

Jeffrey Trail Middle School

FAQs

What time does school start?

[JTMS Bell Schedule Link](#)

What is Advantage?

Advantage is held on Wednesday and Thursday from 2:24-2:59. Advantage is time built into the school day for students to seek extra help, ask questions, experience enrichment, make-up tests, complete coursework, etc.

When is registration?

7th grade registration is called Ready, Jet, Go. The dates are Monday, August 10th & Tuesday, August 11th. More information will be sent out in July regarding the specific dates and times of the events.

How do I sign up for my elective?

The elective selection process will start on Monday, April 13th. Please use the link below to make your selection no later than April 24th at (11:59 PM). Students' finalized courses will not be available until 7th Grade Registration in August.

WELCOME FUTURE JETS!

Scan this QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/4d0EBmt> to make your elective selections for next year.



This form must be
completed by
Friday, April 24 (11:59 PM).

Aeries/Parent Portal

Q: What do I do if I have issues with Aeries/Parent Portal?

A: Parents need to make sure they're using the <https://my.iusd.org> site to sign in to their Parent Portal. If the email that they are using is not the same as the one they used upon registering their student then it will not be linked together and therefore not work. Also, on the <https://my.iusd.org> they can reset their password if they forgot it. Once they're logged on they can see their students on the drop down on the left next to the menu. They can contact our Records Clerk, MelindaChoudhary@iusd.org, to make sure we have the correct emails in their accounts or they can access our [Student & Parent Resource Page for Parent Portal](#) for signing in information. If you have more than one student attending an IUSD school, please check [HERE](#). You can also reach out to PhoebeLowang@iusd.org.

Q: What is my student's Permanent ID?

A: That is the same ID they have had during their entire IUSD experience. It is the long digit ID (9 digits). They will also receive a short ID for just PHS (4 digits). That ID they use on campus for most items when asked, what is your ID?

Q: I am new to IUSD and can't see my student in Aeries or log into Aeries?

A: This will not happen until later in the summer when the new year is updated.

Lunchtime Activities/Extra-Curricular

Q: What are the opportunities for students to get involved in a lunchtime activity?

A: Activities happen during lunch, and some involve competitions or service projects that require a significant amount of time. We suggest students find lunchtime activities they enjoy or are passionate about.

Q: Can students create their own lunchtime activities?

A: Yes, students can create their own lunchtime activity if that activity or topic does not already exist. There is an informational meeting in the fall for students to petition for new lunchtime activities. There are certain requirements depending on the type of activity (Advisor, etc), and the principal grants this permission after all lunchtime activities are submitted.

Q: How can I be a part of Student Government (ASB)?

A: 7th grader students can run for an elected position at the beginning of their 7th grade year. Students should attend the informational meeting held during the first week of school. Once elected, student schedules are changed to reflect ASB as their elective course.

Counseling Access & Planning

Q: When is the earliest available time I can speak to my counselor and/or make an appointment?

A: Since JTMS Counselors are focused on serving the needs of our current learners and will be helping with scheduling the first week of school, the earliest available time to set up an appointment with your counselor would be starting the second week of the following school year. Your student is always welcome to visit their counselor once school begins and we encourage them to come in to ask questions.

Course Requests and Changes

Q: How do I change a course request, should I submit another form?

A: Course requests are based on grade level requirements and the information you provided on the elective selection form. We do not take or make course request changes once they have been processed in June. If you believe there is an error on your class schedule (i.e. wrong grade level, two math classes), email Mrs. Kuklinski directly at kamilakuklinski@iusd.org.

Q: How do I know the correct courses have been entered correctly?

A: You will see your class schedule in August. All students will take: English 7, World History, Science 7, Math 7 or Enhanced Math 7/8 (based on math placement assessments), PE, and an Elective (based on your course requests). If you believe there is an error on your class schedule (i.e. wrong grade level, two math classes), email Mrs. Kuklinski directly at kamilakuklinski@iusd.org.

Electives/Extended Day Electives

Q: How many electives can I take?

