2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOICES

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

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Please contact the school directly if you have any questions.
At Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), we have high expectations for each of our students and proudly offer a variety of schools, programs, and activities to engage your child throughout his or her academic journey.

As a leading school district, JCPS offers unique learning opportunities to nearly 100,000 students across 168 schools. Together, we aim to inspire, uplift, and enable our students to reach their greatest potential in an ever-changing world.

All of our schools share an unwavering focus on three key pillars, which collectively are earning JCPS national recognition for our transformative approaches to education: Backpack of Success Skills, Racial Equity, and Culture and Climate.

Whether your child is continuing his or her education in JCPS or is new to the district, we look forward to providing an exciting transition to middle school that reflects our strong commitment to every student’s educational development.

Our teachers are dedicated to helping sixth graders build the confidence they need to take on middle school challenges and ensuring that seventh and eighth graders are prepared for high school work. But JCPS middle schools don’t just bridge the gap between the upper and lower grades—we know that the middle school years are a unique period of personal and academic growth. Our students discover new talents, explore new ideas, and develop new skills not only in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies but also in art, music, technology, world languages, career exploration, and college preparation.

As a part of the JCPS family, you will share the energy, purpose, passion, and pride that enable us to create a brighter future for students, families, businesses, and organizations in our community!

Dr. Marty Pollio
Superintendent
Jefferson County Public Schools
Let’s Get Started

JCPS offers 27 middle schools with nationally recognized teachers and programs. We are proud to provide an array of choices to best serve students throughout our district. We invite you to review the school choices we’ve outlined and see how they align with your child’s individual goals and plans. You can also visit our schools during open houses and see for yourself how well the district prepares students for high school, postsecondary education, and career success.
Explore school options with your child. Unlike in elementary school, there are no clusters in middle school.

If your school choice is your base school, no application is necessary. You will be automatically enrolled in your base school if you are currently enrolled as a JCPS fifth grader.

If your school choice is not your base school, you may select up to two magnet schools to apply to during the application period. If you are new to the JCPS school district and want to attend your base middle school, you must first contact that school (NOT THE DISTRICT) about new student registration. The school will require a proof of address.

If you are currently enrolled in a JCPS traditional magnet elementary school, no application is necessary because you will be automatically enrolled in the traditional magnet middle school that serves your home address. You must apply to a traditional magnet middle school if you are not currently enrolled in a traditional magnet elementary.

If you want to attend a magnet school or magnet program, you must apply.

The magnet application period is October 28, 2019, through December 18, 2019. Students who apply during the application period will be notified of the status of their application by April 1, 2020.

*You may register your child for school regardless of immigration status and/or a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.*
Explore Options

BASE SCHOOLS

MAGNET SCHOOLS

MAGNET PROGRAMS
How to Choose

- **DECIDE** what type of learning environment works best for your child.

- **REVIEW** the choice options, programs, and offerings at each school, and align them with your child’s interests and goals.

- **CHECK** to see if transportation is provided for your school.

- **LEARN** more by watching the virtual tour videos on the JCPS website and attending open houses at the schools.
JCPS has 21 base middle schools to serve the diverse population and student needs of Jefferson County. Every address is assigned to a middle school, and that becomes the base school for that address.

If your school choice is your base school, no application is necessary. You will be automatically enrolled in your base school if you are currently enrolled as a JCPS fifth grader.

To find out which school serves your address, call the JCPS Demographic Office at (502) 485-3050, or visit https://apps.jefferson.kyschools.us/demographics/schoolfinder.aspx.

If your base school has a magnet program that you want to be part of, you must apply to that magnet program. (See pages 36–41 for magnet programs.)

If you are new to the JCPS school district and want to attend your base middle school, you must first contact that school (NOT THE DISTRICT) about new student registration. The school will require proof of address.

