialist
- Music Specialist
- Visual Arts Specialist
- Book Buddy Program
- Hands-On & Inquiry-Based Learning
- Strong Literacy & Reading Development
- Collaboration Between Classroom Teachers and Arts Specialists
- Opportunities for Scholars to Demonstrate Learning Through Creativity, Performance & the Arts

Activities

- Student Clubs — Art, Media, Newcomers, French/Sign Language & More
- Casey Cheer Squad
- Student Ambassadors Organization
- Arts After Dark Fall Festival
- Make It, Take It Family Night
- Literacy & Math Family Events
- Reading Fair & Literacy Celebrations
- Arts Performances & Showcases
- Cultural & Heritage Celebrations
- Family Engagement Opportunities Throughout the Year
- College & Career Awareness Activities
- Leadership, Service & Character-Building Opportunities
- And Much More!

2101 Lake Circle, Jackson, MS 39211
(601) 987-3510

McWILLIE ELEMENTARY
Star School. Star Students.

McWillie Elementary

Pre-K3 - 5th Grade Montessori

Montessori education offers multi-aged classrooms with a strong emphasis on interactive, self-directed learning for pre-school and elementary children. At the heart of Montessori education is the emphasis on developing a child's sense of independence, responsibility, and respect for others. Each class includes students from more than one age group.





The McWillie Montessori Program has 3–6 year, 6–9 year, and 9–12 year classrooms. The McWillie site serves children throughout the school district in Pre-K3 through 5th grades.

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(601) 987-3709

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McWILLIE ELEMENTARY
Star School. Star Students.

McWillie Elementary

Pre-K3 - 5th Grade Montessori







Points of Pride

- A-Rated school for the last five years
- The state's only public Montessori school
- Scholars begin at 3-years-old in our Early Childhood Montessori program and learn the foundations required for later success in Montessori Elementary classrooms.
- Montessori emphasizes the principal of "follow the child" meaning that our teachers present lessons and introduce new concepts when the child shows readiness. This allows for an individualized path for all learners in the program.

Academics

- PTA National School of Excellence for the last four years
- Montessori teachers earn and maintain Montessori certification in addition to MDE-required teacher licensure.

Activities

- After-school clubs include: Performing Arts, Robotics, Cheer, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Girl Scouts, and Spanish.
- PTA and McWillie Watch Dog Dads host multiple workdays throughout the year for families and supporters to get involved.
- Dynamic field trips are integrated into units of study and include: Department of Defense STARBASE program, New Stage Theatre, Back 40 Pumpkin Patch, and local museums

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Obama Magnet
Elementary School

Barack Obama Elementary

(Pre-K - 5th) International Baccalaureate

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) offers scholars an inquiry-based, conceptual teaching and learning program of instruction that encourages scholars to make connections across subjects, investigate and question, and to develop as compassionate, global citizens.



The International Baccalaureate® Program (IB) is a transdisciplinary program of international education designed to foster the development of the whole child. It is a program of international education designed to help students develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills necessary to participate actively and responsibly in a changing world. The general objectives of the IB program are to provide students with a balanced education; to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility; to promote international understanding through shared academic experiences. Barack Obama Elementary school services scholars from Pre-K through 5th grade.

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7020 Hwy 49 North, Jackson, MS 39213
(601) 960-5334

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Obama Magnet
Eleme

Barack Obama Elementary

(Pre-K - 5th) International Baccalaureate



Points of Pride

- "A" rated school
- Magnet School has been and authorized IB PYP school since 2005 and has the distinction of being the only authorized IB PYP school in the state of Mississippi.
- Obama Magnet has continued to achieve and maintain an "A" state accountability rating which is supported through the inquiry-based instruction.
- Obama Magnet, since 2019, has remained in partnership with UMMC through Project REACH (Reaching Education and Changing Healthcare), in which graduate students in Health Sciences lead monthly lessons to enhance the teaching and learning of science concepts for our scholars.

