

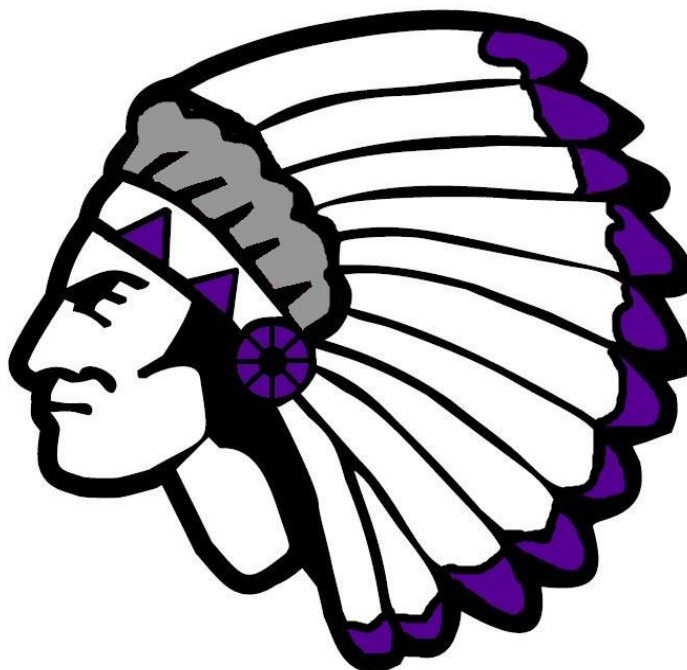
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JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Dedication to Education – We are WARRIORS.”

2020-2021 Student Handbook



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Dear JMS Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Welcome to Jasper Middle School! Our primary goal is to positively develop your student's intellectual, physical, social and emotional needs during their middle school years. This Student Handbook contains useful and pertinent information regarding proper procedures throughout the school year to ensure the safety of your student. Please review the Handbook with your child, making note of the Student Code of Conduct and Student Dress Code. We are excited to have your child here and look forward to experiencing your student's middle school years together.

Jasper Middle School Administration

Ramona McEntyre – Principal

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Jasper Middle School Code of Respect

A Jasper Middle School student is a person of honor, who does not cheat, intimidate, lie, or spread rumors and does not tolerate such behavior in others.

Because I am a JMS student and a person of honor,

- I treat all school staff: teachers, administrators, and other adults with respect;
- I show empathy to others;
- I treat all my classmates with thoughtfulness and kindness;
- I take care of my school and my materials;
- I come to class prepared to learn - with the right materials and attitude;
- I speak positively to and about my school and my classmates;
- I accept responsibility for my actions and my learning.

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General Information

2020-2021 TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

First Full Day	August 10
Fall Fundraiser Kickoff	August 12
Fall Pictures	August 27
Labor Day	September 7 (No school)
Progress Reports	September 10
Fall Sport Pictures	October 6
Fall Picture Retakes	October 6
Fall Break	October 12- 16 (No school)
Report Cards	October 22
Parent/Teacher Conferences	October 27 (3:15 – 6:15)
Veteran’s Day	November 11 (No school)
Thanksgiving Break	November 23-27 (No school)
Progress Reports	December 1
Last Day for Students	December 18 (1/2 day for students)
Christmas Break	December 21 – January 5 (Teachers return January 4)
Students Return	January 6
MLK Jr. Day	January 18 (No school)
Report Cards	January 21
Parent/Teacher Conferences	February 11 (3:15 – 6:15)
Valentine Celebration	February 11
Staff Development	February 12 (No school)
Presidents’ Day	February 15 (No school)
8 th Grade Night	February 17 (5:30 @ JMS)
Progress Reports	February 18
Spring Pictures / Class Pictures	February 25
Spring Sports Pictures	February 25
Superlative Pictures	February 25
Spring Break	March 15-19 (No school)
Report Cards	April 1
Good Friday	April 2 (No school)
TCAP	TBD
Progress Report	April 29
5 th & 6 th Field Day	May 6
7 th & 8 th Field Day	May 7
Academic Reception	May 17
Awards Day	May 18
8 th Grade Breakfast	May 18
Staff Development	May 26 (No School)
Last Day of School/Report Cards	May 27 (1/2 day)

Notes

- Fall Sports – Football, Cheerleading, Softball, Band
- Spring Sports – Baseball, Basketball, Volleyball

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REMIND 101 INFORMATION

JMS uses Remind in order to get info out as quickly as possible to as many parents/guardians as we can. This is a free text messaging system but requires you to sign up by cell number. All participants from past years have been removed. Teachers may have individual Remind accounts in order to share content information which will have a unique code to sign up. These codes will be given out with their content information at the beginning of the year.

You will send a text to 81010 to join a group. For example, to join the School Closings Remind group, you will text @weathermc to 81010.

5th Grade News/ updates: @jms5grade

6th Grade News/ updates: @jms6grade

7th Grade News/ updates: @jms7grade

8th Grade News/updates: @jms8grade

Remote Learning Students News/updates: @jmsvirtual

Bus 11 updates and delays: @abus11

Bus 12 updates and delays: @abus12

Bus 14 updates and delays: @abus14

Bus 16 updates and delays: @abus16

Bus 17 updates and delays: @abus17

Bus 18 updates and delays: @abus18

PTO updates: @jmspto

School closings: @weathermc

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.tn.gov

www.mobymax.com

www.brainpop.com

www.scholastic.com

www.mathantics.com

www.khanacademy.org

MARION COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the MARION COUNTY School System not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age/ or disability in its educational programs/ or employment policies as required by Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, Title IX (1972 Educational Amendments), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is also the policy of this district that the curriculum materials utilized reflect the culture and racial diversity present in the United States and the variety of careers, roles, and lifestyles open to women as well as men in our society. One of the objectives of the whole curriculum and teaching strategies is to reduce stereotyping and to eliminate bias on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, and disability. The curriculum should foster respect and appreciation for the cultural diversity found in our country/ and an awareness of the rights, duties, and responsibilities of each as a member of a pluralistic society.

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title VI, and VII, and IX or Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act should be directed to the office of the Director of Schools, Marion County Schools/ 204 Betsy Pack Drive, Jasper, TN 37347, or to the office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education/ Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF MARION COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

As a student, you are expected to be aware of and to accept your responsibilities in the following areas:

I. The Teaching-Learning Process

You deserve the best instruction your middle school is capable of providing. For the efforts of the teachers to be as successful as possible and for you to work and achieve to the best of your ability, you must cooperate with the teachers. Like farming and healing, teaching is a cooperative art because it involves cooperation with nature to help produce results. Teachers help the activity of learning that goes on in the minds of students. Learning is a natural process and unless students work at gaining knowledge and understanding..."No genuine learning ever occurs, no matter what teachers try to do to make it occur."
{Adler}

II. Respect for the Rights of Others

Every right you have has an obligation attached to it. Your rights must be balanced against the rights of others, and their rights must be balanced against yours. Also, the purpose of the school and the requirements of the educational process must be weighed in deciding who has a right to do what and what behavior needs to be punished. This is why our society has laws and why a school has rules. However, if you are one of the students who wants to take full advantage of your rights and opportunities at this school, while at the same time respecting the rights of others, we will support and help you.

III. Responsibility for Your Actions

You will be held responsible only for the things YOU do or fail to do. What others do or do not do is of little importance in determining whether you have accepted responsibility as a middle school citizen. If you choose to follow bad examples set by a few of the other students, you will be held responsible for your actions and your actions only. The decision will be yours, as will the consequences. Your first responsibility is to be prepared to accept the consequences of your actions.

BUILDING HOURS

Jasper Middle begins at **7:50 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m.** Students will be supervised in the bus room beginning at 7:00 a.m. each morning and until 4:00 p.m..

Supervision **will not** be provided for students who arrive **before 7:00 a.m. or leave after 4:00 p.m.** and the school **will not** be held liable for any injuries.

VISITORS

Parents, volunteers, or other citizens are encouraged to visit schools frequently and actively participate in the education of our students.

For the protection of our students:

- All visitors must report to the office upon entering the building.
- All visitors must be screened for COVID-19.
- All visitors must sign in using a photo ID to obtain a visitor badge, which must be worn and visible at all times while on school campus.
- Upon leaving the building, the visitor must sign out and return the visitor badge to the office.

** Students from other schools may not be visitors in the classrooms because of possible disruptions.

**Parents/Visitors will not be allowed to visit the classroom without a scheduled meeting with the teacher during the teacher's planning time.

**Only parents, grandparents, and/or legal guardians will be allowed to eat lunch with a student providing their name is listed on the emergency card. Parents must sign in and out in the main office.

