

Jackson Middle School

A school of Artful Learning



Jackson MS Facts

2021-22 Enrollment: 753

Feeder Schools:

Maplewood,
Capitol Hill,
Markham,
Stephenson

School Mascot: Jaguar

School Colors: Red and Black



Responsible, Respectful, Reasonable

Student's Schedule Example

Students have 6 actual class periods in their day. There are two lunches, which is why we have 7 periods--one is their lunch/recess period.

Here is a likely schedule (it may change a bit before Fall):

Daily Schedule: First Lunch

9:15 - 10:12	Period 1
10:16 - 11:10	Period 2
11:14 - 11:50	Period 3 Lunch
11:54 - 12:48	Period 4
12:52 - 1:49	Period 5**
1:53 - 2:47	Period 6
2:51 - 3:45	Period 7

Daily Schedule: Second Lunch

9:15 - 10:12	Period 1
10:16 - 11:10	Period 2
11:14 - 12:08	Period 3
12:12 - 12:48	Period 4 Lunch
12:52 - 1:49	Period 5**
1:53 - 2:47	Period 6
2:51 - 3:45	Period 7

Student Courses (All 6th graders take these)

LA/SS Block

Math:

Science:

6th Grade Wheel: 1 quarter each of:

PE and Health are Oregon Core requirements, and students take them in 7th and 8th grade as well.

AVID: The 6th grade AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) elective

Intro to Computer Science: In addition to learning about technology, students develop key mathematical skills and learn to communicate their designs through writing and drawing.

Electives

Art

Beginning Band (year long)

Choir

Drama

Engineering Design (Aka “Shop”)

Detailed descriptions of our electives can be found at <https://www.pps.net/Page/7444>

JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIVIA ???

A current Jackson Staff Member has been at Jackson for more than 27 years. Can any parents here guess who it may be?

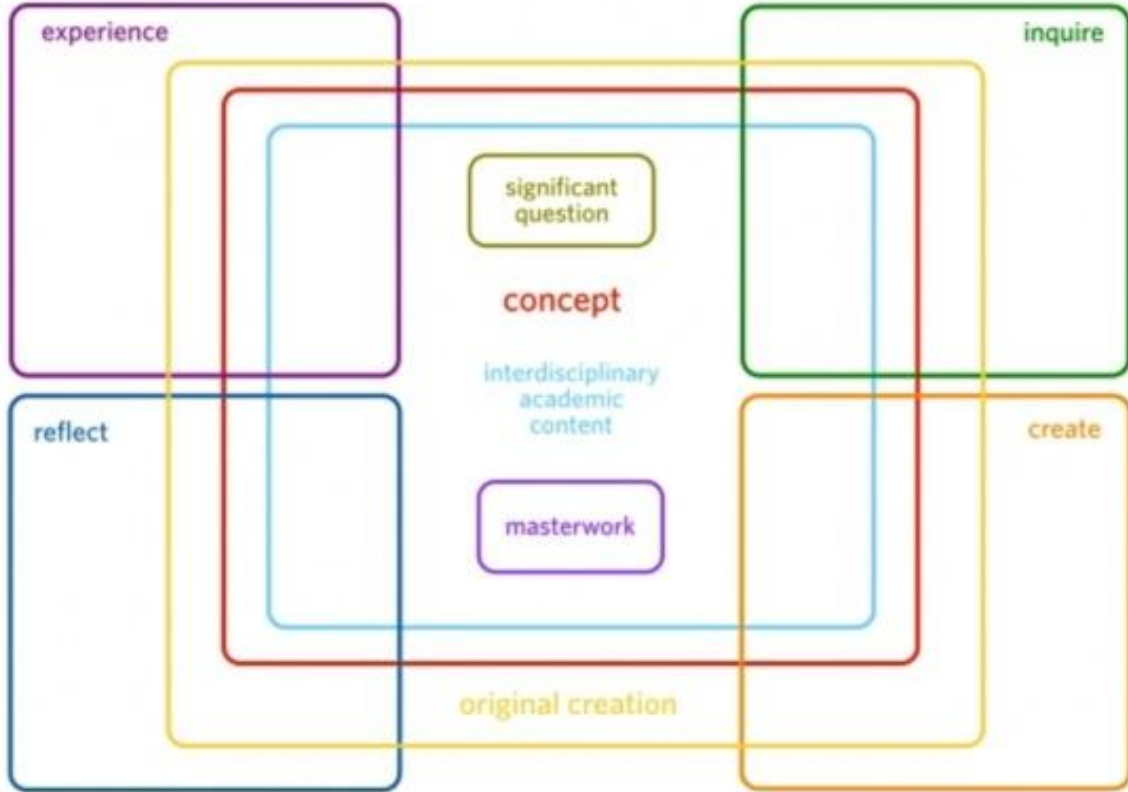


A little more about Jackson...

- We use a curriculum based on and supporting student attainment of Common Core State Standards (CCSS).
- We are an “AVID” school
- Jackson is one of 17 Artful Learning schools nationwide



What is Artful Learning



Artful Learning:

Artful Learning employs an interdisciplinary framework that is anchored by a central Concept while posing a Significant Question that allows a teacher to engage students in rigorous academic content.