A: Every JTMS student gets one elective. Students may request to have a second elective. Space is limited, therefore second electives will be assigned based on course availability. Priority is given to 8th graders, those in intervention courses (i.e. math/reading lab), ASB/leadership, and music. If you are selected for a second elective, you will be assigned both your 1st and alternate elective choices.

Q: Which courses can I take for the Extended Day

A: We offer zero period PE. These extended day courses are limited to students who are allocated a second elective. Space is limited. Priority is given to 8th graders, those in intervention courses (i.e. math/reading lab), ASB/leadership, and music.

Q: My student is an advanced flute player, which band can he join?

A: Final placement in music classes is made by the JTMS music director, Mr. Kahelin. For specific questions regarding music class placement, please contact Mr. Kahelin via email at thomaskahelin@iusd.org.

Enrollment/Course Selection

Q: How do I enroll my student if they are not currently in IUSD?

A: Please begin this process at <https://iusd.org/about/iusd-enrollment>. We will contact you regarding your course selection as well.

IEP and 504 Information

Q: Who do I contact if I have an IEP or 504?

A: Your case carrier for the IEP will or has contacted your current IEP case carrier to discuss your courses and accommodations for next year. They will hold a transition IEP as well, including both case carriers, parents, and students. The case carrier will update the course requests based on this meeting. The counselors are the 504 case carriers and receive these

from your current counselors. They will reach out to you at the beginning of the school year. If you have questions, please reach out to your current case carriers at your site.

Honors Courses

Q: Does JTMS offer Honors courses?

A: Yes. The only honors course offered for 7th grade is Enhanced Math 7/8. Placement in this course is based on the IUSD math pathways. More information regarding this can be found here: <https://iusd.org/about/board-education/board-policies/mathematics-instruction-0>.

Lockers

Q: Do students have lockers on campus?

A: No, we do not have lockers, and students rarely need to carry around large textbooks or are instructed on which day to do so. Several texts are online as well, or in the classroom for use (see textbook questions below). There are PE lockers for students to use during PE, and they use their own locks. Athletics also assigns lockers during the sports season.

PE/Athletics

Q: What is Independent PE? Can my student use any outside practice for their PE credits?

A: A student is eligible for a maximum of 20 units (two years) of Physical Education via Private Instruction, on a pass/fail basis, if the student is nationally ranked in an individual sport. This eligibility does not include members of a nationally ranked team. Please review the [IUSD Independent Study PE website](#) and review the [Independent Study PE application](#). If you qualify, please fill out the form on the bottom of the IUSD IPE page and submit it to Mrs. Kuklinski. All students will have to enroll in a PE course before this is approved. If they do receive Independent PE, that counts as their 6th required course. They are not able to select another academic elective.

Q: What is zero period PE? How do I sign up?

A: Zero period PE is a regular PE course that is allocated to students with two electives. Space is limited, therefore second electives will be assigned based on course availability. Priority is given to 8th graders, those in intervention courses (i.e. math/reading lab), ASB/leadership, and music. Zero period class meets four days a week at 7:20 AM.

Science Olympiad

Q: How do I join or test for the Science Olympiad

A: Science Olympiad's STEM disciplines expose students to a dynamic content experience. Science

Olympiad competitions are like academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 events. Areas of

study include Life, Earth, and Physical Sciences, with several engineering and inquiry components.

Emphasis is placed on learning applicable skills and preparing as a team to compete at the highest level. Students will be admitted to this elective based on test results and portfolio

submission. More information regarding this process can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/JTso2627>.

Summer Orientation

Q: What happens if I am unable to attend the Orientation Day?

A: Not to worry. We will get you caught up on the first day of school. Day 1 of school is for 7th grade only, which allows us to get you the materials and information you missed at orientation. During Ready, Jet, Go! students will get a guided tour of the school, engage in team building activities, and get a glimpse into the life of a Jeffrey Trail Middle School student.

Have additional questions? Reach out to one of us below:

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