Academics

- Strong STEAM and research opportunities - Scholars had many opportunities to apply Science concepts through hands-on research. At the 2025-26 JPS STEAM Expo and Science Fair, Obama Magnet students earned top three placements in multiple elementary divisions including 1st place in Botany and Biochemistry; 2nd place in Botany and Medicine & Health along with placements in other categories.
- 5th Grade Exhibition research project is a culminating learning experience all 5th grade scholars. Scholars brainstorm a relevant topic or issue and create their IB Unit of Inquiry through research and present their findings to the school community.
- Learning beyond the traditional classroom experiences are offered through our People's Garden where scholars explore the concepts of conservation, sustainability, and environmental responsibility.

Activities

- Cheerleaders from 3rd - 5th grades
- The "Spark Notes" Choir
- Obama Student Ambassadors 3rd-5th
- Beta Club
- Bring your Parents to School Week with family activities each night
- Scholars and staff participated in the PTA Fitness Fun Run and the Blue Cross Blue Sheild Fun Run to promote balance/healthy lifestyles
- Annual Sneaker Ball
- Mother-Son Ball
- Father-Daughter Ball
- Valentine's Day Ball

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Green Elementary School

(Pre-K - 5th grades)

Green Elementary is a place where creativity meets achievement. We believe every scholar can learn, create, and shine. Through arts integration, we bring learning to life and use creativity to inspire academic excellence.





Green Elementary provides families with an arts-integrated educational option designed to help scholars discover their strengths in Pre-K through 5th grades.

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1610 Forest Avenue , Jackson, MS 39206
(601) 987-3519

Green Elementary School

Green Elementary School

(Pre-K - 5th grades)







Points of Pride

- Scholars experience academic learning through visual arts, music, movement, drama, and creative expression.
- Collaborative School Community where teachers, scholars, families, and community partners work together to support scholar success.

Academics

- Instruction is designed to meet scholars at their individual levels while providing opportunities for growth and academic success.
- Teachers incorporate visual arts, music, movement, and creative expression to deepen understanding of academic concepts.
- Scholars receive standards-based instruction in English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

Activities

- Art Hive (Arts Club)
- Hornet Buzz (Newspaper Club)
- Ballet Magnificent Performance
- Phantom Toll Booth Play
- Artist residencies and experiences with professional teaching artists

1610 Forest Avenue , Jackson, MS 39206
(601) 987-3519

Bailey APAC Middle School

Honor in Action, Excellence in Achievement
We are Bailey K.N.I.G.H.T.S.

Bailey APAC (4th - 8th)

Academic Performing Arts Complex

Bailey Academic and Performing Arts Complex (APAC) is open to students who are strong academic achievers and who show an aptitude for one or more of the visual or performing arts.



APAC academic courses are offered for grades 4th through 8th at Bailey APAC Middle School. Transportation is provided to all students admitted to the program.



