



**JACKSON**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# MORE FOR THE MIDDLE

## GOAL

Our goal is to serve as the transitional link from elementary to high school offering scholars more robust experiences during their middle school years. We are providing scholars with MORE electives, MORE extracurricular activities, and MORE academic experiences.

We invite parents and all other stakeholders to become part of the **Momentum in the Middle**.

*Elective and club offerings vary from year to year depending on student interest; not all of the activities listed below will be active in a given year at each school.*

**Scholars will excel academically when they are motivated. They must have access to consistent high-quality academic and extracurricular experiences which stretch their thinking. Likewise, middle school educators must be innovative, committed, and compassionate. All of these components and MORE help ensure our scholars are prepared for success at every level during and beyond K12.**

**-Dr. Marvin L. Grayer**  
**Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools**



## ELECTIVE CLASS OFFERINGS

- ✓ Band
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Choir
- ✓ General Music
- ✓ Health
- ✓ Physical Education
- ✓ Strings
- ✓ Gifted
- ✓ Foreign Language

## 6TH GRADE EXPLORATION

The exploratory program allows sixth-grade students to investigate a variety of courses to determine what interests them for future study. Students will cycle through two to four elective classes during the academic year.

## STEM+ ACADEMY

JPS sixth grade scholars will have access to robust S.T.E.M experiences via Jackson State University, Project Lead the Way curricula, STEMscopes curricula, and community partners. (Whitten Middle School and Peoples Middle School scholars only).

## 7TH AND 8TH GRADE

- ✓ 7th Grade Compacted Math
- ✓ 8th Grade Compacted Math (Algebra 1)

## MORE Clubs and Organizations

- ✓ Debate Team
- ✓ A-TEAAM
- ✓ Gardening Club
- ✓ Student Council
- ✓ National Junior Honor Society
- ✓ Chess Club
- ✓ Challenge Bowl
- ✓ Book Club
- ✓ The Math League
- ✓ Newspaper Staff
- ✓ Spellers United
- ✓ Dance
- ✓ Drama Club
- ✓ Mock Trial
- ✓ Talk About the Problem (TAP)
- ✓ STEM Club
- ✓ Robotics Club
- ✓ Yearbook Staff
- ✓ Media Productions/ Photography Club

## MORE Events

The following events will take place during the 2022-2023 school year to highlight the abilities and knowledge of our middle school scholars:

- ✓ Challenge Bowl Competition
- ✓ Chess Tournament
- ✓ Spelling Bee
- ✓ Culture Expo
- ✓ Stock Market Challenge
- ✓ Math Fair
- ✓ Choir Fest
- ✓ Band (Marching & Concert)
- ✓ Competition
- ✓ Mock Trial Competition
- ✓ Community Service Projects
- ✓ Robotics Competition
- ✓ Cheer and Dance Showcase

These events will be competitive and collaborative among the ten middle schools within our district.

## MORE Athletics

Students in the seventh and eighth grades are eligible to participate in athletic programs. Sixth-grade students may only serve as managers for the athletic programs.

- ✓ Football
- ✓ Volleyball
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Track & Field
- ✓ Cheerleading
- ✓ Drill Team
- ✓ Tennis

The following athletic programs are offered to seventh and eighth grade scholars through their feeder patterns only:

- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Cross country
- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Soccer

## CONTACT US

*Contact your child's school principal for additional information.*