



Welcome to
Jones Middle School!

JMS Leadership Team

Lin Thornton, Principal

Lindsay Moore, Assistant Principal (6th grade)

Charmaine Grey, Assistant Principal (7th grade)

Stacy James, Assistant Principal (8th grade)

Dr. Felecia McClain-Sturdivant, Assistant Principal (Instructional Support)

Shena Manning, 6th Grade Counselor

Nathan Shope, 7th Grade Counselor

Ashley White, 8th Grade Counselor

JMS Counseling Department

JMS counselors provide the entire community, including students and staff with a safe and healthy environment. The work that we do is important for everyone's well-being.

We help students work on personal and interpersonal problems, teach social skills to improve peer relationships and provide other professional referrals when needed.

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JMS Counseling Department

- Goal: to assist students in their academic, social, emotional, and career development
- Mission: to create a warm, inviting, safe environment where all students feel welcomed and a sense of belonging.

Counselors meet with students in a variety of formats - individual, small group, and classroom settings. Counselors may meet with students based on student, parent, and/or teacher referrals. They also let parents know if a student's behavior presents a concern or if its just normal child behavior/development.

Day in the Life of a 6th Grader

- Student hours are 8:50AM- 4:00PM
- Early drop off is from 7:45AM-8:50AM–Study Hall in the Cafeteria
- Tutoring each morning by content area from 8:15AM-8:50AM
(Mon-LA, Tues-Math, Wed-Science, Thurs-Social Studies, Fri-Connections)
- Daily Schedule
 - Homeroom 8:50-9:20 each morning
 - JAG Time 9:20-9:50
 - M, W, F Bytes JAG Time
 - T & Th SEL JAG Time
 - 4 Academic Classes ~ 60 minutes
 - Lunch during class period
 - Connection A & Connection B - 40 minutes each day

Academic Classes

- 4 academic classes on a team of 4 teachers
 - 6th Language Arts
 - 6th Math
 - 6th Accelerated Earth Science
 - 6th Social Studies





Jones Middle School

Connections Courses



Class	Description
Art	Students explore and experience creative expression, critical evaluation and a greater appreciation for the Visual Arts. They learn the elements and principles of design through art-making processes. These will include experiences with drawing, painting, printmaking, collage and sculpture. There will be an overview of the history of Art.
Computer Science	Students explore the fundamentals of programming languages and engage in hands-on projects to develop problem-solving skills. Through interactive lessons and team activities, students delve into topics such as cybersecurity and the ethical implications of technology in society.
Dance	Students explore different cultures and create choreography together. They learn dances from all over the world and mix old traditions and new styles.
Engineering	Students engage in applying the Engineering Design Process to address a range of challenges, employing science, technology, engineering, and math skills. The course incorporates hands-on group activities, computer-aided design software, employability skills, lab safety, and the history of engineering and technology.
Fine Arts	Students can participate in Band, Chorus, Orchestra and/or Guitar (up to 2 classes). These classes are a yearlong commitment. Visit the Rising 6th grade page on the JMS website to learn more about these programs and to sign up.
Health	Students learn about the importance of maintaining physical and mental well-being through topics, such as mental/emotional health, nutrition/physical activity, injury/violence prevention, and alcohol/drugs. The purpose is to empower students with essential knowledge for leading healthy and fulfilling lives.
Music Technology	Students dive into music technology, making their own music videos and sounds for video games. They discover how music and technology combine and focus on being creative while learning more about music.
Physical Education	Physical Education is a class where students get up and moving through a variety of team games and fitness assessments. Fit for a lifetime cannot be achieved unless there is some FUN involved.
Spanish	Spanish Connections is offered as a semester long course in 6th grade. Students learn the basics of the Spanish language as well as culture and history. Students in the DLI program are automatically registered for DLI Connections courses. 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to be invited to take the Spanish I high school level course.

Note: Students can sign up to participate in Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Guitar.
All other Connections classes are randomly assigned each semester.

Fine Arts @ JMS

- Orchestra- violin, viola, cello and bass
- Band- flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, French horn, baritone, tuba & percussion
- Chorus
- Guitar
- Year-long Connections courses
- Information from directors, including a Google Sign Up form, on Rising 6th Grade page on JMS website



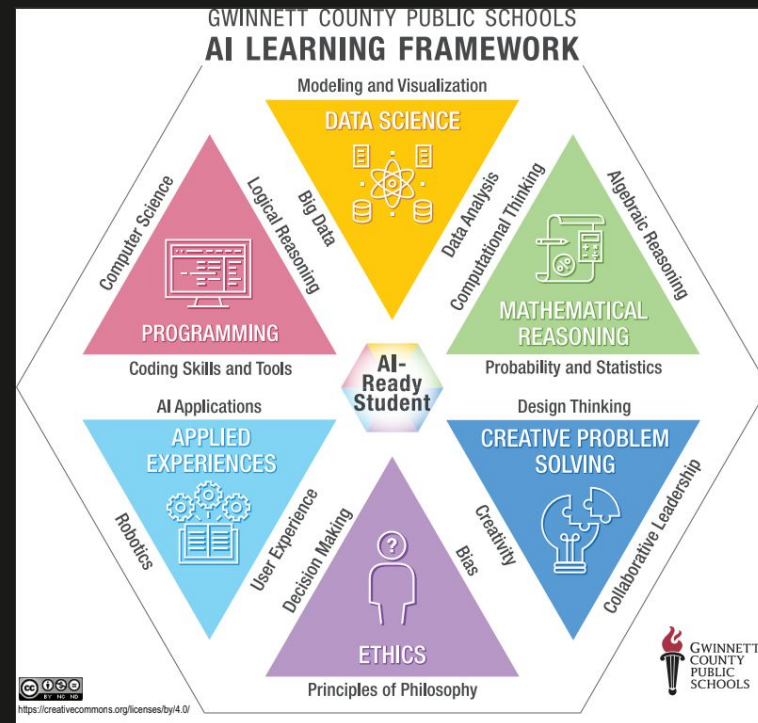
Instructional Framework

What does a class period look like?