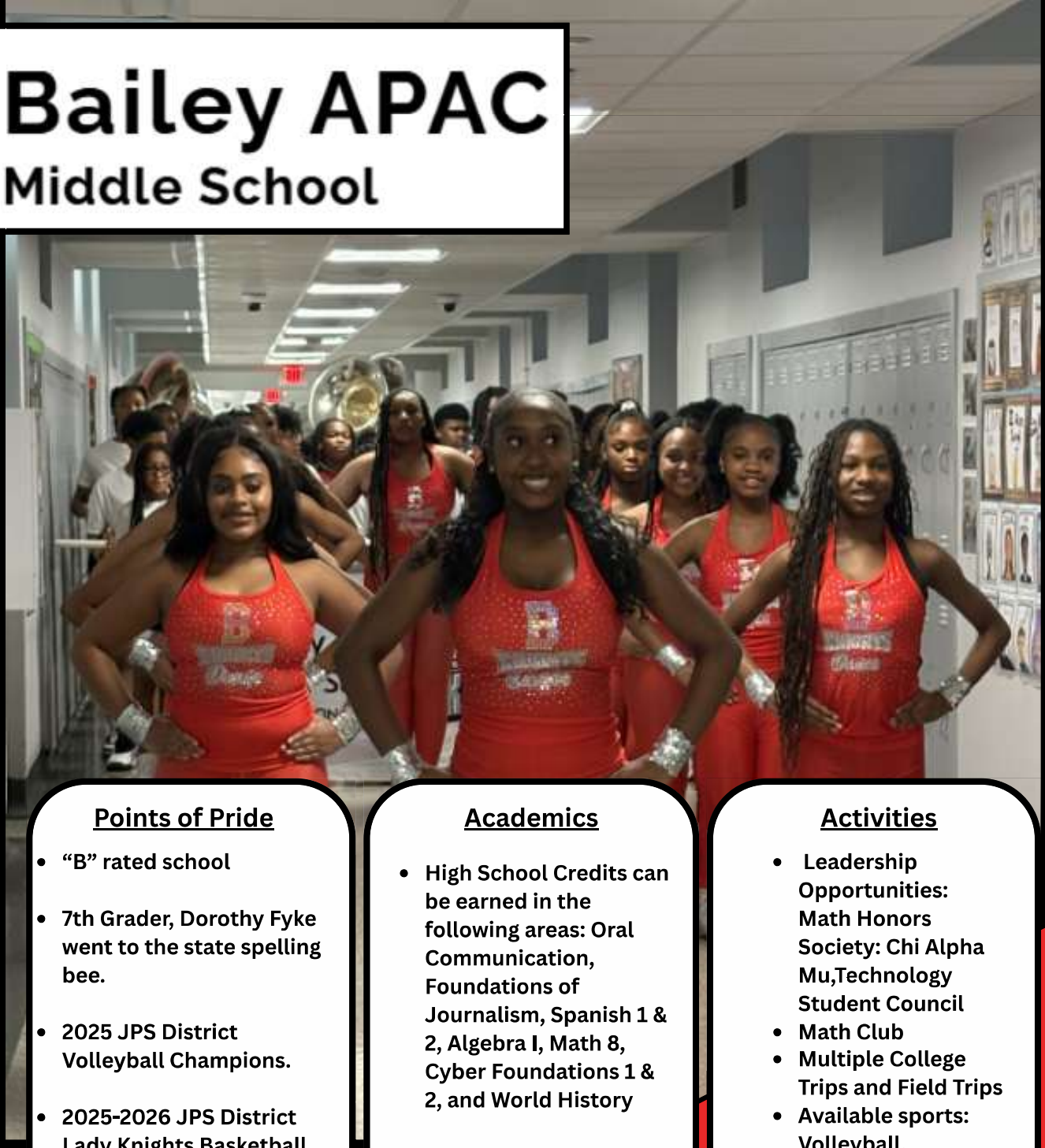
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(601) 960-5343

Bailey APAC
Middle School

Bailey APAC (4th - 8th)

Academic Performing Arts Complex



Points of Pride

- "B" rated school
- 7th Grader, Dorothy Fyke went to the state spelling bee.
- 2025 JPS District Volleyball Champions.
- 2025-2026 JPS District Lady Knights Basketball Champions.
- 4th & 5th Grade added to Bailey.
- Top rated 7th grade math teacher.

Academics

- High School Credits can be earned in the following areas: Oral Communication, Foundations of Journalism, Spanish 1 & 2, Algebra I, Math 8, Cyber Foundations 1 & 2, and World History

Activities

- Leadership Opportunities: Math Honors Society: Chi Alpha Mu,Technology Student Council
- Math Club
- Multiple College Trips and Field Trips
- Available sports: Volleyball, Basketball, Football
- Cheer
- Drill Team
- Mini Cheer
- Debate Team
- Swimming Team
- Tennis
- National Junior Honor Society

1900 N State Street , Jackson, MS 39202
(601) 960-5343

Northwest Jackson Middle School

As an IB World Middle School, scholars experienced learning that extends beyond traditional content mastery. Through the IB Middle Years Programme, scholars engaged in inquiry-based and interdisciplinary learning, made connections between academic content and real-world issues, and developed the IB Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills of communication, research, thinking, self-management, and collaboration. These experiences provide scholars opportunities to investigate, create, reflect, and take greater ownership of their learning.