*Transportation is not provided if you live in close proximity to your school, generally within 1 mile.*
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The Academy @ Shawnee is an aerospace school serving students in hallmark programs that include aviation and engineering. Our middle school students engage in real-world aviation experiences during 15 days of extended learning time, including 5 days in the spring semester after acceptance into the program and 10 days in the summer. We are committed to preparing students by helping them develop the core skills needed to be successful in high school and beyond.

School Highlights:
- Offers the Aerospace Engineering Magnet Program to engage students in a project-based Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum to connect content areas
- All students participate in the national Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Gateway to Technology curriculum and Challenger Learning Center Programs
- Provides extended learning opportunities in which students explore aerospace through familiarization flights, rocket construction and launch, flight simulator training, and orienteering and navigation challenges
At Carrithers Middle School, our mission is to increase the achievement and growth of every student through effective and engaging teaching and learning strategies. Together, we use rigorous academic standards to prepare our students to be productive citizens who are committed to learning.

**Motto:** Educational Excellence in a Neighborhood Setting

**School Highlights:**
- Provides daily enrichment and remediation classes
- Offers many after-school clubs and activities
- Students participate in district competitions and in academic, performing arts, and athletic programs
- Features three computer labs on campus

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Our mission is to provide quality learning experiences in a caring environment to prepare and inspire our students to be successful in life.

**School Highlights:**
- Offers Advance Program for qualifying students
- Chromebooks and iPads are available for each grade-level team
- The media center is updated with common learning space and future-ready technology
- Award-winning orchestra, band, and chess team
- Competitive athletic teams include football, baseball, basketball, soccer, cross-country, track, cheerleading, dance, and volleyball
- Full array of extracurricular clubs
- Features an Academic Team
- Exceptional customer service to meet the needs of all students
- The Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) uses project-based learning principles to empower student learning and achievement through the use and creation of technology-based solutions to school and community needs
- The Youth Services Center (YSC) helps Conway students solve problems and overcome barriers to learning

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**Carrithers Middle School**
**Address:** 4320 Billtown Road, Louisville, KY 40299
**Phone:** (502) 485-8224
**Principal:** Denise Franklin Williams  
**Student Enrollment:** 693
**Web:** https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/middle/carrithers

**Conway Middle**
**Address:** 6300 Terry Road, Louisville, KY 40258
**Phone:** (502) 485-8233
**Principal:** Greg Fehr  
**Student Enrollment:** 828
**Web:** http://conway.jcps.schooldesk3.net
Crosby Middle School’s mission is to provide relevant and rigorous instruction that prepares and inspires students to become productive citizens and future leaders. We believe that the educational process is most complete when the venture is a joint effort of the student, the parent, and the school. Student achievement is the reward, and our program is aimed at teaching self-discipline, self-respect, and respect for others. Every student at Crosby is a unique individual who is worthy of and entitled to respect.

**School Highlights:**

- Offers an Advance Program for qualifying students
- Accommodates high-performing, mathematically inclined students with a highly competitive Distinguished Math Scholars (DMS) Program
- Provides an innovative Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) Program
- The STEAM Program is supported with engaging courses like Coding, Engineering, Robotics, Digital Music, Digital Art, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), and Google Classroom Instruction
- Maintains a highly qualified staff of teachers who have achieved or are pursuing National Board Certification
- Follows a philosophy that emphasizes patriotism, courtesy, respect, citizenship, and academics
The Farnsley Middle School community provides a safe environment that encourages lifelong student success. We recognize the uniqueness of our students and are committed to promoting student-centered excellence in academics and the development of social skills.

**Motto:** The Farnsley motto captures the work that our staff will be doing with your child throughout his or her middle school experience: “I am unique. I am pursuing excellence. I am developing. I am a lifelong learner. Together, we are Farnsley.”