- Greeting, Learning Target, Agenda & Activating Strategy
- Mini-lesson– Direct Instruction from the teacher
- Differentiated Small Group Instruction, Collaboration and Independent Practice
- Summary & Formative Assessment

AI

- As part of the Seckinger cluster, students will continue their experiences with AI & Future Readiness Skills.
- These skills are built into all classes and content areas.



Promotion Criteria

- Students must pass 5 out of 6 classes with an average of 70 (1st semester and 2nd semester) in order to be promoted to 7th grade
- Must pass Language Arts and Math both semesters

**Classroom****Lunch (Cafe,
Classroom or
Outside)****Hallway****Restroom****Virtual****Responsible**

Be active in class and prepared with all materials

Get meal in orderly manner and report to lunch area quickly.

Go directly to your destination. Maintain a inside voice level

Wash your hands.
Clean up after yourself.
Report inappropriate behavior and damage.

Be on time with needed materials and device plugged in or fully charged.

Respectful

Be kind and courteous toward your teachers and fellow students.

Leave the lunch area clean and ready for others. Pick up any food or trash left on tables or floors.

Walk quietly and keep your hands and feet to yourself as you stay to the right.

Clean up after yourself in the bathrooms

Keep your video on with microphone muted when not speaking.

Reflective

Use positive words and support others. Use words that make others feel good and be a friend to all.

Use a inside voice, talk to the peers around you only and enjoy your lunch by eating more and talking less.

Move in a manner that does not interfere with learning or safety of others.

Respects privacy of others by staying in your personal space.

Post only items that represent myself, my peers and my school positively.

*Jones Middle School Jaguars are **Responsible** students who are **Respectful** to everyone and **Reflective** of their actions.*



Extra-Curricular Activities

Athletics

- Boys & Girls Basketball*
- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys & Girls Cross Country
- Cheerleading*
- Step Team
- Intramurals

*open to 7th & 8th grade students only

Clubs & Organizations

- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Belonging Club
- Buddies Club
- Chess Club
- Civics Club
- Drama Club
- Drone Racing Team
- Equestrian Club
- Girls Who Code
- Junior Beta Club
- News Crew
- Readers Rally
- Robotics Team
- Running Club
- Spanish Club
- STEAM Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Yearbook Club



Save the Dates!

JONES MIDDLE SCHOOL

2024 Rising 6th Grade Articulation

MARCH 26 AND 27

5TH GRADE VISITS TO JMS

5th graders from Harmony Elementary and Patrick Elementary will visit Jones Middle School on March 26th. 5th graders from Ivy Creek Elementary will visit Jones Middle School on March 27th. Students will hear about programs at JMS and take a tour of the school.

MARCH 27 @ 6PM

PARENT MEETING @ JMS

Come learn about the transition from elementary to middle school including course offerings, Fine Arts programs, scheduling, clubs and organizations and much more!

JULY 9 & 10

JAG CAMP

Spend two half-days (8am-noon) at Jones meeting new friends, getting to know teachers and engaging in fun learning activities! Sign up info coming in late Spring via email and the JMS website.

AUGUST 1

OPEN HOUSE/

MEET YOUR TEACHER

During Open House, students and parents will tour the school, receive transportation information, meet teachers, become familiar with the curriculum, and navigate eCLASS.

AUGUST 5

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

QUESTIONS?

Email Lindsay Moore, 6th Grade Assistant Principal, at Lindsay.Moore@gcpsk12.org or Shena Manning, 6th Grade Counselor, at Shena.Manning@gcpsk12.org



Questions?



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OUR SCHOOLS

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JAGUARS

Glenn C. Jones Middle School

Dedicated to excellence in education

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JagWIRE Parent Newsletter

Parent Portal

Rising 6th Grade Information

GCPS Parent Student Handbook

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Tutoring Information

Promotion Requirements

Academic Knowledge and Skills

Absence Excuse Notes

Community Meetings

Registration and Withdrawal Information

Bus and Walker Passes

Student School Bus Safety

Title IX and 504

Free and Reduced Lunch Application



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Rising 6th Grade Information

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INFORMATION YOU NEED

Important Information

- Jones 6th Grade Articulation Plan
- Immunization Information
- Clinic Information
- Guitar as a Connections Class? Click Here!

Informational Videos

QUESTIONS

Questions about 6th grade can be directed to our 6th grade office at 678-745-2061 or via email below.
Lindsay Moore, 6th Grade Assistant Principal
Shena Manning, 6th Grade Counselor
Sharon Lott, 6th Grade Clerk