Northwest IB Middle School is one of Jackson Public Schools' seven middle schools and serves grades 6–8. It is particularly important within JPS because it is an International Baccalaureate World School offering the Middle Years Programme (MYP).

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Northwest Jackson

(6th - 8th grades) International Baccalaureate

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Northwest Jackson Middle School



Northwest Jackson

(6th - 8th grades) International Baccalaureate

Points of Pride

- "B"-Rated School
- MathNation Grand Champion
- District Summer Reading Champion

Academics

- Scholars demonstrated strong achievement across multiple MAAP-tested areas, with particular strengths in science, reading, and mathematics.
- Scholars engage in inquiry-based and interdisciplinary learning, made connections between academic content and real-world issues, and developed the IB Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills of communication, research, thinking, self-management, and collaboration.
- Targeted Learning Strategies and Support for the Promising 25%

Activities

- Vast award-winning athletic program
- Schoolwide community service program
- Annual International Festival
- Cheerleading
- Drill
- Band
- Choir
- Student Council
- Theatre program w/Amiable Arts
- National Jr. Honor Society

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(601) 987-3609

Murrah High School

Murrah High School

Academic Performing Arts Complex (9th - 12th grade)

The Academic and Performing Arts Complex (APAC) is open to students who are strong academic achievers and who show an aptitude for one or more of the visual or performing arts.



The academic division is a challenging program of study in language arts, math, science, and social studies that accelerates students in order to prepare them for college coursework (Advanced Placement) in their final years of high school.

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(601) 960-5380

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Murrah High School

Murrah High School

Academic Performing Arts Complex (9th - 12th grade)



Points of Pride

- "B" rated school
- Last year, 22 APAC scholars earned AP Scholar designation, while nine scholars earned AP scholar with either Distinction or Honors.
- Two scholars earned the College Board's highest designation, AP Capstone Diploma, while four scholars earned AP Seminar and Research certificates.
- Over 40% of APAC 10th grade scholars eared and Advanced score on the MAAP test, with over 70% showing growth from 8th grade.

Academics

- Murrah's APAC program prepares scholars for competitive college and workplace environments through critical thinking, meta-cognition, and a Pre-AP/AP curriculum.
- APAC scholars in 11th and 12th grade have access to multiple AP Courses taught by College Board certified teachers, the BASE Pair program at UMC.

Activities

- Murrah scholars have access to dozens of sports and clubs, including recent additions such as Flag Football and Drama Club.
- Many APAC scholars participate in one of three Journalism publications: newspaper, literary magazine, and yearbook.
- APAC scholars have the option of attending Wells APAC for the arts or participating in arts opportunities at Murrah.

1400 Murrah Drive, Jackson, MS 39202
(601) 960-5380

Forest Hill High School

Forest Hill High School's Academic and Performing Arts Complex (APAC) provides students with a unique educational experience that combines academic excellence, artistic development, and college and career preparation.



Forest Hill APAC offers scholars specialized opportunities in dance, theatre, music, and visual arts while maintaining a strong academic foundation.

Forest Hill

Academic Performing Arts Complex

(9th - 12th grades)

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(601) 371-4313

Forest Hill High School



Forest Hill

Academic Performing Arts Complex

(9th - 12th grades)

Points of Pride

- Academic & Performing Arts Excellence: APAC uniquely combines rigorous academics with specialized instruction in visual arts, theatre, and dance.
- College & Career Ready: Students receive focused ACT preparation, academic enrichment, and opportunities designed to prepare them for success beyond high school.
- Developing the Whole Scholar: APAC students build leadership, confidence, creativity, discipline, and collaboration through performances, showcases, and authentic learning experiences.