JMS SCHOOL-WIDE GUIDELINES

(Rules)

1. Immediately be seated when entering the classroom.
2. Visit lockers only at designated times.
3. Be prepared to begin class by bringing all materials and books with you. Take these materials with you when you leave. Going to lockers during class time will not be allowed.
4. Follow all directions the first time they are given.
5. Keep hands, feet, objects, and unkind remarks to yourself.
6. Treat each person in the school (students, teachers, and staff) with respect and dignity.
7. Chewing gum is not allowed.
8. No food or drinks (except water in clear bottles) are allowed at school (including in lockers). Water is not allowed in computer labs.
9. Follow all procedures and policies as stated in both the Jasper Middle School and Marion County Schools handbooks. When school guidelines are followed, positive rewards include, but are not limited to:
 - A. Verbal acknowledgement and praise
 - B. Stress free learning environment
 - C. Pleasant and orderly classroom atmosphere

ADDRESSES / PHONE NUMBERS

Keeping student and parent addresses, phone numbers and email current is essential to the efficient operation of Jasper Middle School. Parents or students must inform the school of any change in address or phone number by calling the school at 942-6251 or stopping by the school office. Keeping your information current will enable

the school and your child to contact you via mail, e-mail and phone. Each student should be encouraged to memorize two reliable phone numbers in case of an emergency during the 1st two weeks of school.

WEBSITE

The website for Marion County Schools is www.marionschools.org. There is a link to Jasper Middle School at this website. School-wide events and information will be posted on this site. If you do not want your child's picture and name to be posted on this site, you must check "no" on the Media Form of the parent signature page which is to be returned to school.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Our faculty feels a close working relationship between parents and teachers is of great value to each student. Parents or guardians may meet with appropriate faculty members to discuss any problems or other matters of concern regarding the development and education of their child. Arrangements for conferences can be made by telephoning the school office (942-6251) at least a day in advance so arrangements can be made with the teacher or teachers needed. At the appointed time for the conference, please report to the office so teachers can be notified.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

There are two days set aside each year for general conferences between parents and teachers. Other conferences may be scheduled at the request of the parent, teacher or guidance personnel. Parent/Teacher conferences are held from 3:15 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. and appointments should be made prior to 3:00 on the day of the conference by calling the main office.

SCHOOL CLOSING & SEVERE WEATHER

Announcements concerning the closing of schools in Marion County due to inclement weather or mechanical breakdown will be made on local radio, TV stations, JMS facebook, Remind and the JMS webpage. Parents may sign up for Remind messages regarding school closing by sending the message @weathermc to the number 81010. Please listen to radio and television stations and do not call the school. **We will need to keep the lines free for emergency use. Parents and students should have a plan for early dismissal from school due to weather conditions.** These emergency plans will be followed in the event of an early dismissal.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Each grade level will select one student each month to be the student of the month. The student should possess trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship. Attendance and academics will also be considered when selecting Jasper Middle School's students of the month. Students will receive an award and be recognized on the school marquee, lobby television, and local newspaper.

STUDENT CHARACTER

The staff and faculty at JMS are committed to teaching our students ethical values and standards of conduct and character. The six pillars of characters are:

- Trustworthiness: Be honest, do not deceive, cheat or steal. Have the courage to do the right thing.
- Respect: Treat others with respect: follow the Golden Rule; use good manners, not bad language,
- Responsibility: Do what you are supposed to do, persevere, keep on trying,
- Fairness: Play by the rules, take turns and share; be open-minded.
- Caring: Be kind, be compassionate and show you care.
- Citizenship: Do your share to make your school and community better, cooperate, respect authority and protect the environment.

FIELD TRIPS AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES *(POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)*

Occasionally teachers at JMS plan field trips that will enhance their studies. The same good manners and rules of conduct at school will be expected of students participating in field trips. Information concerning the purpose of the trip, place to be visited, cost, chaperones, etc., will be sent to parents in a timely manner. Students participating in field trips must turn in a signed permission slip from parents. Phone calls for permission will not be accepted. Teachers sponsoring field trips may develop stringent requirements based on student attendance, class work, and homework completion, and/or behavior. Students will be eligible to attend field trips only if they meet the requirements. Students whose behavior is considered to be a chronic disruption will not be eligible to attend field trips. If your child has any unpaid items such as pictures, damaged books, fundraiser money, etc., he/she will not be eligible to attend a field trip.

Expenses for these trips will be the responsibility of each student. Due to field trip destinations and school-sponsored activities requiring deposits, refunds for field trips or school-sponsored activities will not be possible. Students who have paid for extracurricular activities, including field trips and dances, will not receive a refund if his/her behavior prevents him/her from participating.

School-sponsored activities include field trips, athletic contests, tournaments, conventions, academic competitions, home or away, social activities, workshops, and any other related function recognized by the school, which is held on or off the campus. Each student who participates in or attends is a representative of Marion County Schools and will conduct himself/herself as such. Students who violate regulations at these activities are subject to disciplinary action as defined in the Student Code of Conduct. No student who is in in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, alternative school, or expelled may attend or participate in any school-sponsored activity on any day that he/she is on suspension. Students may not participate in rewards or trips if they have been suspended in the nine-week period prior to the trip.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT

Immunization Requirement

All students must have a TN School Immunization Certificate on file with the school verifying that current TN Department of Health requirements have been met before they will be allowed to enroll (Exemption: Title 10, Part C, No Child Left Behind). Medical exemptions require a physician's signature. Vaccination(s) Refusal Due to Personal Religious Beliefs form needs to be completed and notarized for those requesting a religious exemption. Failure to comply with the state and local policy could result in temporary suspension.

MEDICATIONS

The following is in accordance with the State of Tennessee and the Marion County Board of Education and are the procedures for the transportation and administration of medication.

- Medication shall be administered only when the student’s health requires that it be given during school hours.
- It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to bring medication to school and remove any unused medication when treatment is complete. Students are not permitted to transport medication to and from school.
- All prescription medication must be brought to school in the original container. The pharmacy label must include the name of the student, prescription number, the name of the medication, dosage, and administration route or other directions, date, licensed prescriber name, pharmacy name, address, and phone number.
- All non-prescription medication must be brought to school in the original manufacturer’s labeled container with the ingredients listed and the child’s name affixed to the container. A parent/guardian must sign an order form for nonprescription medications to be given at school.
- No more than one month’s supply of any medication should be brought to school.
- If a student is using an inhaler at school, a parent/guardian must have a physician’s order form and signature on file at the school. If a student needs to carry an inhaler with him/her, the doctor must initial the order form that the student is allowed to carry an inhaler.
- If the parent/guardian cannot be present to administer the medication to their child, an authorization form must be filled out giving the school permission to administer the medication.
- All authorization forms and/or physician orders must be kept updated.
- A school administrator has the authorization to call an ambulance if unable to contact parents. If parents do not want an ambulance called, parents must sign a waiver releasing “Jasper Middle School, Director of School, and the Marion County School Board from any injury or death as a result of a parents’ refusal of medical assistance.”
- A parent/guardian must pick up remaining or unused medication. Medication that is not picked up will be destroyed.

STUDENT RECORDS

Students’ records are maintained and kept in the Jasper Middle School’s office. All student records such as scholastic records, reports of educational assessment, and disciplinary files are maintained in one student file. Parents have the right to inspect the record of their child. Parents, who believe that the information contained in the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of the student, may request that the school amend the record.

STUDENT PRIVACY

Even though schools and buses have video-taping surveillance systems, the tapes are to be viewed by the school system or court personnel only. Privacy laws prohibit parents from watching the tapes when students other than their children are in view.

School administrators are not allowed to discuss student discipline except with the legal parent/guardian of a given student. School administrators cannot tell a parent how they have disciplined someone else’s child.

Schools are not bound to the same legal standards of proof required in courts of law. Our school handbook code of conduct is applied to student behavior in a fair and consistent manner as we impose consequences on those situations in which it appears more likely than not that misconduct has occurred.

HOUSE SYSTEM

Jasper Middle School implements a House System. The House System is our way of incorporating Positive Behavior and Intervention Support within our school. Each grade will make up their house. The house names will be “Warriors” but each grade level will represent a different language and color. Each house will have their own flag with their individual house name, warrior head, and quote. Grade levels will carry the house flag to school wide assemblies, lunch, and pep rallies. Houses will earn points for various things throughout the week, such as attendance, behavior, AR points, participation in school events, etc. At the end of each month, weekly points will be tallied and the winning house will earn the reward of a two-hour lunch outside with devices and may dress down.

TELEPHONE USE

If a student is sick, he or she may, with a teacher’s permission, report to the office. The office telephone is a business phone and should be used by pupils for emergencies only. Parents should not call school except in cases of real emergency. Students should use the office phone only to call home when sick. If a student leaves school during the day and has not called through the office, he/she will receive an unexcused absence or tardy. Students should have two contact numbers memorized to call in the event of an emergency.

SUPPLIES

Students are expected to go to each class properly prepared with books and the necessary materials needed for the day's activities. In order for a student to be considered prepared for class, he/she must have textbook, AR book, agenda, paper, pencil, and any other supplies required by the teacher. Failure to report to class prepared, will result in disciplinary actions. Paper and pencil vending machines will be available for the students to purchase supplies before class time. All students should have paper and pencil on a daily basis.

TEXTBOOKS

Students are responsible for the care of all books issued to them. Students should write their first and last name inside the front cover with a marker or pen. The condition of the book received will be marked on the inside cover. Lost or damaged textbooks must be replaced by the students to whom the books were issued. All books must be returned and fines paid in order to be eligible for end of the year activities and receive their report card.

