

Can students carry a backpack?

Yes, students may bring a backpack to school. Trappers are no longer required. Students may take their backpacks to class with them, however we encourage students to utilize their lockers.

What do students wear for PE?

Students are required to wear athletic clothing that adheres to the dress code. Tennis shoes must be worn on the gym floor. These clothes should be locked in their PE locker.

What is the JMS dress code?

(Overview of Dress Code. See Student handbook for complete list)

Students are expected to be clean and neat in appearance and the clothing worn is expected to be appropriate to the school situation. The administration reserves the right to send home any student wearing clothing or accessories deemed inappropriate for the educational environment; time missed will be unexcused. Recurring violations of the dress code may result in disciplinary action.

What to wear to school:

Tops/Shirts—Wear tops that cover the shoulder completely, are long enough that a raised hand does not show any skin. Pants/shorts/skirts—Wear pants, shorts and skirts that extend beyond fingertips extended at the student's side and stay at the waist.

Shoes—Slippers are not permitted. Shoes without a back are allowed.

What not to wear to school: (This list is to be used as a guide and is not intended to be all inclusive.)

- Pants with holes or rips higher than fingertips extended at the student's side, or have excessive holes/rips, or that fall below the waist or expose clothing worn under them. No sagging.
- Head coverings of any kind; hats, combs, hair picks, rollers, sunglasses; are to be kept in lockers
- Clothing that has holes in inappropriate places
- Coats, hats and outerwear are to be kept in lockers during the school day. No hoods are to be worn up on heads in the school building.
- Other items not named on this list may also be restricted if they interrupt the educational process or pose a safety concern.

Can students have a cell phone at school?

Students' cell phones must be powered off and stored in their backpack during school. **Students are not allowed to have cellphones out at any time of the day while in the school building.** Cell phones that are out during any time of the school day (including passing periods, before/after school, and during lunch), will be turned into the office and the cell phone policy will be followed. (See student handbook for cell phone policy steps.)

What should students do if they have a question about their schedule?

Students can ask for a pass or permission to go to the main office before school, after school, or during lunch. They will be directed to counselors when available. Counselors may also be contacted by phone or email.

How much does school lunch cost?

School lunch will be free for all JMS students for the 23-24 school year. Additional items may be available for purchase.

What do students do when they get to school in the morning?

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When students enter the building in the morning they either need to go to the commons to eat breakfast or go to the gym to wait for dismissal. Once students are in the gym they will not be allowed to go back to the commons, so they will need to make that choice when they enter the building.

Where do I drop my student off in the morning?

Students should be dropped off on the west side of the building along Lincoln Ave. **heading north only.** This is for student safety. The circle drive in front of the school will open at 7:45 for parents to drop students off. Please pull **all the way up** to the marked spot to drop students off, do not stop right in front of the main doors or right at the crosswalk. There is no student drop off in the main parking lot or near the flagpole. Traffic will line up on Lincoln Ave., around Hoagland Blvd, and Sherwood Eddy Dr. Students must cross Lincoln Ave. at the crosswalk. This is for student safety. When exiting the circle drive, please only turn right/north. This helps keep the flow of traffic moving. Please do not block Morton Ave. See JMS Morning Drop Off Map below

What if my student is in Early Bird?

Early bird begins at 7:15. Doors will open at 7:00. Students should enter through the main office doors. Early bird classes will not begin until the first full week of school.

What do students do at the end of the day?

Announcements for dismissal of groups of students begin at 2:52 (on a regular schedule day). At that time, students who are walking or being picked up will exit the building out the main west doors towards Lincoln Ave. The circle drive in front of JMS will be closed to car traffic. This is for safety reasons. Students can be picked up along Lincoln Ave, Hoagland Blvd., and Sherwood Eddy Dr. Students must use the crosswalk to cross Lincoln Ave. Students who ride a bus wait for dismissal of their assigned bus, and exit out the east doors.

How do parents know what their students are doing in class?

Learning Calendars are available on the school website. Jms.jsd117.org Calendars are updated weekly and give an update of homework, assessments, projects, etc. Parent Skyward accounts will also show grades and missing assignments.

How do parents check their student's grades, discipline, etc.?

Login to Skyward Family Access. Login information and passwords can be reset by contacting the office.

What is leveling?

Every four weeks data is collected on student behavior and academics, etc.. Different incentives are in place based on this data. *See student handbook for more information.

Do students have an ID card?

Yes. Students will be given a student ID card. This card will have their leveling information on it. Students are encouraged to wear their ID's everyday. They must present their ID at sporting events, dances, to get a hall pass, etc. If lost, a replacement ID costs \$3, and can be purchased in the office.

Are students given an agenda?

Yes, all students are given an agenda at the beginning of the school year. Agendas are used for hall passes, daily planners, and include the student handbook.

