Academic Services

JSLD offers a full-service special education program, preschool-12, gifted services for all grade levels, and one-to-one computing for all students.

HIGH SCHOOL
- Two specialty academies, the Jackson Academy for Global Studies (JAGS) and Jackson School for the Arts (JSA)
- 27 Advanced Placement courses
- 23 Career and Technical course offerings in partnership with North Canton, Lake Local, and Plain Local school districts
- College Credit Plus - allows JHS students to earn an associate’s degree through Stark State College while still in high school
- 50 extracurricular clubs
- Learning expeditions to China, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and multiple locations in Europe
- 27 athletic programs
- Purple Star school, serving students and military families

MIDDLE SCHOOL
- Camp Muskingum outdoor learning/camping experience for all 6th graders
- Washington, D.C. trip for all 7th graders
- Career Day and non-profit fair where local business leaders interact with 8th graders about various professions
- Makerspace
- 22 extracurricular clubs
- 6 athletic programs
- Purple Star school, serving students and military families

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
- K-3 classes are self-contained
- Grades 4-5 travel classrooms for different subjects
- Small-group instruction is a priority
- Students participate in library, PE, and music
- Full-time school counselor in each building
- Purple Star school, serving students and military families
- Makerspace in each building
DID YOU KNOW?

• JLSD is consistently ranked in the top 10% of Ohio’s 611 districts.

• We are ranked as the 32nd best high school in Ohio and 925 of 28,000 in the nation, according to US News and World Report.

• The Niche Report also ranks JLSD #27 of 611 Ohio districts with the best teachers (#1 in Stark County)

Academics

• Rated “Excellent” by the Ohio Department of Education for 16 consecutive years
• Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon Schools - Jackson High School & Lake Cable Elementary
• Graduation Rate of 97.7% with over 87% seeking higher education
• The class of 2020 earned nearly $7 million in college scholarships
• OMEA Superior rated band and choirs

CHAMPIONSHIPS
JLSD has won state championships in several academic disciplines:
• JHS Debate Team - 2010, 2012, 2017
• JHS Horticulture - (individual & team) - 2018, 2020
• JHS Culinary - 2019

ATHLETICS

Jackson Local Schools not only excels in the classroom, we excel in athletics. Whether it’s winning conference championships or state championships, Jackson students strive to their fullest in every competition. Niche ranks Jackson the 11th best district (611) in Ohio for athletes (#1 in Stark County).

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS
• Division 1 STATE CHAMPIONS - Boys Basketball - 2010, 2017
• Division 1 STATE CHAMPIONS - Boys Baseball - 2014, 2017
• Girls Volleyball State Runners Up - 2012, 2017
• Girls Lacrosse State Runners Up - 2014, 2016, 2017
• Boys Tennis State Runners Up - 2015, 2016
• 9 JHS individual athletes have won a total of 11 state championships
• Won the Federal League All Sports Trophy 18 times (9 consecutive)
• 230 Federal League titles

FUN FACT!

JHS athletic teams participate in approximately 900 athletic contests with 150 schools and JMMS teams participate in approximately 250 contests with 20 different schools.
• Our outstanding academic and athletic results are attained even though the district is consistently one of the lowest per-pupil spenders among the 20 most similar Ohio districts.

• District funds flow from the following sources:
  • Local - 66.7%
  • State - 21.5%
  • Federal - 3.5%
• Non-tax Sources (raised through tuition, fees, extracurricular activities, grants) - 8.3%

• District reduced energy consumption by more than 33%, saving taxpayers nearly $4.17 million since 2010

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

• Annually, JHS students who participate in service learning clubs, athletic teams and Senior Community Service Day give over 19,500 service hours back to the community.
• Partnerships with the Jackson YMCA, Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Jackson Township
• The Jackson Local Schools Foundation, a board of citizens who work to build an endowment and raise funds for teacher grants through their annual winter Polar Bear Plunge into Lake Cable.
• Annual pancake breakfast and health fair is manned by 400+ volunteers and attended by more than 2,500 community members.
• Students and staff, districtwide, collect food, funds and personal gifts to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas to less fortunate Jackson families.
• Annually, students and staff shave their heads, raising well over $100,000 for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation to help cure childhood cancer.
• Students raise funds for the American Heart Association and Akron Children’s Hospital.
• Middle school students annually raise more than $10,000 for area non-profit groups and volunteer approximately 300 hours for those agencies.
• JHS partners with the American Cancer Society and American Hear Association on its Relay for Life celebration.
• The district enjoys consistent community involvement through a wealth of athletic and academic support groups and classroom volunteers. Hundreds of parents, community friends and business leaders share their talents with students and raise funds for classroom extras.
• The park system is a collaboration between the school district and township government.
District Partnerships with StarkMHAR and CommQuest.

Full-time mental health counselors on site at JHS and JMMS.

Mental health counselor on staff at the elementary level.

CARE Teams (Coordinate, Align, Resources, and Engage, Empower, and Educate) at all buildings.

Family Support Specialists available to all buildings.

Youth Mental Health First Aid training for staff.

All staff trained on awareness issues and policy relating to bullying and aggressive behaviors.

Positive behavior intervention supports; utilizing a Bucket Fillers theme, grades K-5.

PAX, a time-tested, reward-based system that teaches self-regulation in young people with dramatic effects on behavior, academics, and long-term outcomes such as preventing mental health and addiction disorders (K-5).

Ruling Our eXperiences (ROX) program for female students, focused on building leadership and self-advocacy skills (grades 5, 7 and 9).

Students in grades K-5 receive age-appropriate instruction through classroom lessons and one-on-one counseling with elementary school counselors (i.e., bullying, conflict management, body safety, and technology safety).

A variety of physical safety interventions have been established using nationwide best practices.

The Niche Report ranks Jackson the 12th safest school district in Ohio (out of 611 districts).

A School Resource officer in each building due to a partnership with the Jackson Township Police Department.