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### Farnsley Middle School

**Address:** 3400 Lees Lane, Louisville, KY 40216  
**Phone:** (502) 485-8242  
**Principal:** Linda Hudson  
**Student Enrollment:** 1,090  
**Web:** [https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/Middle/Farnsley](https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/Middle/Farnsley)

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### School Highlights:

- Offers the Mathematics/Science/Technology (MST) Magnet Program
- Provides chorus, band, and orchestra as well as academic and athletic teams
- Offers robotics
- Offers a range of extracurricular activities, including national, state, regional, and district championship athletic and academic teams
- A campus with extensive green space, a one-mile walking track, a baseball/softball diamond, and soccer and football fields

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In partnership with the community, Robert Frost Sixth-Grade Academy empowers scholars to be 21st-century leaders who SOAR to new heights. We are Successful, Organized, Achieving, and Respectful. We aim for every scholar to SOAR to new heights by being proficient in reading, mathematics, and writing by the end of the school year.

**Motto:** At the Academy, our scholars are worth whatever it takes!

### Robert Frost Sixth-Grade Academy

**Address:** 4601 Valley Station Road, Louisville, KY 40272  
**Phone:** (502) 485-8256  
**Principal:** Faith Stroud  
**Student Enrollment:** 1,272  
**Web:** [http://frost.jcps.schooldesk.net/](http://frost.jcps.schooldesk.net/)

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### School Highlights:

- School is composed of only sixth-grade scholars
- Offers Advance Program classes to qualifying students
- Offers enrichment and intervention classes
- Offers Boys’ and Girls’ Club Programs
- All scholars participate in band, orchestra, or chorus
- Maintains a 1:1 ratio of students to Chromebooks
- Offers an Advisory Program, the Breakfast in the Classroom Program, and a range of athletics, clubs, and academic teams
At Highland Middle School, our mission is to teach to high academic and social standards so that each member of the school community becomes more internationally-minded and develops a desire for lifelong learning and community responsibility.

**Motto:** Catch the Highland Attitude.

**School Highlights:**
- Offers the International Studies Magnet Program
- Highland is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) school
- Offers the Fine Arts Optional Program
- Provides French and Spanish instruction
- Offers a dual-language Spanish Immersion strand, which allows students from elementary school Spanish language immersion programs to continue learning some core academic subjects in Spanish
- Offers a seven-period day in which students can participate in Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra, and 2D and 3D art as well as other engaging and exciting electives, such as Forensics, Current Events, Lit Pick, and more

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At Kammerer Middle School, our primary focus is academic achievement. As you walk through the hallways and classrooms, you will notice the exciting, focused, and highly structured student learning throughout the school.

**Motto:** Our students achieve because we adhere to our motto, “Excellence is the Expectation,” which applies to both our students and our educators. In addition to offering the Distinguished Math Scholar (DMS) Program for qualifying students, we also have Advanced, Honors, and standard curricula.

**School Highlights:**
- Provides more than 20 curricular student activities
- Depending on availability, qualified students may take classes for credit at neighboring Ballard High
- Employs nationally recognized teachers, many of whom have received or are pursuing National Board Certification
- Offers award-winning band, choir, and orchestra programs
- Participates in the Safe and Civil Schools Program
- Offers the DMS Program
The mission of Knight Middle School is to provide a student-centered community of excellence that creates a safe environment where the needs of the whole child are met.

**Motto:** #KnightLife

**School Highlights:**

- District-designated model middle school for Restorative Practices (RP)
- Embeds project-based learning across all content areas
- Provides students with two Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)-based Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses each year. These courses include Design Modeling, Flight and Space, Energy and the Environment, Computer Science, App Creators, Science of Technology, Automation, and Robotics
- As a 1:1 school, all students receive a Chromebook for use during the school day where Google Classroom is used to submit artifacts that demonstrate their Backpack of Success Skills
- Offers a wide range of electives for all students, including art, peer tutoring, physical education (PE), adaptive PE and adaptive art, health, band, orchestra, arts and humanities, Pan-African Studies, and chorus
- Offers many student activities, including Academic Team, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), cheerleading, step team, boys’ and girls’ basketball, yearbook, flag and tackle football, cross-country, volleyball, archery, track, and soccer
- Offers Knight Clubs after school throughout the school year and for a week in the summer. Knight Clubs include Art Club, Knight Cares, Drama, Archery, Knightly News, STLP/Tech Club, and Community Garden
Lassiter Middle School
Address: 8200 Candleworth Drive, Louisville, KY 40214
Phone: (502) 485-8288  
Principal: Jon Cesler  
Web: http://lassiter.jcps.schooldesk.net