DANCES

(POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

Dances will be held at various times during the year. Parents are welcome to attend dances. JMS dances are for JMS students only unless prior permission has been obtained. Dance privileges are earned by maintaining passing grades and following school rules. Students with failing grades or discipline issues may be prohibited from participating in dances. Students who have been suspended or received 4 or more office referrals will not be allowed to attend the next dance. Any student not picked up on time will not be allowed to attend the next dance.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL

If a student is transferring out of our school, it is the parent's responsibility to notify the school, secure a checkout sheet, and have it signed by each teacher. In order to have the student's record cleared, it is necessary that all textbooks and library books be returned and any outstanding balances be paid.

TRANSFER OPTION FOR STUDENTS VICTIMIZED BY VIOLENT CRIME AT SCHOOL

Under the Tennessee State Board of Education's Unsafe School Choice Policy, any public school student who is the victim of a violent crime as defined under Tennessee Code annotated 40-38-111(g), or the attempt to commit one of these offenses as defined under Tennessee Code Annotated 39-12-101, shall be provided an opportunity to transfer to another grade-level appropriate school within the district.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION UNDER NCLB SCHOOL-WIDE TITLE I

Your child attends a school receiving federal funds under No Child Left Behind ACT (NCLBA). The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Public Law No. 107-110 ensures that parents are actively involved and receive many different kinds of information.

There are services available for students who qualify according to federal program guidelines under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB). These services include: (1) Title One, Part A to help improve student instruction to meet challenging state academic standards, (2) Title One, Part C to assist with migrant education, (3) Title One, Part D to help with the education for identified homeless students, and (4) Title Three to provide assistance for students identified as English language learners.

As a parent, you have a right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) and any paraprofessionals providing instructional support to your child. 20 U.S.C. 6311 (h)(6). A Title I school must also give timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified. 20 U.S.C 6311 (h)(6)(B); 20 U.S.C 6312 (c)(1)(N).

Schools receiving Title I funds must provide information to parents on the achievement level of their children annually on state academic assessments as soon as possible after the test is taken. 20 U.S.C 6311 (h)(6)(B)

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Title I Schools must notify parents of any child taught by a core academic teacher that is not "highly qualified" for more than four consecutive weeks.

In communicating with parents, the school will use an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practicable, expressed in a language parents can understand.

In the school newsletter, the school annually provides to parents written results of the school and district Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Information on websites to find this information may also be included.

Parents have the right to request (in writing) their child's name, address and telephone number not be released to military recruiters without the parent's prior written permission. (Usually, this information is not requested until high school by the military recruiter).

SECTION 504

The Marion County School System complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities

Section 504 provides that, “no otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States solely because of his or her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

RELATED ARTS

In addition to instruction in Physical Education and Guidance, your child will attend Art, Library, and Computer classes weekly. The related arts classes are important in supporting the regular education program. At Jasper Middle School, we feel related arts classes are essential to academic success and social emotional development.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Jasper Middle School’s Physical Education (PE) Program will consist of softball, volleyball, basketball, badminton, ultimate frisbee, soccer, flag football, fitness and recreational activities. The purposes of the programs are to have fun, to develop physical skills, to improve self-confidence, to have a feeling of success, to learn to work together, to promote fair play and encourage good sportsmanship. Dressing out for PE class is encouraged. Students may wear shorts (cannot be shorter than three inches above the knee), sweatpants, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts and tennis shoes during class. Leggings, running shorts, fitted yoga pants, spandex shorts, tank tops, sandals, flip flops, crocs and boots are prohibited. A doctor’s excuse is required in order for a student to be excused from participating in PE class.

GUIDANCE

The purpose of the guidance program is to help each student achieve his/her highest growth mentally, emotionally, and socially. Students are encouraged to talk with the counselor by making an appointment. The counselor functions in a helping capacity in all school-related situations. These services may include assistance in academic/study problems, individual personal counseling or small groups. A student or his/her parent may request an appointment with the counselor. Please call the school office to request an appointment.

OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Jasper Middle School is committed to providing a safe atmosphere for students and staff members to both work and learn. Marion County School District participates in the “OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM.” The program is research-based and has proven very useful in other school districts around the country

The program will include addressing, with all stakeholders, the need for education about bullying, what bullying is and what it is not, and the impact that bullying can have on both students and the overall school climate.

According to OLWEUS — “Bullying is when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself.”

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

A primary source of support for our school comes from our parent-teacher organization. This organization is especially interested in the welfare of the students in the community and strives to help in any way possible. Parents are urged to join the P.T.O. and to attend the meetings. The fee to join PTO is \$1. PTO meetings are held quarterly.

ROOM DONATION

Jasper Middle School requests a \$30.00 donation from each student. The homeroom teacher will provide instructional materials, supplies, and enrichment opportunities for your child with twenty dollars of this money. Five dollars of this donation is given to the art teacher to assist in purchasing needed materials for student projects. Five dollars will be given to the science teacher to assist in purchasing materials for science projects and/or experiments. Donations may be paid in full in August, or you may pay \$5.00 a month.

SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE

Jasper Middle School strives to create a learning environment that is safe for its students, teachers, and parents. The school is under constant video surveillance and has upgraded its safety measures using funds from the Safe Schools grant. A school safety team drafted our school safety plan, which was distributed to local emergency response agencies. A copy of this plan is available for viewing in the school's office.

There are no "unsafe schools" in Marion County. However, if a school is considered unsafe, parents or guardians of all students attending the school must be notified that the school has been designated by the Tennessee Department of Education as a persistently dangerous school and provide for all students to be given a safe school choice as provided for under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Policies / Procedures

ARRIVAL PROCEDURE

For safety reasons, designated student drop off is in the back parking area by the cafeteria. **No car riders are to be dropped off in the front before 7:50 AM.** The front area is reserved for buses only. Your cooperation is appreciated in helping to keep the back parking area traffic flowing. Please pull your cars up to the first door of the gym before releasing your students in the morning. The back parking area is *one-way traffic* during arrival and dismissal times.

Car riders arriving in the morning before 7:35 a.m. are to report directly to the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to go to their locker, classrooms, or loiter outside/inside the building.

Breakfast will stop being served at 7:55 a.m.

At 7:40 a.m. the warning bell will ring, and students will be dismissed from the bus duty stations.

At 7:50 a.m. the second bell will ring, and all students must be in their homerooms. Instruction will begin promptly at 7:50. Anyone reporting to class after 7:50 will be considered tardy and will be required to report to the office to get an admit slip for class.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Afternoon announcements will be sent via email at 2:30. Teachers will read announcements to students. Any emergency requests to allow your child to ride home with an approved person must be provided to the office by a parent or guardian either by a written note or an email to jmsoffice@mctns.net before 2:20 pm. (*No Phone Calls are allowed*). The note or email must provide the students name, homeroom teacher, the name of the person picking up the child, the contact person and phone number for verification.

Car riders only will be dismissed on the first bell to the back parking lot. For safety reasons, parents will pick up students in the back parking lot and exit by one of the back streets. The back parking area is one-way traffic during arrival and dismissal times.

- The first bell will ring at 2:50 p.m. for car riders and students assigned to ride the early first load of buses.
- The second bell will ring at 3:00 p.m. for students assigned to ride the first load of buses.
- Second load bus students, late car riders, walkers, and students riding bicycles will be dismissed at 3:05 p.m.
- At 3:05 p.m., any remaining car riders will go to the front of the school to be picked up.

Bus duty in the afternoon is held outside, weather permitting. Students waiting on their bus must sit on the wall facing the school in their designated areas. All students are required to sit on the wall unless a doctor note is provided. During inclement weather, students will wait on their bus/car in the auditorium and must sit in their designated area.

MARION COUNTY SCHOOLS' DRESS CODE POLICY

The principals, designated by the Board of Education as the educational leaders of Marion County Schools are generally responsible for the attitude, manners, and conduct of the students and staff. Therefore, the principal, subject to confirmation by the Director of Schools and the Board of Education, has specific authority to determine a standard of dress and good grooming that will be compatible with a wholesome school situation. All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness and neatness; to dress in conformity with the accepted standards of the community, and to contribute in such a manner to the academic

atmosphere and not detract from it. No attempt will be made to dictate fashion styles as long as they are in keeping with Marion County Schools' policies. It should be noted, however, that it is the responsibility of the student and parent to adhere to the dress code. The Administrators of the Marion County Schools shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine whether or not it is appropriate for school. Fashions that the principal deems a distraction to the educational process will not be allowed. In matters of opinion, the judgment of administrators will stand.

To provide a safe and secure school, strengthen the educational focus, and establish an orderly learning environment while preparing students for success in the professional workplace, students, parents, and faculty at Marion County Schools have established the following standards for student dress and appearance.