Academics

- Integration of Academics and the Performing Arts
- Students have opportunities to develop their talents in areas such as music, dance, theatre, and visual arts while completing a rigorous academic program. This combination allows students to strengthen creativity, communication, collaboration, discipline, and critical-thinking skills while remaining focused on academic achievement.
- Increased Focus on College and Career Readiness
- Students participate in targeted academic supports designed to strengthen ACT performance, literacy, mathematics, and overall college and career readiness. Through structured intervention, progress monitoring, and enrichment opportunities, students receive additional support based on their individual academic needs.
- Opportunities for Students to Learn and Perform Beyond the Traditional Classroom
- APAC students are provided authentic opportunities to perform, showcase their talents, collaborate with peers, and apply classroom learning in real-world settings. These experiences build confidence and leadership while helping students recognize how their academic knowledge and artistic talents can translate into future college, career, and performance opportunities.

Activities

- Performances & Showcases: Students participate in concerts, theatrical productions, dance performances, art showcases, and other school and community events that allow them to demonstrate their talents.
- Award Winning Marching Band
- Cheerleading
- Modeling Squad
- Choir
- Student Council
- Sounds of Funk Drumline
- National Honor Society
- Hands-On Arts Experiences: Students engage in creative, project-based learning through music, theatre, dance, and visual arts, developing both technical skills and real-world performance experience.
- Field Trips & Enrichment Opportunities: Students participate in educational field trips, college visits, performances, workshops, and other experiences that expose them to opportunities beyond the traditional classroom.
- Community Engagement & Service: APAC students use their talents to support school and community programs, developing leadership, service, and civic responsibility.
- Schoolwide Events & Leadership: Students are active participants in assemblies, celebrations, special programs, competitions, and other events that showcase Patriot pride and strengthen the Forest Hill community.

2607 Raymond Road, Jackson, MS 39212
(601) 371-4313

Jim Hill High School

(9th - 12th grades) International Baccalaureate

Jim Hill
High School

Jim Hill International Baccalaureate program provides students with an internationally recognized curriculum focused on critical thinking, inquiry-based learning, and global perspectives across core subjects.



Jim Hill culminates the high school pathway of JPS's K–12 International Baccalaureate continuum, building upon the IB foundation established at Obama Magnet Elementary and Northwest Jackson Middle School. Through rigorous coursework, research, service, and leadership experiences, scholars are prepared for success in college, careers, and an increasingly interconnected world.

Find Your Perfect Fit!

2185 Coach Fred Harris Street, Jackson, MS 39204
(601) 960-5354

Jim Hill High School

(9th - 12th grades) International Baccalaureate



Points of Pride

- An authorized IB World School since 1993.
- Home to the oldest and only primarily African American IB World School in the state of Mississippi and one of only two in the state.
- Operates as a "schoo-within-a-school" model where every scholar, regardless of background, has full opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive through the International Baccalaureate framework.
- Empowers scholars to develop critical thinking, inter-cultural awareness, and leadership skills that prepare them for local impact and global leadership.
- Fosters an environment where academic rigor meets character development, creating well-rounded leaders who are prepared to excel in higher education and beyond.

Academics

- 100% Engagement in Community Service: Every IB scholar actively engages in meaningful community service through the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) framework, directly impacting our school and local community.
- High-Level College Preparation: Our IB scholars consistently maintain high participation and retention in advanced coursework, building a competitive, college-preparatory culture within our school.
- Academic Growth & Progress: Scholars demonstrated notable academic growth and resilience across core IB subject assessments, continuing to build critical subject-area mastery.

Activities

- Senior Living Black History Program: As part of their CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) commitments, students visited The Pearl Apartments senior living facility to present a special Black History Month program for the residents.
- International Festival Field Trip: Traveled to Mobile, Alabama for the International Festival centered on the theme "Music from Around the World," connecting global cultural perspectives with interdisciplinary learning.
- MYP Personal Projects: Students successfully completed independent, inquiry-based MYP Personal Projects that allowed them to explore personal interests, apply Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills, and present their work to the community.