At Lassiter, we are known for our safe, structured learning environment and positive school culture.

**Motto:** The PRIDE is back. Hear us ROAR!

**School Highlights:**
- Offers the Cambridge International Scholars Program
- Provides Advance Program classes in English, math, science, and social studies
- Offers Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Beta Club, and the National Honor Society as well as band, orchestra, and chorus
- Offers archery, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross-country, softball, and track as well as after-school clubs for chess, cooking, yearbook, and newspaper
- Provides after-school tutoring

Meyzeek Middle School
Address: 828 South Jackson Street, Louisville, KY 40203
Phone: (502) 485-8299  
Principal: Dr. Ronda George  
Web: https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/middle/meyzeek

Meyzeek Middle School offers a rigorous education in a developmentally appropriate setting that represents the full diversity our city offers. Meyzeek’s unique mix of students, rich history, and ongoing success fuel the school spirit that is the Meyzeek Mystique. Our Mathematics/Science/Technology (MST) magnet program attracts talented students from the immediate neighborhood and the northern third of Jefferson County.

**Motto:** Where the world comes to learn.

**School Highlights:**
- Offers the MST Magnet Program
- Implements Restorative Practices (RP) to strengthen relationships between students and staff
- Hosts a Community School, which provides after-school activities for the whole family
- Offers the Robotics Program, as well as enrichment courses designed to engage students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) process
- Offers a wide range of electives, including art, graphic art, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) classes, Spanish, band, orchestra, health, and physical education (PE)
Our culture at Marion C. Moore School stems from our mission and vision. We strive to be a school where students want to be, adults want to work, and the community is proud to have their children attend. We are the largest school in the city of Louisville and proudly serve grades six through twelve. Your child can be with us for seven years, which is a unique benefit of Moore’s combined school model.

School Highlights:
• Offers the Environmental Science Magnet Program, allowing students to engage in a wide range of Environmental Science learning experiences through labs, projects, field trips, and hands-on activities that use Moore’s abundant green space
• Offers Project Lead The Way (PLTW), which boosts classroom engagement and excitement, drives collaboration, and inspires “Aha! moments” and deep comprehension. As students engage in PLTW’s activities in engineering and biomedical science, they are offered possibilities that they can look forward to in high school and beyond
• Provides opportunities for design and modeling to develop an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives
• Provides VEX Robotics platform to design, build, and program real-world objects, such as traffic lights, toll booths, and robotic arms
• The unique structure of having middle school and high school students share a campus supports consistency in academic focus
At Newburg Middle, we keep it REAL: Show Respect; Give our Best Effort; Positive Attitude; Leadership. Together, we aim to inspire students in their quest for knowledge while promoting success and self-confidence through teamwork, critical thinking, and self-discipline as students become contributing members of our global society.

