

Jackson Local Schools

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District Overview

Jackson Local is a comprehensive K-12 public school district, one of the 18 local and five city schools in Stark County. The district serves approximately 5,800 students located in Jackson Township, a middle to upper middle class community comprised predominately of professional, well-educated residents.

Four elementary buildings serving students in grades K-5

[Elementary Profile](#)

One middle school serving students in grades 6-8

[Middle School Profile](#)

One high school serving students in grades 9-12

[High School Profile](#)

Academic Services

DISTRICTWIDE

- Full-service special education program serving students preschool–grade 12
- Gifted program

HIGH SCHOOL

- Two specialty academies, School for the Arts and Jackson Academy for Global Studies
- 23 Advanced Placement classes in which 40% of high school students participate
- Career & Technical course offerings in partnership with North Canton, Lake, and Plain school districts
- College Credit Plus courses, which allow JHS students to earn college credit while still in high school
- 50 extracurricular clubs
- Learning expeditions to China, France, Spain, Costa Rica, Italy, England and the Bahamas
- Award-winning band and choir programs

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Camp Muskingam outdoor learning/camping experience for all 6th graders
- Washington D.C. trip for 7th graders
- Career Day - Local business leaders set up booths and interact with 8th graders about various professions
- 14 extracurricular clubs

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- K-3 classes are self-contained
- G4-5 students travel classrooms for different subjects
- Small-group instruction is a priority
- Technology classes in grades K-4



SCHOOL SAFETY – Niche ranks Jackson Local the 12th safest school district in Ohio (out of 552 districts).

TRANSPORTATION – Our fleet of 66 buses travel approximately 3,380 miles daily or 598,260 miles per year. That's a daily round trip to Disney World.

FACEBOOK – Our [Facebook](#) page is viewed by more than 8,500 fans and is populated almost daily with school news and exiting classroom photos.

2017-2018 Profile

Jackson Local Schools is consistently ranked in the top 25 of Ohio's 600+ districts



Academic Accomplishments

- *US News and World Report* ranked JHS in the top 3% of U.S. high schools
- STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – Debate Team - 2010, 2012, 2017
- OMEA Superior rated band and choirs
- Rated "Excellent" by the Ohio Department of Education for 16 consecutive years
- Nationally recognized Blue Ribbon schools: Jackson High and Lake Cable Elementary
- Graduation rate of 99.8% with over 91% of students seeking higher education
- Senior class earns nearly \$4 million in college scholarships annually

Athletic Accomplishments

- Niche ranks Jackson the 26th best school district in Ohio for athletes (out of 528 districts).
- 27 athletic programs, and cheerleading at the high school level
- Division I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - Boys Baseball - 2014, 2017
- Division I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP - Boys Basketball - 2010, 2017
- Girls Volleyball State Runners Up - 2012 and 2014
- Girls Golf State Runners Up - 2010, 2011, 2013, and 2014
- 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
- The Polar Bears own 214 Federal League titles.
- Annually, Jackson High School teams participate in approximately 900 athletic contests with 150 different schools.
- Annually, Jackson Memorial Middle School athletes participate in approximately 250 contests with 20 different schools, and own 26 Federal League titles.

Resource Management

- Our outstanding academic and athletic results are attained even though the district is consistently one of the lowest per-pupil spenders among the 20 Ohio districts most similar to Jackson.
- The district reduced energy consumption by more than 31%, saving taxpayers nearly \$3 million since 2010.
- A township tax base, of approximately 69% residential, 27% commercial and 4% public utilities, provides 57% of the Jackson Local Schools budget. The balance of the budget is provided by the state (21.8%), Federal Government (4.3%), and other non-tax sources (6.7%).
- Received a \$200,000 "Race to the Top" grant
- Received a \$600,000 Asia Society Grant to develop international programming

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. That equals about 2,440 eight-hour days of community service.
- The district enjoys the support of the Jackson Local Schools Foundation, a group of citizens who sponsors the Polar Bear Plunge, a winter leap into Lake Cable to raise funds for excellence beyond the capacity of the district budget.
- The district frequently partners with the Jackson YMCA, The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Jackson Township.
- The district hosts an annual Pancake Breakfast and Health Fair attended by approximately 2,500 community members and enlisting 400+ volunteers.
- Students and staff, districtwide, collect food, funds and gifts to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas to less fortunate Jackson families.
- Students and staff, districtwide "brave the shave," raising over \$125,000 (in 2017) for the St. Baldrick's Foundation to help cure childhood cancer.
- Jackson High School hosts the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life celebration.
- Students raise funds for the American Heart Association and Akron Children's Hosp.
- Middle school students raise thousands of dollars for 19 area non-profit groups.
- 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 volunteer thousands of hours, sharing their talents with students and raising funds for classroom extras.
- The park system is a decades-long collaboration between the school district and township government.