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JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School

JPS Tougaloo Early College High School

(9th - 12th grades) Early College

Jackson Public Schools established the JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School (JTECHS) Program in partnership with Tougaloo College with the inaugural class beginning in August of 2018. The program operates as a small, independent program on the Tougaloo College campus. Students in the program complete Mississippi graduation requirements for high school while working on college coursework. Students may earn an associate's degree or up to two years of credits towards a bachelor's degree.



JTECHS operates in partnership with Tougaloo College where scholars experience college life while completing high school and college coursework. This creates opportunities for students to interact with college faculty, participate in campus activities, and develop the independence and skills needed for postsecondary success.

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Points of Pride

- JTECHS was recognized by the Mississippi Department of Education as a School of Innovation, with JPS receiving an official state banner recognizing the program's innovative early-college model.
- JTECHS earned 1st place at the statewide Magnolia Bar Association Mock Trial Competition with two teams advancing to the championship round. One scholar was named Top Attorney and received a $1,100 scholarship and another earned Third-Place Top Attorney and a $600 scholarship.
- JTECHS operates in partnership with Tougaloo College which allows scholars to experience opportunities to interact with college faculty, participate in campus activities, and develop the independence and skills needed for postsecondary success.
- JTECHS scholars have access to Brown University's Pre-College opportunities through the Brown-Tougaloo Partnership, including full financial support for admitted participants.

Academics

- The Class of 2026 produced the largest cohort of JTECHS scholars to earn associate degrees, with 31 scholars reaching this milestone while also earning their high school diplomas.
- Scholars were offered AP courses for the first time in our program. 98% of scholars earned a 3 or better on the AP exam.
- The average ACT score for the JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School Program is 21.

Activities

- JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School offers scholars a well-rounded experience that extends learning beyond the classroom. Students participate in leadership organizations, STEAM activities, community service, PBIS events, and other school-based enrichment opportunities.
- Through its partnership with Tougaloo College, scholars benefit from authentic college-campus experiences while completing high school and college coursework. While students can participate in clubs/organizations at their zoned high schools, JTECHS offers the following clubs/organizations: SGA, Mock Trial, Crochet Club, Chess Club, Anime Club, Art Club, Drama Club, Tougaloo College Cheer and Dance Team, and Craft Club.
- Students are provided with hands-on learning such as dissecting pigs, incubating chicken eggs, and utilizing baking skills in Chemistry courses to increase their knowledge.

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JPS Office of Advanced Academics

Jackson Middle College

The Jackson Middle College High School program is JPS' newest Advanced Academic program. This program features a partnership with Jackson State University to establish a "Grow-Your-Own" Mathematics Educator development component, allowing scholars to complete the first two years of college while in high school (tuition-free). The Middle College is for highly motivated, disciplined, rising 11th-grade scholars interested in Mathematics. JMC scholars will work to meet all teacher licensure requirements before returning to teach for JPS for a minimum of three years.