**Motto:** Newburg Middle School—Where Excellence Is Expected From Every Student, Every Day

**School Highlights:**

- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) school
- Offers a Math/Science/Technology (MST) Magnet Program
- Offers the Advance Program
- Features students speaking 21 languages, with Spanish, Nepali, and Arabic among the top three spoken languages
- As a Verizon Innovative Learning School, we provide all students with their own iPad that travels with them to and from school
- World-renowned VEX Robotics and Engineering Program
- Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) Distinguished ratings in orchestra, band, and chorus
- The only JCPS school with a chartered Boy Scout Troop (#491)
- The Newburg Sports Complex is adjacent to the school
- Strong Community Partnerships with Faurecia, GE Appliances, and the Newburg Boys’ and Girls’ Club
- Back-to-back district champions in football, basketball, baseball
- Newburg helps students excel in academic competitions on local, regional, and national levels
- Offers academic enrichment opportunities through hands-on activities and performances
- Maintains an outdoor classroom with a drone course
- Offers volleyball, cheer, football, cross-country, baseball, softball, boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball, tennis, and soccer
Diversity, creativity, and academic excellence—these are the hallmarks of Noe Middle School. By providing challenging courses and recognizing the individual talents of each child, Noe prepares students for the demands of high school while honoring their youthful enthusiasm and desire to make a difference in the world.

**Motto:** A ‘NOE-ticeable’ Difference in Education!

**School Highlights:**
- Offers the Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Program, which includes classes in Band, Chorus, Dance, Drama, Orchestra, and Visual Arts
- Offers the district’s only middle school Gifted and Talented Magnet Program for students who excel in academics, arts, creativity, and leadership
- Provides opportunities for student leadership through the Beta Club, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Peer Leaders, and service projects
- Offers more than 40 extracurricular activities through athletics, academic competitions, and clubs of interest
- Offers a wide variety opportunities for physical, intellectual and social development through academic competitions, athletics and clubs

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**Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North**

**Address:** 4530 Bellevue Avenue, Louisville, KY 40215
**Phone:** (502) 485-8331
**Principal:** Tonkeyta Rodgers
**Student Enrollment:** 650
**Web:** https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/middle/olmstednorth

Our mission is to encourage exploration of careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) by providing relevant, rigorous instruction rooted in critical thinking, collaboration and innovation. Together, we aim for every student to be engaged, inspired, empowered, and prepared for college and career.

**Motto:** Find Your True North

**School Highlights:**
- All-boys public middle school
- Offers the STEAM districtwide magnet program
- Provides young men with the benefits of a STEAM curriculum in a single-gender setting
- Our programs, clubs, and activities help students build academic skills and leadership abilities
- Offers Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), coding, mechanical engineering, digital design, and robotics as well as a full music program, including orchestra, jazz band, show choir, and an ambassador choir
- Extra reading and math intervention and enrichment are offered daily
In addition to academic proficiency in core subjects, young women at Frederick Law Olmsted Academy South will have a mastery of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) skills, an understanding of and appreciation for the arts, and the ability to provide meaningful service to their diverse communities. Our vision is for each of our young women to leave Olmsted Academy South equipped with 21st-century skills through STEAM-based education.

**School Highlights:**

- All-girls public middle school
- Young women’s STEAM Academy provides STEAM-infused core curriculum, innovative technology courses, and visual and performing arts
- Technology courses include robotics, FUSE, TechFit, programming, Project Lead The Way (PLTW), Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), and multimedia
- Offers an array of visual and performing arts, including band, chorus, orchestra, piano, and advanced art
- Clubs and sports include Academic Team, Environmental Club, Bike Club, Photography Club, Writers Club, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, dance, cheer, and step team
- Community partnership programming includes the Women in Leadership Program, Girls on the R.I.S.E. (Revolutionizing Interpretations through Self-Expression), Women’s Economic Leadership Program, Young Authors Greenhouse, Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA), BETA, Kentucky Science Center, Mercy Academy Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Partnership, and Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana STEM Partnership
- Kentucky’s first Magnet Schools of America nationally certified magnet school
Ramsey Middle School
Address: 6409 Gellhaus Lane, Louisville, KY 40299
Phone: (502) 485-8391
Principal: Dr. Terra Greenwell
Web: http://jcps-ramsey.campuscontact.com/
Motto: Serve to Be Great
School Highlights:
• Community-based service learning opportunities are a focus for all Ramsey stakeholders. Students will be empowered through interdisciplinary service learning projects and valuable field trip opportunities
• Provides embedded enrichment and intervention opportunities for all students during our Enrich, Create, Empower, and LEAD (EXCEL) and Student Success Time (SST) period
• Offers state-of-the-art, high-tech, environmentally friendly building and campus
• Locates sixth graders in a separate wing to ease the transition to middle school
• Provides many fine arts opportunities, including award-winning band, orchestra, choir, and visual arts program
• Innovative programs to support career options, including Technology (Digital Media, Graphic Arts, Web/Video Game Design), an award winning Robotics and Engineering team, and Healthcare Sciences (Nursing, Anatomy, Medical Detectives, etc.)
• Provides extracurricular activities, including Engineering Club, Drama Club, Academic team, Chess, Best Buddies, Peer Mentoring, and Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP)