Key Program Components: <https://youtu.be/yer34h4d8uc>

The arts are used as vehicles for learning across the curriculum, because they engage students powerfully, exercise multiple learning styles, and provide many opportunities for authentic applications.

It promotes high levels of student engagement linked to rigorous academic standards.

Assures that high-quality professional training for staff in the arts is ongoing

Best practice schools become professional learning communities characterized by a culture of continuous research and improvement.

Experience/Inquire/Create/Reflect

Artful Learning: past class units

Concept: Change

Masterwork: MC Escher's
Metamorphosis

Significant Question:

How do patterns in nature influence human
development and expression?

Inquiry: *Pascal's Triangle, Golden
Ratio, Patterns in Music*

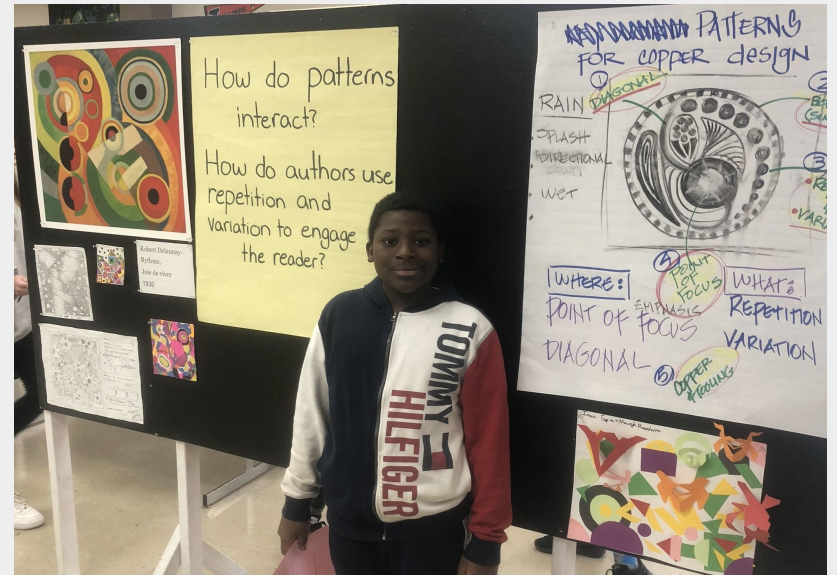
Creation: Block prints

Reflection: Document steps of the unit
with photographs and images in a slideshow or
map of our unit, written reflection.



6th Grade Common Unit

Pattern



Extracurricular Activities

-PIL Youth Sports:

Students in grades 6-8 are able to represent the Ida B, Wells-Barnett cluster in a variety of sports, including football, track and field, volleyball, cross country and basketball. For more information: <https://www.pilathletics.com/page/show/2351740-pil-youth-sports>

-Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN)

-Clubs

Before school and during lunch Jackson has many student interest clubs like Yoga, Anime and Gaming, as well as a GSA, a Native American student affinity group, a Black Student Union, SOL, and an Asian/Pacific Islander affinity group.

-Peer Helpers

When students are 8th graders they can apply to be peer helpers. Peer helpers introduce new students to our school, and help plan and produce school events like assemblies and No One Eats Alone day.

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Urban legend says that there is a swimming pool in Jackson's basement. What do you think...True or False???



JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIVIA???

The Jackson
gymnasium is
HUGE, but is it the
largest gymnasium
in PPS?



For Student Support

3 counselors,

LifeStance

GSA. Black Girls

Magic, BiPOC Boys

Brunch

Best Buddies

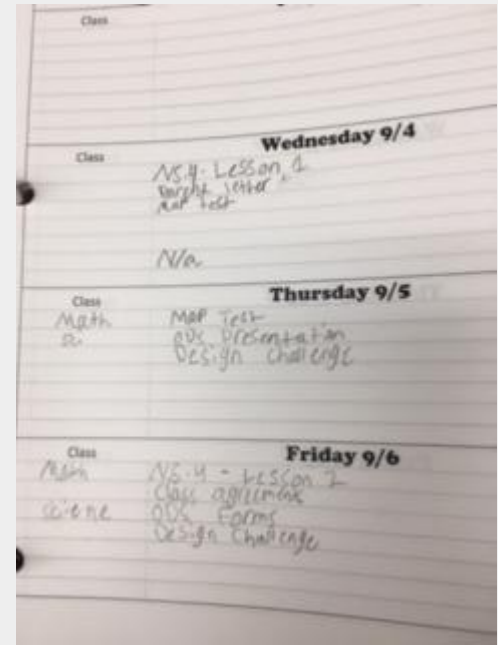
Success Lessons

SUN Homework Club

Academic Lab Classes

TAG

Full complement of
learning specialists
through special education



Where do I find Information?

Jackson School Website: www.pps.net/jackson

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/jacksonpps/>

Jagwire Newsletter: The Jackson Email List is organized by grade level. Parents, students, and community/alumni are welcome to sign up. When subscribing, be sure to subscribe to each list for which you wish to receive information on. General email info will be sent to all.

[Subscribe to the Email List](#)

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Questions?