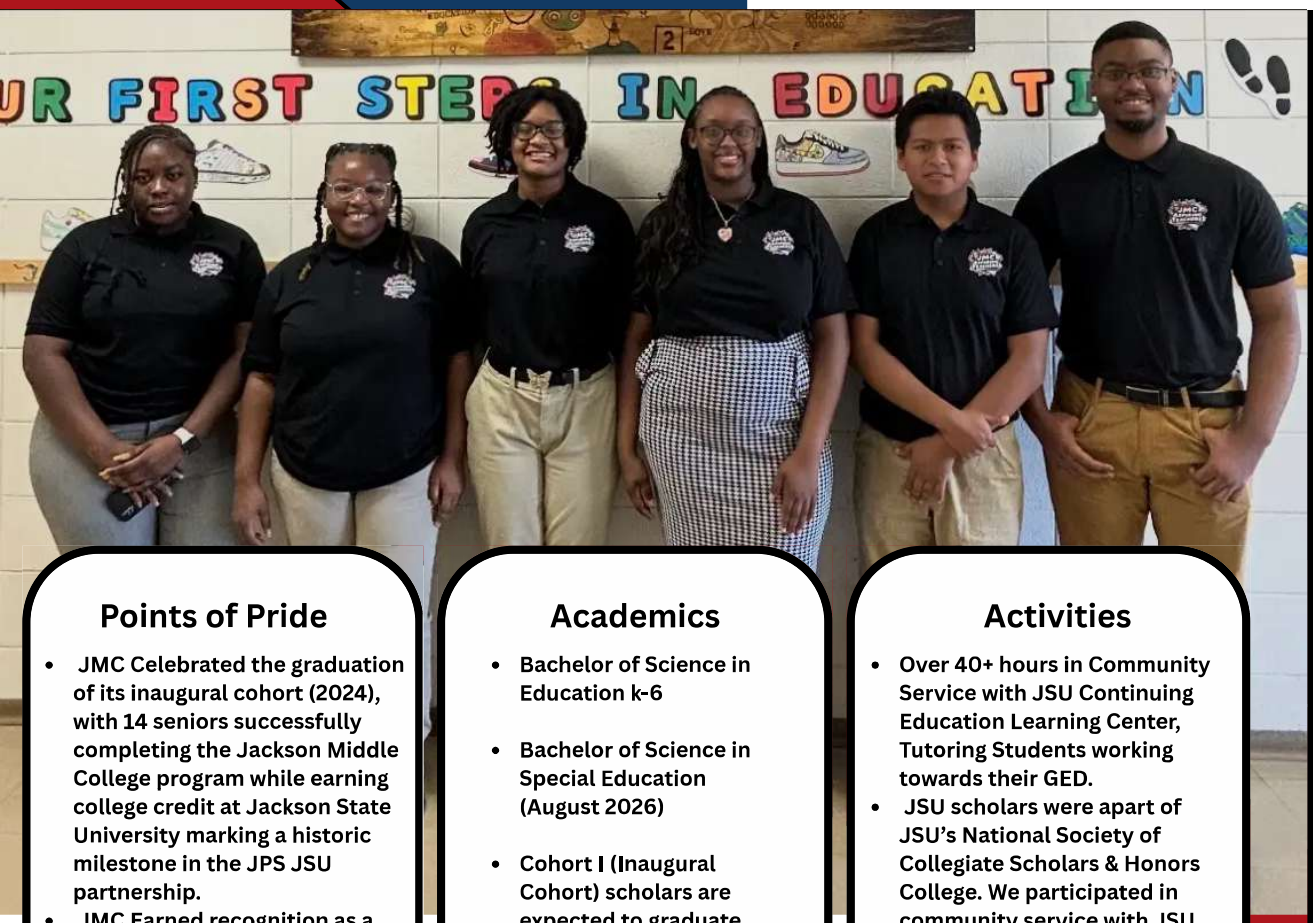
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Jackson Middle College

(11th -12th grade) Early College

Jackson Middle College



Points of Pride

- JMC Celebrated the graduation of its inaugural cohort (2024), with 14 seniors successfully completing the Jackson Middle College program while earning college credit at Jackson State University marking a historic milestone in the JPS JSU partnership.
- JMC Earned recognition as a Mississippi Department of Education "School of Innovation" (2026), reaffirming the program's innovative dual-enrollment model that allows scholars to earn a high school diploma while progressing toward a college degree through Jackson State University.
- Recognized scholars for exceptional academic achievement, including a student earning a perfect 36 ACT score from Cohort I, along with honors for top academic performance and the program's prestigious recognition of students receiving scholarships, leadership, and service.