General Information on Dress Code:

Students are expected to adhere to the dress code at all times while on campus during regular school hours. The school staff will correct any fixable violations, with repeated violations possibly carrying disciplinary consequences. If a student arrives at school and cannot comply with the dress code, he/she will not be allowed to attend classes. The student will be isolated, and a parent called to bring appropriate clothing. If there is a question regarding a questionable item, please obtain clarification from the school administration before wearing the article of clothing.

All Apparel:

- Must be size appropriate, and **free from holes, faux rips, rips, tears, cuts, or frayed hems.**
- No article of clothing may be worn which implies or otherwise promotes alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, violence, gangs, racial or offensive language. This includes belt buckles and jewelry.
- Extraneous zippers, metal studs, or dangling cloth strips are forbidden.
- Any item bearing the logo of any school other than the school the student attends is strictly forbidden. College, military or professional sports team logos are acceptable.
- Solids and patterns are permitted.
- No undergarments should be visible at any time, including off the shoulder tops.

Bottom Wear:

- Pants must be securely fastened about the waist and made of cotton, cotton/polyester, twill or denim.
- Shorts must be "Bermuda" length and skirts must be knee length.
- Slacks, shorts or skirts will be worn at or above the hip point and be able to stay up without a belt; No undergarments are to be visible at any time.
- **Unacceptable items include (but are not limited to):** gym shorts, tights or leggings (worn as pants), yoga pants, sweat pants, jogging pants, nylon, spandex, windbreaker pants, and tight stretch pants or shorts.

Dresses and Skirts:

- For female students, dresses or skirts are acceptable if they meet the guidelines for top/bottom wear.
- Dresses or blouse must have sleeves, no slender straps or tanks. No cold shoulders.

Shirts:

- Shirts must have sleeves, cover midriff area, and have a modest neckline. Any style or pattern is acceptable as long as it is modest and appropriate.
- Unacceptable items include, (but are not limited to): items with a low neckline, made of a see-through material, shirts with cutouts, or jerseys unless issued by the school.
- Shirts worn with leggings must no more than four inches above the knee.
- Shirts must be worn under team jerseys.

Shoes:

- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes or slippers are not allowed. Shoes must have a back or heel strap no flipflops.
- Crocs must be worn with the back strap.
- Slides are not allowed.

Coats/Jackets

- Lightweight jackets including sweaters, vests, sweatshirts, or raincoats are permitted.
- No long or trench coats are allowed; no exceptions.
- Coats are not permitted to be worn in the school building (exception: when entering or leaving the building or when there is a defect in the heating system)
- Coats are defined as items that are normally associated with outdoor wear and/or worn over indoor clothing for protection from outside elements.
- No heavy, bulky, or puffy jackets.

Accessories:

- Headwear is not to be worn by any student while in the school building. This includes hats, ball caps, wool hats, beanies, bandanas, do-rags and skull caps.
- Body piercing (except for the ear) that is visible is strictly prohibited, including brow, lip, or nose piercings.
- Gauges/industrials are not permitted in ears or any other area.
- Large, long and/or heavy chains, studded or chained accessories are prohibited including wallet or belt chains.
- No facial hair
- Sunglasses indoors are prohibited

Special Situations

If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious belief, vertical disability or by the request of a doctor, a parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the principal with a copy to the Director of Schools. Each case will be evaluated on an individual case by case basis and if the parents and student are not satisfied an appeal may be sent to the Director of Schools. We expect our students to dress for the mission that they are on, which is a mission of success in learning and academic achievement. Students are expected to fully comply with the uniform policy, and failure to adhere to the uniform policy will result in disciplinary actions and sanctions. Parents should direct concerns regarding the uniform policy and the dress code to the Principal or Assistant Principal.

BACKPACKS / PURSES POLICY

Students are required to place any backpacks or purses in their lockers. Students are not to carry bags from room to room. Sports bags will be stored in homeroom teacher's room until the end of the school day.

CELL PHONES/SMART WATCHES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

Electronic devices have become a common means of communication and information access in today's society. However, these devices have the potential of disturbing the orderly operation of the school. Jasper Middle School has therefore created this policy to govern the possession and use of electronic devices on school premises, during the school hours (7:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.), at school-sponsored activities, and on school transportation.

Electronic devices must be powered off upon student arrival. Students will turn in all electronic devices to their homeroom teacher each morning and they will be returned at the end of the school day. If a faculty or staff member suspects a student has a cell phone in their possession, he/she may be asked and the device will be taken up. At no time may electronic devices be used in restrooms or locker rooms.

Students may not use electronic devices in a way that threatens, intimidates, humiliates, or harasses school-related individuals, including students, employees, and invitees, or violates local, state, or federal laws. Faculty, staff, and administration are authorized to confiscate any electronic device from students who violate this policy. When an electronic device is confiscated, staff shall take reasonable measures to label and secure the device and bring it to the appropriate administrator as soon as the employee's duties permit.

The administration of any Marion County school has the right to view a student's cell phone/Smart watch/electronic device if a staff member has reasonable suspicion that there is a problem as the result of the student's cell phone/electronic device. Cell phones/electronic devices may be searched for inappropriate messages, pictures, etc. If any inappropriate material is found on the student's cell phone/electronic device, it will be turned over to the local authorities for further investigation, and the student will be punished at the principal's discretion.

Students bring cell phones/Smart watches/electronic devices to school at their own risk. Marion County Schools and its employees are NOT responsible for any damaged, missing, or stolen cell phones/electronic devices. If a student has a cell phone/electronic device and it is damaged or stolen, school staff will not utilize administrative/academic time to investigate the incident nor will Marion County Schools take any financial responsibility for the cell phone/electronic device or any charges that may incur for the device.

Students are not allowed to possess cell phones/electronic or recording devices during the school day.

Unauthorized use or improper storage of an electronic device, including but not limited to: cell phones, tablets, iPods, and Smart watches will result in:

1st Offense: The will be returned to student at end of school day.

2nd Offense: The device will remain at school until a parent or guardian picks it up.

3rd Offense: Considered defiance, a Category II offense. The device will remain at school for five school days.

For example, if a device is confiscated on Thursday, the device will be returned the following Thursday.

INTERNET POLICY

Marion County Public Schools uses a variety of educational technologies to enhance student learning and to meet the state-mandated Computer/Technology Standards. The internet is a worldwide computer network that has the potential to support curricula and student learning. The use of the internet is a privilege, not a right, and a student's activities while using the internet in the school system must be in support of education and research and consistent with educational objectives of Marion County Schools. Intentional and inappropriate student use of the Internet will result in the cancellation of those privileges and /or disciplinary action by the school officials.

Parents are requested to read the internet policy carefully and to discuss the document with their child regarding the acceptable and unacceptable use of the internet. Parents and students are then requested to allow or deny permission for internet use. Access to the internet in an inappropriate manner will cause them to lose the privilege of internet access at school.

SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICY

The use of any tobacco product, including smoking, dipping, e-cigarettes, or chewing while on school property, or while participating in or in attendance of a school-sponsored event. This includes while on school buses to and from school, to and from a school-sponsored event, or while being a spectator at a school athletic event. Students caught with any tobacco product will be subject to punishment. Marion County School campuses are tobacco free facilities.

ILLEGAL OR NON-ALLOWED ITEMS POLICY

Students may not have drugs, vapes, Juuls, tobacco products, alcohol, matches, lighters, razor blades, knives, guns, sticks, laser lights or any item judged capable of inflicting harm to others. These items will be taken from the student and will not be returned.

SEARCHES

Tennessee laws authorize the principal and his/her designee to conduct searches of students and any visitor entering the building for reasonable suspicion of any violation of illegal drugs, weapons, or items not allowed by school rules. This law extends to cover the search of all automobiles driven to the school by students or visitors. All cars, lockers, book bags, purses, or other items brought onto school grounds are subject to search by school officials, police or police dog or bomb-sniffing dog at any time. Marion County Schools will be implementing a canine detection program. T.C.A. 40-6-4201.

K9 SEARCHES

Marion County School District seeks to maintain a safe and orderly environment in all schools. In an effort to deter the presence of illegal substance in the Marion County Schools, the schools in conjunction with the Marion County Sheriff's Department will conduct random drug searches. These searches will consist of a trained police officer using a drug-sniffing K9. The dog possesses a passive disposition and will be utilized in searches of both the building and the parking areas. The district will use trained dogs to alert school officials to the presence of prohibited or illegal items, including drugs and alcohol. At any time, trained dogs may be used around lockers and the areas around vehicles parked on school property. Searches of classrooms, common areas, or student belongings may also be conducted by trained dogs when students are not present. An item in a classroom, a locker, or a vehicle to which a trained dog alerts may be searched by school officials. The criteria and procedures below will be followed in the event of a search

1. Searches will be conducted randomly without school warning. School administration will be notified once the officer has arrived on campus.
2. Upon officer arrival, the principal will notify all persons occupying the building via intercom announcement that the building is to be secured in a lock-down.
3. The only persons occupying the halls should be law enforcement personnel and school administrators. Any persons not in his/her assigned classroom at the time of the announcement should return to the designated class.
4. Teachers must account for all students, keep the classroom door shut, and continue instruction.
5. If the K9 "hits" on a locker or an individual's personal belongings, the student, faculty, or staff will be made aware.
6. At the conclusion of the search, an "All clear" will be given for teachers to resume normal activities.

ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES

Assembly programs are an essential part of the school's learning experience. Students learn to appreciate unique talents and can attend special presentations that would not be possible for individual homerooms. Students also have the opportunity to learn to conduct themselves in large groups as an audience.

Assemblies include award ceremonies, band and chorus concerts, plays and other outside presentations that are held at various times throughout the year.

The assembly guidelines are:

- Entering and leaving the assembly is to be done quietly and orderly.
- The appearance of someone on the stage or at the microphone is the automatic sign for silence.
- Please keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. (Do NOT sit beside someone you know you will get in trouble with.)
- Do not deface or destroy the auditorium seats while attending an assembly.
- Sit appropriately during assembly.
- Students will not talk during presentations or programs.
- Show appropriate manners at all times.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.
- Students are not to chew gum in the auditorium.
- Students are to remain in assembly until the program ends.
- Hold clapping until the designated time (ex. After all certificates have been handed out in a grade or subject).
- Whistling and booing are always in poor taste and **will not be permitted** in assemblies.

STUDENTS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO FOLLOW THE ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE ASSEMBLY AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN OR ATTEND ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

CAFETERIA PROCEDURES

Both breakfast and lunch are served daily at Jasper Middle School for all children. The cafeteria staff provides attractive, well-balanced, and nourishing meals. All students are encouraged to participate in our no-cost breakfast and lunch program.

A student may deposit a check to "Jasper Middle School" in his/her account to provide for extra items or ice cream he/she may want to purchase. They may also deposit money through the MealpayPlus online service that offers you the convenience and information you need to manage your student's meal account. You may create an account at www.mealpayplus.com or by calling 866-490-2803.

Students who do not wish to eat in the JMS cafeteria may bring lunch from home. Beverages brought in your student's lunch cannot be carbonated soft drinks, energy drinks, Monster drinks, etc. Drinks in cans or bottles are not permitted. Students are not allowed to take food or drinks out of the cafeteria.

Parents are welcome to eat lunch with their son or daughter at Jasper Middle School provided they sign in at the front office and inform the person supervising lunch.

Jasper Middle School does not intend for any child to go hungry. Extra items or ice cream may not be charged.

CAFETERIA RULES

To keep the cafeteria clean and attractive, the following rules must be observed:

- Keep milk cartons, food, and waste paper on the tray.
- Pick up and clean up any food you drop or spill.
- Sit at assigned tables.
- Talk in a normal voice.
- Keep the tables and floor neat and clean.
- Place all trash in appropriate containers and return trays to the tray window.
- No outside food or drinks.

Due to Food Service regulations, fast foods and soft drinks will not be allowed in the school cafeteria.

HALL PASS POLICY

All students in the hallways during class periods must have a pass from the teacher. Usually, only one student should be out of the class at any given time. Hall passes are in the back of the student agenda and must be carried at all times when students are out of the classroom. If the student does not have their agenda in class, he/she will be unable to leave the room with the exception of emergency situations.

LOCKERS AND LOCKER BREAKS PROCEDURE

Lockers are under the jurisdiction of Jasper Middle School, even when assigned to an individual student. The school reserves the right to inspect all lockers. Books or personal property left in the locker are the responsibility of the individual students and not the school. However, should any student be found taking any personal or school property, he/she will be reported to the office. There are no locks used at JMS. Do not tempt any student by leaving valuables in the lockers. Because a student's day at JMS is very demanding and busy, locker breaks are only allowed at designated times during the day as scheduled by teachers. The teachers will explain locker break schedules.

HANDS-OFF POLICY

Physical contact used as a form of violence, bullying, retaliation, or clear open display of affection (kissing, hand-holding, arms around each other, etc.) is not appropriate in the school environment. Therefore, JMS will have a "hands-off" policy that applies to all students.

VANDALISM OF SCHOOL PROPERTY POLICY

Students are responsible for the proper care of all books, supplies, furniture, and equipment supplied by the school. Students who disfigure school property, do other damage to school property or equipment or do not turn in assigned books may be required to pay for the damage done or to replace the item. All charges must be paid before the student can receive their final report card or any other school records.

Textbooks and agenda are essential items for students to be successful. In the event a student loses a textbook or agenda during the school year, the student will be responsible for purchasing another book/agenda.

Any student involved in willful acts of serious vandalism while on school property may be suspended from attending school. The student may also be responsible for the cost of replacement and/or repairs.

ACCIDENTS, INJURY AND ILLNESS POLICY

Students are expected to report injuries or illnesses to a teacher, a bus driver or any school official IMMEDIATELY. Parents are notified of serious injuries immediately, and a written report and insurance forms are completed. If parents cannot be reached, the emergency contact indicated in the student's record will be used, and the student is released to the emergency contact's custody unless the records show that the parent has indicated otherwise. Should neither the parent nor the emergency contacts be available, school officials will make a decision they deem appropriate.

If your child has a particular medical problem of which the school needs to be aware, you must make an appointment with the School Nurse and his/her teachers.

SIGNING OUT PROCEDURE

Students leaving school during the day must be signed out by a parent or legal guardian with a picture ID only through the office. Please do not enter the classrooms for early pickups or to obtain assignments.

- If family members other than parents and/or guardians are signing out the student, the school must have prior verification from the parent in the form of a note.
- If students are going home with other students or parents from school, a written note must be sent to the school. Parents may be contacted to verify the note.
- If a student is riding a different bus or to a different destination, a written note must be sent to school and signed by the principal or assistant principal and given to the bus driver. A bus must have extra seating for a student to be allowed to ride the bus.

MONEY/VALUABLE ARTICLES POLICY

Do not bring large amounts of money or other valuable items to school. All valuable articles should be in the possession of the owner at all times. Do not leave money or other valuables in lockers or desks. The school cannot accept responsibility for lost or stolen articles. All monies should be turned into the appropriate individual first thing in the morning.

BUYING OR SELLING ITEMS AT SCHOOL POLICY

Selling anything to another student while on campus is not permitted unless it is part of a sale authorized by the school.

GRAFFITI POLICY

Students will not be allowed to put inappropriate writing or symbols on any notebooks, folders, or other materials used in the classroom or on school property.

Academics

GRADING SYSTEM

Grades are to serve as a measure of the progress of the individual student toward mastering curriculum objectives. **A yearly average of 70 or above is passing**

- A = 93 – 100 Outstanding Achievement
- B = 85 – 92 Very Good Achievement
- C = 75 – 84 Average Achievement
- D = 70 – 74 Poor Achievement
- F = Less than 70 - Unsatisfactory Achievement
- I = Incomplete

Parents are encouraged to use Synergy Parent View, a web-based student reporting system, to monitor academic performance and attendance.

HOMEWORK AND CLASS ASSIGNMENT

Homework is an extension of class instruction. Homework is used to reinforce, clarify and achieve instructional objectives. Students are expected to complete all homework and class assignments, and those who fail to do so will be expected to attend help sessions when assigned. Failure to attend mandatory sessions will be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Parents should establish a learning environment in the home by:

- Showing a positive attitude toward education
- Taking an interest in your child's schoolwork
- Establishing a good study climate
- Monitoring your child's study habits
- Holding your child accountable for the completion of his/her homework

The following statements are suggestions to guide staff members as they make decisions about homework:

- Homework must be relevant to instruction in the classroom.
- Skills taught in the classroom should first be guided and practiced under the teacher's supervision. Independent practice of these skills is assigned to be completed outside the classroom.
- Homework assignments of newly learned materials should be reasonable.
- Classroom assignments not completed by the student during the day can be required homework.

SYNERGY

(Student Management Program)

The Marion County School System realizes the important role that parents/guardians play in the education of children and the importance of parent involvement. Synergy Family Access is an online informational resource available to all families of Marion County Schools at no cost. Please email jmshep@mctns.net to obtain login information.

This resource provides online information about your child's grades, attendance, class schedules, and demographic information.

REPORT CARDS/NOTICES OF CONCERN/PROGRESS REPORTS

Report cards will be distributed at the end of each nine-week term. These cards are reports as school records. Any student changing grades on the report cards will be subject to disciplinary action. Parents are asked to sign and return the report card each nine weeks. Notices of Concerns and/or Progress Reports are issued after the fourth week of each nine weeks term.

ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader is a program we use to encourage our students' independent reading. It is not intended to take time away from instruction. Students often read during class time, but only when their class work has been completed.

Each student, along with their reading/language arts teacher, will set his or her AR goal. This goal will take into account the student's most recent reading assessment as well as his or her personal interests. Parents are asked to provide time, guidance and support for their student's reading outside of school hours.

The AR Committee, composed of reading teachers, language arts teachers, librarian, and administration, has a plan for rewarding all students who meet their reading goals at the end of each nine weeks. A minimal cost may be asked of students who participate.

