

JMS Core Programming Information

CORE CLASSES: There are 6 class periods each semester at Jackson Middle School. Students take 4.5 required core classes (see below), and three half-year elective classes per year. Exceptions are those in the Special Education, and ELD programs, who select 1 half-year elective class per year. All students take:

6th Grade

Class	Length	Periods
Language Arts	Full year	1 Period
Common Core Math	Full year	1 Period
Social Studies: Western Hemisphere Studies	Full year	1 Period
Integrated Science	Full year	1 Period
PE/Health	Half year (total)	1 Period
AVID/Technology	Half year (total)	1 Period

7th Grade

Class	Length	Periods
Language Arts	Full year	1 Period
Common Core Math or Compacted Math (by placement)	Full year	1 Period
Social Studies: Eastern Hemisphere Studies	Full year	1 Period
Integrated Science	Full year	1 Period
PE/Health	Half year (total)	1 Period

8th Grade

Class	Length	Periods
Language Arts	Full year	1 Period
Common Core Math or Compacted Math (by placement)	Full year	1 Period
Social Studies: US Studies	Full year	1 Period
Integrated Science	Full year	1 Period
PE/Health	Half year (total)	1 Period

Please keep in mind:

Teacher Requests	We are unable to honor requests for specific teachers in order to keep scheduling fair for all students. We have many caring and talented educators and look forward to helping you reach your potential.
Elective Selections	Please consider your elective selections carefully. We will do our best to enroll you into your preferred elective, but it is helpful to give us a variety of options when making your selections, in case you don't get your top choices. Electives you select are not guaranteed, but we will do our best to honor what you have shared with us.
Changes After Master Schedule Has Been Built	Students are not guaranteed elective selections. Elective forecasting is a tool for students to express preferences, which we try to incorporate in individual student schedules as we build the master schedule. We work hard to ensure the best possible schedule for all students, including honoring student choice and preference; we also know that it is beneficial for students to have the chance to try new things that they may not yet know are of interest. We are not able to make changes to student schedules after the master schedule has been built except in case of an error (duplicate class, wrong grade level class, student doesn't have prerequisites for advanced class).

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