Academics

- Bachelor of Science in Education k-6
- Bachelor of Science in Special Education (August 2026)
- Cohort I (Inaugural Cohort) scholars are expected to graduate from JSU in May (2027)

Activities

- Over 40+ hours in Community Service with JSU Continuing Education Learning Center, Tutoring Students working towards their GED.
- JSU scholars were apart of JSU's National Society of Collegiate Scholars & Honors College. We participated in community service with JSU. Such as the crop drop .
- Field Trips: We went to Educators Rising State and National Conferences to compete!
- JMC Scholars were on the Jackson State University Deans and Presidents list, giving us the opportunity to participate in Honors Convocation/ Awards Ceremony
- Projects: Teddy Bear Drive, Donated 120+ Teddy Bears to Bataan's Children Hospital

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Wells Performing Arts Complex

(4th - 12th grade)

Theatre, Visual Arts, Music, Dance

Wells
Performing Arts Complex

Wells Performing Arts is a nationally recognized arts education program for grades 4-12, instructing scholars in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. Students showcase their work throughout the year, as well as participate and compete in festivals and competitions throughout the state, region, nation, and in international opportunities.



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JPS OFFICE OF ADVANCED ACADEMICS

Wells Performing Arts Complex

(4th - 12th grade)

Theatre, Visual Arts, Music, Dance



Points of Pride

- Wells visual arts has received the highest number of Scholastic Arts recognitions in the state of Mississippi for the last seven years in a row.
- Theatre students have participated in and rated superior scores at the International Theatre Festival over the past three years.
- Dance has created an original ballet over the past three years and supports new student voices in their annual Choreoproject of original student work.
- Millsaps College Middle & High School Art Competition — Wells students participated in the 2026 juried exhibition and earned multiple first-, second-, third-place and honorable-mention recognitions.
- Chimneyville Young Artisans Exhibition — Wells students have exhibited work and earned awards, including first place and People's Choice recognition.

Academics

- Dance: Curriculum in ballet, jazz, modern dance, dance history, and composition
- Music: Consistently produces students with advanced levels of music theory and performance skills in vocal music, piano, and strings.
- Theatre: Collaborative learning environment with experiences in performance, theatrical design and production, technology, and playwriting.
- Visual Arts:All 4th - 12th grade scholars have artwork published.
- Arts career exposure — guest artists, recruiters, speakers, mentoring and arts-career experiences are incorporated into programming

Activities

- Theatre productions and showcases including Broadway Revues, Middle School Night of One Acts, musicals, plays, and other public performances.
- Mississippi Junior Thespian Conference. The middle school scholars have participated and earned recognition through Junior Thespian Troupe 88317.
- Mississippi Thespian Conference and International Thespian Festival. The Wells' high school theatre troupe has represented Mississippi at the international level, including with For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow Is Enuf.
- Visual arts competitions and exhibitions — students participate in local and national competitions, exhibitions, and the Scholastic Visual Art competition.
- Dance performances and projects — the Dance Department has produced live performances as well as video dance projects.
- Interdisciplinary arts performances — Theatre, Dance and Music students have collaborated on productions and special performances. For example, Wells students performed at Jackson's 2024 State of the City address.
- Community arts partnerships — Wells has maintained relationships with organizations including the International Ballet Competition, New Stage Theatre, Mississippi Children's Museum, Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Mississippi Opera and Mississippi Museum of Art.

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Special Programs Spaces Available by Elementary School and Grade for 2027-2028

School	PK3	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Casey (Pre-K - 5)		40	35	0	5	5	10	10							
McWillie (PK3-5)	40	5	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Obama (Pre-K - 5)		40	7	2	7	5	1	0							
Northwest (6-8)									125	41	44				
Bailey (4-8)							25	7	66	0	0				

Special Programs Spaces Available by Middle and High School and Grade for 2027-2028

School	PK 3	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Northwest (6-8)									125	41	44				
Bailey (4-8)							25	7	66	0	0				
Murrah (9-12)												60	100	100	100
Jim Hill (9-12)												125	125	125	0
Forest Hill (9-12) PAC (Theatre and Dance)												10	10	10	10
Forest Hill 9th grade Academics only												54	50		
JMC (11-12)														20	0
JTECHS (9-12)												50			
Wells PAC (4-12) (Dance, Music, Dance, and visual arts)							25	7	6	6	6	10	10	10	10
Wells PAC (Music- strings Only)							10	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0

Admission to Wells PAC is based on the number of students who successfully complete the audition process. Students must also be accepted into Bailey APAC or Murrah APAC.