We strive to reward effort. Unfortunately, we have to be conscious not to reward dishonesty. Therefore, if a student is found cheating on AR points, all of his/her AR points will be deleted for the nine weeks and she/he becomes ineligible for a reward for that nine weeks.

PROJECTS ASSIGNMENTS

Project assignments' due dates mean: a project is *due on or before the assigned date*. Ample preparation time is given before the due date. *Points will be deducted for late assignments*

ACADEMIC HONORS

At Jasper Middle, we are proud of our outstanding academic tradition. We promote this tradition by listing the students on Principal's List and Honor Roll every nine weeks in the local newspaper.

Principal's List: 93 or above average in each class

Honor Roll: 90 average with no grade below 85.

Beginning the 2nd nine weeks, any student who increases his/her overall average by at least six points receives a Grade Improvement certificate.

ACADEMIC AWARD'S DAY

Awards day is held at the end of each school year to honor the accomplishments of the students. Families are invited to attend Academic Award's Day.

ACADEMIC RECEPTION

- Students interested in attending the Academic Reception need to set this as a goal at the beginning of the school year.
- To be invited to the Academic Reception a student must have an overall average of 90 or above at the end of the third nine weeks, with no grade below an 85.
- Any student who has been suspended will not be allowed to attend the Academic Reception.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION (RTI)

By state guidelines, each student at JMS will be given a universal screening assessment to determine what type of academic interventions must be made. An intervention time has been added to the schedule, and all students will receive focused instruction according to their needs during this time.

Discipline

DISCIPLINE

JMS has the goal of establishing an environment in which children will be safe, happy and have the maximum opportunity to learn. Discipline is doing what is expected and what you already know how to do. All students have the right to learn, and all teachers have the right to teach. An atmosphere of safety and security will be maintained throughout the school. At JMS, we always do our best, treat everyone the way that we want to be treated, and do the RIGHT thing.

The Marion County Board of Education has established a student code of conduct discipline policy. (Entire policy is included below.) Jasper Middle School abides by this policy but also has established the following guidelines. Students who have been suspended or received 4 or more office referrals will not be allowed to attend the field trips, dances, or extracurricular activities during the nine weeks that the referrals are received. Students who have paid for extracurricular activities, including field trips and dances, will not receive a refund if his/her behavior prevents him/her from participating.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Board expects all school staff, students and parents to assume responsibility for appropriate behaviors in the schools. Faculty, students and parents have the right to expect safety, non-discrimination and a focus on learning in the schools. Staff, students and parents have the responsibility to:

- Follow the rules of the school
- Treat themselves and others with respect
- Handle personal and school property carefully
- Behave at all times in a manner that encourages learning

STUDENT WEEKLY CONDUCT

Homeroom teachers will maintain a clipboard of student conduct each week. A student will receive a mark for minor violations such as tardiness from class to class, excess talking, disrespect, dress code, gum, possession of cell phones, not completing work, disturbing class, inappropriate language, misbehaving for a sub, and other school rules. The marks accumulate weekly and will start over each week.

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| 1 st mark | = Verbal warning; conference with the student. |
| 2 nd mark | = Verbal warning; parent contact. |
| 3 rd mark | = Written (green) warning letter which is to be signed by parent or guardian and returned the following day. Failure to return signed warning letter will result in fourth mark. Parents will also be contacted by email or phone and administration will be notified. |
| 4 th mark | = Student will receive after school detention on Thursday from 3:05 4:05. Red detention form will be sent home to obtain a parent/guardian signature and should be returned the following day. If detention is not served on assigned date, student will serve ISS the following day. |
| 5 th mark | = Student will be sent to the principal or assistant principal for ISS, OSS, the alternative school, or other discretionary consequences. Parent or guardian will be contacted. |

*Serious offenses (Category 2 -4) will be sent to administration. Administration has the right to alter consequences should the need arise.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING DRESSCODE

1. On the first offense, the student will be given a written warning. Copy sent home to be signed by parent/guardian.
2. On the second offense, the student will be removed from class until compliant. Parent will be contacted to bring clothes.

Note: A student wearing offensive clothing or clothes determined to be indecent will be handled on the first offense as a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. Category I - 6.

AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

Detention is held on Thursdays from 3:05 – 4:30 p.m. Students will be notified verbally. Parents will be notified by a note sent home with the student. Pickup will be in the front of the school.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Tennessee is a state that uses corporal punishment. Paddling is a discipline option at JMS. If you choose for your child not to be paddled, you must request a no paddling form in the office and place one on file each year. You will be responsible for immediately picking up your child from school if you choose for him/her not to be paddled, and the need arises to paddle.

OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS)

Students who receive out-of-school suspension are not allowed on campus for any reason. This includes any school-sponsored activity, including those off campus. Violators will be cited for trespassing and escorted off campus by a School Resource Officer. Class assignments for the suspended period will be sent to the Alternative School. If a student chooses not to attend the Alternative School, a parent may request the child's assignments to be picked up from the Front Office. Please call the office (942-6251) before coming to school to make sure the student's work is available.

SUSPENSION TO IEP

Students in special services who receive an out-of-school suspension will not be permitted on campus until a parent or guardian attends an IEP meeting to determine immediate action. Parents must schedule an appointment with the Exceptional Education teacher and meet with the appropriate school personnel before the student is allowed to return to school.

DISCIPLINE INFRACTIONS

Student offenses are in four categories as prescribed by the board of education policy. Most of these are listed below. Administrators responsible for discipline will classify any offense not listed below unless directed by the Board of Education.

CATEGORY I --Offenses to be administered by the school that may result in detention, loss of privileges, demerits, corporal punishment, or suspension due to the severity of the incident.

1. Refusing to do assigned work
2. Tardiness (class or school)
3. Refusing to participate in required school activities (wellness activities, reading, instruction, etc.)
4. Minor violations of school or classroom rules
5. Conduct which disrupts the peace or good order of the school or the learning environment (impudence, profanity, disorderly conduct, and disregard for authority, etc.)
6. Inappropriate dress or appearance considered disruptive to the school
7. Unauthorized use of copying machines, computer, phones, or printers
8. Loitering (no student should remain at school beyond last bus departure)
9. Inappropriate public display of affection
10. Open food or drink in school without permission

CATEGORY II -- Offenses that may result in suspension or referral outside the school. **If any student is placed in ISS or is in OSS, he/she will not be allowed to participate in any school function including field trips, athletic practices or contests.**

1st Time Category II Offense: 5 days suspension

2nd Time Category II Offense: 10 days suspension

3rd Time Category II Offense: Referral to Board of Education for expulsion

1. Fighting (both parties, unless one was attacked for no apparent reason)
2. Use of foul or abusive language
3. Disrespect to teacher/staff/peer
4. Harassment (verbal or physical)
5. Assault (verbal or physical)
6. Use or possession of tobacco in any form, including vaping
7. Use or possession of any incendiary device (i.e., lighter, matches)
8. Insubordination (not following a directive from a teacher, administrator, or other school system employee)
9. Leaving school grounds or class without permission--including the cafeteria
10. Repeated refusal to do assigned work
11. Chronic disruption
12. Failure to provide correct identity/address
13. Dishonesty (copying, cheating, forging signatures, etc.)
14. Misuse/destruction of school property
15. Extortion
16. Sexual misconduct (Policy 6.304)
17. Participation in a school disruption
18. Receipt, sale, possession or distribution of stolen property (reported to legal authorities)
19. Trespassing on school property
20. Prescription drug policy violation
21. Unauthorized possession or use of school keys
22. Gambling (i.e., pitching pennies, dice or other activity)
23. Computer hacking or tampering
24. Stealing (may be reported to police)

25. Bullying, threatening, hazing, or intimidating behavior
26. Defiance
27. Possession of a laser pointer

CATEGORY III -- Offenses in this category are not automatically considered zero tolerance but will be treated as such by the principal unless there are extenuating circumstances.

1. Pulling a fire alarm or otherwise causing one to sound when no fire or smoke is visible
2. Possession or detonation of incendiary or explosive material (firecracker or greater, as well as, stink/smoke bombs, poppers, etc.)
3. Destruction of school property
4. Sexual harassment (as defined in policy 6.304)
5. Inciting disruption of school activities (i.e., stopping normal proceeding in school)
6. Repeated violation of school rules
7. Verbal or physical assault on a student/employee

CATEGORY IV --There shall be zero tolerance for the following offenses and these offenses shall be reported to the Director of Schools and board for expulsion and will also be reported to law enforcement officers.

1. Possession/use of alcohol, and/or other drugs (shall be reported to law enforcement)
2. Possession/sale/distribution of drug paraphernalia (including rolling papers)
3. Arson
4. Bomb Threat
5. Possession/ sale/use or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs or controlled substances
6. Possession and/or use of a weapon or any instrument used as a weapon to injure someone intentionally, or any instrument or toy alleged to be a weapon.
7. Indecent exposure
8. Battery on a school employee.

STUDENT HARASSMENT/BULLYING

Any type of harassment (verbal, physical, sexual) toward any student will not be tolerated.

