

JMS Back to School FAQ

Can students carry a backpack?

Students may bring a backpack to and from school, but needs to be put in the locker during the day. Backpacks may not be carried from class to class.

What do students wear for PE?

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

Should students have a trapper?

Yes, it is recommended that all students have a large trapper and folders for each subject.

What is the JMS dress code?

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

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

What to wear to school:

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

Shoes—Wear shoes that have a back at all times while at school.

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

- Pants with holes or rips higher than fingertips extended at the student's side, or have excessive holes/rips, or that fall below the waist or expose clothing worn under them. No sagging.
- Shoes: No flip flops, athletic slides, or shoes/sandals without a back
- Purses, backpacks, fanny packs, string bags, and gym bags are to be kept in lockers during the school day
- Head coverings of any kind; hats, combs, hair picks, rollers, bandanas, sunglasses; these are to be kept in lockers
- Clothing that has holes in inappropriate places
- Coats, hats and outerwear are to be kept in lockers during the school day. No hoods are to be worn up on heads in the school building.
- Other items not named on this list may also be restricted if they interrupt the educational process or pose a safety concern.

Can students have a cell phone at school?

Yes, students are allowed to have their cellphones at school. Students may use their cell phones before and after school and during lunch. Students are not allowed to have cellphones out in class (unless permission is given by the teacher) or in the hallway. Cell phones that are out during non-permissible times (including passing periods), will be turned into the office as the cell phone policy will be followed. (See student handbook for cell phone policy steps.)

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

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

Where do students turn in their lunch money?

Lunch money can be turned into the black mailbox on the wall in the main office.

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

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

What do students do at the end of the day?

All students are dismissed at 2:55 (on a regular schedule day). At that time, students who are walking or being picked up will exit the building out the main west doors towards Lincoln Ave. Students who ride a bus need to report to the gym and wait for dismissal.

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

Learning Calendars are available on the school website. Jms.jsd117.org Calendars are updated weekly and give an update of homework, assessments, projects, etc.

What is leveling?

Every four weeks data is collected on student behavior and academics. Different activities are allowed based on this data. *See student planner for more information.

Do students have an ID card?

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

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

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

Are students given an agenda?

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

What if a student needs to see the nurse, counselor, social worker, etc.?

Students must check-in at the main office with a pass and will be directed back when the staff member is available.