- Sexual harassment shall be defined as conduct, advances, gestures, words of a specific sexual nature or words which are commonly accepted to have a sexual connotation that interferes with the student's work or educational opportunities and creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive learning environment.
- Students who believe they are victims of harassment shall report such activity to a school administrator. All of the circumstances, including the nature of the conduct and the context in which the alleged conduct occurred, will be investigated. Confidentiality will be maintained in matters involving sexual harassment.
- Harassment among the student body will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension from school or an alternative placement. If warranted, a referral to juvenile court will be made.

Attendance

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Attendance is a key factor in student achievement, and therefore, students are expected to be present each day school is in session. Continued unexcused tardiness and/or skipping classes is considered a violation of compulsory attendance and will result in disciplinary action. Unexcused tardiness includes any late arrival when the student fails to bring an acceptable note upon arriving. Excused and unexcused absences are the only two (2) types of excuses recognized by the Marion County School System. Students and parents must accept full responsibility for regular school attendance. It is the student's responsibility to monitor his/her unexcused absences and tardiness. **Students not in attendance during at least 50% (3.5 hours) of the school day are not allowed to participate in after-school programs or events on that day.**

GRADES K-12

The building principal may use some discretion in determining excused and unexcused absences. The school office will need to approve all excused notes turned in to the office and file the notes to aid the attendance supervisors for documentation. If questioned, the school may call a medical provider to verify excuses. All excuses must be turned in within three (3) days of a student returning to school. Daily excuses should be turned in to the student's homeroom teacher. For record keeping, late check-ins and early check-outs are considered as tardies. Five (5) tardies will accumulate into one (1) unexcused absence. More the five (5) parent notes for personal illness per eighteen (18) week session shall require a doctor or dentist's excuse. The following shall be accepted by any certified employee of the Marion County School System as an excuse for absences, tardies, and early dismissal.

Excuse absences shall include:

1. Medical reason:
 - a. Only five (5) dates, whether consecutive or not can be excused by parent note in the first ninety (90) days of the school year and five (5) parent notes accepted the second 90 days of school.
 - b. All absences due to illness must be accompanied by a medical note.
2. Illness of immediate family member:
 - a. Immediate family member refers to a person's parent(s)/guardian(s) or sibling
3. Death in the immediate family – absence not to exceed three days (parent, guardian, step-parent, brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or any other family member that resides in the student's house)
4. Legal (court order, attorney, subpoena, summons, truancy board, etc.)
5. A one-day excused absence will be granted for students whose parent or guardian is leaving for active military duty or returning from active military duty. Documentation must be provided to the student's school.
6. School bus transportation issue
7. Religious observances
8. School-sponsored activities or school endorsed events such as college visit and field trips
9. Other excuses for "good cause" shall be granted, provided prior approval is obtained from the principal. Anticipated absences shall be excused in advanced by the building attendance coordinator. Forms will be available in the principal's office.

Absolutely no absence will be excused without a parent's or doctor's note. Parent Notes may be sent by email or fax as long as parent/guardian's contact information is included:

1. Parent notes: will include: name of the student, the current date, date of student's absence, the reason for absence, working phone number, and parent/guardian's signature. Parent notes do not automatically "excuse" the absence for the student.

2. A written excuse from a doctor, dentist, or other medical professional must have the following: the date and time of the appointment must be specified. Only dates specified on the note will be excused as medical. Only doctor's excuses for diagnosis and treatment of illnesses within the area of the doctor's certification will be accepted. Students who have office visits not involving an illness (ex. tests, physicals, visits to the dentist, or health department) are expected to return to school and will be excused for reasonable travel time. Doctor's office may be contacted to verify excuses.

TRUANCY

Students shall be present at least fifty (50) percent of the scheduled school day in order to be counted present. Students receiving Exceptional Education services may attend part-time days, alternating days, or for a specific amount of time as indicated in their Individualized Education Plan.⁸

If a student is required to participate in a remedial instruction program outside of the regular school day where there is no cost to the parent(s) and the school provides transportation, unexcused absences from these programs shall be reported in the same manner.⁹

Students who are absent five (5) days without adequate excuses shall be reported to the Director of School/designee who will, in turn, provide written notice to the parent(s)/ guardian(s) of the student's absences. The Director of Schools /designee shall also comply with state law regarding the reporting of truant students to the proper authorities. If the student accumulates a total of five (5) unexcused absences, then he/she is subject to referral to juvenile court.¹⁰

The Director of Schools/designee shall develop appropriate administrative procedures to implement this policy.

PROGRESSIVE TRUANCY INTERVENTION PLAN

Tier I

Three (3) unexcused absences: The Marion County Schools Attendance Office will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) that the student has three (3) unexcused days on record at the school. Letters will be mailed from the student's school by school building attendance personnel and a pre-truancy meeting will be held at the student's home school.

Tier II

Five (5) unexcused absences: Internal meeting at the school with the following components:

- A. A conference with the student and the student's parent or guardian: Those to be in attendance will be a countywide social worker or Director of Attendance, assistant principal or principal, and school counselor.
- B. A resulting attendance contract to be signed by the student; the student's parent or guardian, and principal/assistant principal and school counselor.
 1. A description of the expectation for the student's attendance.
 2. The period for which the contract will be in effect, not to exceed ninety (90) school days.
- C. An individualized assessment by a school employee of the reasons a student has been absent from school. This assessment may result in a referral to counseling, community-based services or other services to address the student's attendance problems.

- D. At least one follow-up meeting (can be done in person or by phone) to be scheduled (must be documented by school or Countywide attendance office).
- E. For students with disabilities, an IEP/504 team review should determine if the absences are a manifestation of the student's disability and, if so, are their accommodations in place to address the issue.

Tier III

Six (6) unexcused absences: External Truancy Board (made up of mental health and case management agencies, Juvenile Court Representative, Marion County District Attendance Office personnel, school assistant principal, school counselor, and School Resource Officer) a.) The external truancy board will decide if students need additional intervention or service placed in the home. The external truancy board will decide if a petition/criminal summons need to be filed.

**** If doctors, dentist, of other medical professional notes appear to be excessive ten (10) days, this will result in referral of the student to the Truancy Review Board for further review. Because there are scheduled breaks throughout the year, i.e. fall break, Thanksgiving break, Christmas break, and spring break. Family vacations and skip days will not be excused.

TARDINESS

Tardiness is a part of attendance. Students should report to school on time and be on time for each class throughout the day. School begins at 7:50 AM. All students tardy to school after the 7:50 AM bell, which marks the beginning of homeroom, must report to the office to sign in and receive a tardy slip to be given to the appropriate teacher.

MAKE-UP WORK PERTAINING TO ABSENCES

When a student's absence is excused, he/she will be allowed to make up missed work. It is the **student's responsibility** to consult with teachers to obtain missed work. Only students missing two or more school days will be provided with make-up work before or during the absences. When calling the school office to request make-up work for a student, please remember that teachers need one day to prepare the work. Please do not expect teachers or the office staff to have the work available before the next school day. All makeup work for full credit is due at least three (3) days after returning.

Students are expected to take announced tests or quizzes given during an absence on the day they return to school. Note: Papers, projects, and other such assignments assigned before the students absences will be expected to be turned in on or before the original deadline.

MILITARY SERVICE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

School Principals shall provide students with a one-day excused absence before the deployment of and a one-day excused absence upon the return of the parent or custodian serving active military service.

Principals shall also allow up to ten (10) excused cumulative absences per year for students to visit a parent/guardian during a deployment cycle. The student shall provide documentation to the school as proof of his/her parent's/guardian's deployment. Students shall be permitted to make up schoolwork missed during these absences.¹²

SCHOOL-BASED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

State guidelines for students and schools; students are expected be in school 93 percent of the school year, which only allows 13 absences per year. A student with more than 13 absences may be denied school-based extra-curricular activities. Examples; field trips, ball games, dances, and graduation activities, etc. These decisions will be decided on a case by case basis by a school-based team comprised of Principal/Assistant Principal, school counselor, member of the Marion County Schools Attendance office, a student's teacher and SRO.

STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT

Students who are absent the day of the scheduled TCAP exams must present a signed doctor's excuse or must have been given an excused release by the Principal before testing to receive an excused absence. Students who have excused absences will be allowed to take a makeup test.

CREDIT/PROMOTION DENIAL

Credit/promotion denial determinations may include student attendance; however, student attendance may not be the sole criterion³. If attendance is a factor; before credit/promotion denial, the following shall occur:

1. Student and the parent/guardian shall be advised if the student is in danger of credit/promotion denial due to excessive absenteeism.
2. Procedures in due process are available to the student when credit or promotion is denied.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Students with perfect attendance for the year will receive a certificate with their final report card. Perfect attendance means being present every minute of every day. Students with excused absences, early dismissals, or tardies do not have perfect attendance.

Transportation

BUSES

All school rules apply on the bus. Students will also observe additional bus rules.
Every bus has video surveillance.

Please be aware that riding the bus is a PRIVILEGE, not a RIGHT. Student transportation is a privilege extended to Marion County students. Students who do not obey the state and local regulations governing student transportation may have their transportation privileges revoked by the school district. A student's transportation privilege may be revoked to provide a safe environment for the rest of the students on the bus. Drivers must have their full attention dedicated to driving the bus.

For questions regarding transportation, please contact the Director of Transportation at 942-0945 ext 110.

Bus Assignment

Students are assigned to a particular bus and must ride the bus to which they are assigned. Students will be allowed to exit the bus only at school, home, and/or locations requested **in writing** by the parent/guardian. **Any emergency request to ride a different bus must be a written note or an email to jmsoffice@mctns.net by a parent/guardian before 2:20 pm.** The parent's note or email should include which bus the students is to ride, a contact person, address, and phone number for verification to get permission. School administrators may make temporary changes for authorized emergencies only.

Marion County Schools Bus Rules

Rules and Regulations, formulated by the State Board of Education:

"A pupil shall become ineligible for bus transportation when his or her behavior is such as to cause dissension on a school bus, or when student disobeys state or local rules and regulations about pupil transportation."

1. Be at the designated school bus stop before the bus arrival time. Being at the bus stop on time helps keep the bus on schedule.
2. Do not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter or leave the bus. Observe the ten (10) feet rule around the bus.
4. Do not, at any time, extend arm, head or any part of the body out of the bus window.
5. Do not leave your seat or move about while the bus is in motion.
6. No loud talking or yelling that could divert the driver's attention from operating the bus. Be quiet when approaching or crossing a railroad track or traveling up and down a mountain. "No talking" may be used at driver's discretion at any time.
7. No profane or immoral language, smoking or use of tobacco, vapes, Juuls, drugs or intoxicating beverages in any form or any improper conduct will be tolerated.
8. Keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles.
9. Do not, at any time, throw an object on the bus or throw anything out of the bus windows.
10. Do not, in any way, damage seats or anything inside of the bus. Person(s) responsible for damage of any kind to bus will be made to pay for the cost of repairs and bus privileges will be denied. Student(s) will be held responsible for actual replacement repair cost in addition to other disciplinary actions. Writing or marking on seats will cost you and your parents/guardians a minimum of \$25.00. If the marks or writing does not come off, then a \$75.00 replacement cost will be charged to the student and bus services will be denied. Cutting of seats is an automatic \$75.00 replacement charge. The student will not be allowed back

on the bus until the damage is paid in full or a payment plan is implemented. Students are responsible for the seat in which they are sitting.

11. Pupils must obey the driver at all times, and the bus driver has the authority to assign seats to pupils.
12. Pupils must not cross the road behind the bus. Always cross in front of the bus. If you cross the street loading and unloading you must wait for the driver's signal before crossing and walk in front of the bus.
13. In case of a road emergency, remain in the bus until the driver gives instructions.
14. No eating or drinking permitted while on the bus. No chewing gum.
15. Fighting is a major offense which will result in immediate removal from the bus.
16. Any other actions that disrupt the normal procedures of bus transportation or could result in an accident will result in loss of bus privileges.
17. Cell phones are not to be out or used at any time unless the driver has granted permission for use during an emergency. Students will follow the school's cell phone policy.
18. Students placed in Alternative School are denied bus privileges unless the Transportation Supervisor approves modified service.

Disciplinary Actions

Minor Offenses

- 1st Time: Bus driver talks to a child about misbehavior.
- 2nd Time: Bus driver sends Bus Conduct Report home with the student to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and a copy to Central Office.
- 3rd Time: The Bus Driver will complete bus conduct report, and the Principal suspends the student from the bus for five (5) days. The student will not be allowed to ride the bus home. A parent/guardian will be required to provide transportation home for the student that afternoon.
- 4th Time: The Bus Driver will complete bus conduct report, and the Principal suspends the student from the bus for ten (10) days. The student will not be allowed to ride the bus home. A parent/guardian will be required to provide transportation home for the student that afternoon.
- 5th Time: The Bus Driver will complete bus conduct report, and the Principal suspends the student from the bus until Parent/guardian request a DHA Hearing with the Marion County Schools Transportation Office number (423-942-0945 Ext: 110). DHA Members will reconsider future bus privileges. Director of Transportation will not be a voting member of the DHA Committee nor Chair the Meeting but will be there to support the driver and contractor.

Major Offenses

Rules #7, 8a, 9, 14, and 15 (with 15 being at the discretion of the Principal)

- 1st Time: The Bus Driver will complete bus conduct report, and the Principal suspends a student from the bus for five (5) days. A parent/guardian will be required to provide transportation home for the student that afternoon.
- 2nd Time: The Bus Driver will complete bus conduct report, and the Principal suspends a student from bus ten (10) days. A parent/guardian will be required to provide transportation home for the student that afternoon.
- 3rd Time: The Bus Driver will complete the bus conduct report, and Principal will suspend the student until Parent(s)/guardian request a DHA Hearing with the Marion County Schools Transportation Office number (423-942-0945 Ext: 110). DHA Members will consider future bus privileges.

Director of Transportation will not be a voting member of the DHA meeting nor Chair the meeting but will be present to support the driver and contractor.

Minor or Major Offenses

Once the principal signs the conduct report, the student will be off the bus and will have to contact a parent/guardian for transportation home at the end of the school day.

***Any student denied bus privileges will be denied privileges on all Marion County buses.

*** Students placed in Alternative School are denied bus privileges unless the Transportation Director approves the modified service.

CAR RIDER DISMISSAL

Students will wait on the porch (5/6 grades) or cafeteria patio (7/8 grades) until all cars are parked in the lot. A teacher will then dismiss them. After all cars are loaded, one row of cars at a time will be released. Please do not pull out until you are dismissed. If your student has not loaded, please stand by your car and let one of the teachers know so that they can call the office. If your child has not loaded when it is time for cars to be released, you will be asked to pull ahead and move your car near the building away from the traffic flow.

BICYCLES/SKATEBOARDS/SCOOTERS

Bike racks are located in the back of the building behind the cafeteria. Bikes should be kept locked while at school. Due to safety and storage problems, skateboards and scooters are not permitted on school property, including school busses.

ATHLETICS

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Jasper Middle School students can participate in the following sports: baseball, basketball, cheering, football, softball, soccer, and volleyball. Current physicals and proof of insurance must be on file and students must meet grade and age requirements before they can participate. Students suspended from school (in-school or out of school) will be removed from any current teams. However, students who have served ISS or OSS may try out for sports the following season. Athletes must be picked up immediately following practice or any athletic event.

Students represent the school on and off the field, and we expect nothing but exemplary behavior to be demonstrated at all times. Coaches will keep a check on academics and behavior in the classroom, hallways, as well as on the playing field. Unacceptable conduct will result in removal from the event and the possibility of disciplinary action. Unacceptable conduct including whistling, booing, inappropriate clapping, talking, or boisterous actions may jeopardize a student's eligibility as a JMS athlete.

Athletes are expected to conduct themselves by the standards established by the school athletic department. All athletes are also expected to abide by the following academic policy:

- If a student receives a failing grade on a grade card, he/she must pull that particular grade up to passing by the mid-term progress report for the next nine weeks. He/she cannot fail another subject on that progress report. If another subject is failed, the student will not be allowed to play for the next 4 ½ weeks.
- If a student does not bring up the failing grade, he/she will not be allowed to play the current sport for the next 4 ½ weeks.
- If a student fails two subjects on a grade card, he/she will not be allowed to play the current sport for nine weeks.

Athletes will be given a copy of this policy, which is to be signed by a parent/guardian and kept on file at the school.

Student-athletes must also abide by the Marion County attendance policy. JMS is a member of the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) and is under its constitution and bylaws.

To be eligible for sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade extracurricular athletics at Jasper Middle School, a student may not be 15 years old on or before August 1st and may not be younger than 11 years old before September 1st.

ADMISSION TO BALL GAMES

Admission to all regular season games (football, basketball, softball, baseball) will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Admission to JMS football, softball, baseball, and basketball tournament games will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Fees for in-school activities will be \$2.00.

Students may not leave and return to home games at a later time. You are expected to remain inside until a parent picks you up. Students are expected to follow school rules at all sporting events. Any student who does not abide by the policies will be asked to leave the game and will not be allowed to attend any additional games for the remaining of the semester. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure your child has transportation from the game when it is over.

EMERGENCY PLANS

FIRE, TORNADO, AND SEVERE WEATHER DRILL

The school is equipped with an emergency alarm system. Students will be familiarized with this system. Teachers will tell students what action to take, which exit to use, and where to stand. During drills, there is no talking or running. Tornado drills will be held before the tornado season, and students will be given appropriate instruction at that time. For the safety of all individuals on campus, the school be locked down during an official Tornado Warning, and no students may be checked out during that time.

CRISIS PLAN

Jasper Middle School has a crisis plan available for review by parents. We will hold emergency drills throughout the year.



Jasper Middle School students are expected to LEARN!
LISTEN TO AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS QUICKLY.
ENTER ON TIME, BE PREPARED AND READY TO LEARN.
ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST AND DO ALL YOUR WORK.
RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS, AND YOUR SCHOOL.
NO EXCUSES.