Stuart Academy
Address: 4603 Valley Station Road, Louisville, KY 40272
Phone: (502) 485-8334
Principal: Faith Stroud
Web: http://jcps.schooldesk.net/stuart
Motto: We promise to educate, empower and engage every student, every day, to be Stuart Strong!
School Highlights:
• Offers Advance Program to 7th and 8th grade students only
• Offers a variety of athletic and extracurricular activities at facilities that are among the best in the district
• Provides opportunities for parent engagement and involvement via parent nights, web talks with the principal and leadership team, field trips, volunteering, and parent-teacher conferences
• Offers smaller class sizes than most middle schools, project-based learning opportunities, 1:1 technology access, and a strategic focus on providing proactive and supportive academic, behavioral, social, and emotional interventions and enrichment
• Offers band, orchestra, and chorus, as well as Boys’ and Girls’ Club Programs
Motto: Patriot Now, Patriot Forever

School Highlights:

- Offers the district’s only middle school Digital and Global Leadership Magnet Program
- Offers inclusion into the Leadership Pathway, which provides field experiences, access to Pathway Professionals, development of leadership skills, and Junior Achievement (JA)
- Provides the Patriot Pride Academy, which helps sixth-grade students make a successful transition to middle school (Tours of the academy are available by appointment.)
- Offers service-learning projects for all students and an extensive selection of sports, including basketball, baseball, soccer, track, dance, step, and cheerleading
- Provides after-school tutoring, Extended School Services (ESS), and tutoring services provided through a partnership with a local parochial school
- Offers Team Time for all students every Friday afternoon
- Available clubs include cooking, hip-hop dance, robotics, fantasy football, Fitbit, and graffiti. Student Council, Beta Club, art club, chess club, and Academic Team are also offered

Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Address: 1501 Rangeland Road, Louisville, KY 40219
Phone: (502) 485-8273
Principal: Kimberly Gregory
Student Enrollment: 1,144
Web: https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/middle/tjms
Our mission at Western Middle School for the Arts is to provide students opportunities to create, perform, and interact with the arts while ensuring that they receive a rigorous education in a safe learning environment. We strive to become a high-performing school that fosters creativity and imagination while enhancing our students’ desires to excel in both academics and visual and performing arts.

**Motto:** Where Performance Is Everything

**School Highlights:**

- Serves as a districtwide Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School
- Student leadership opportunities include Beta Club, Student Council, and Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP)
- Offers extracurricular activities, including cooking club, magazine club, chess club, photography club, children’s fine arts club, poetry club, yearbook club, study club, robotics, basketball, cheerleading, dance ensemble, volleyball club, soccer, track, softball, and baseball
- Offers a Community School with a wide variety of programs for the entire family

**Western Middle School for the Arts**

**Address:** 2201 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY 40212
**Phone:** (502) 485-8345
**Principal:** Shalonda Foster
**Student Enrollment:** 613
**Web:** [http://western.jcps.schooldesk.net](http://western.jcps.schooldesk.net)
At Westport Middle School, we believe we can inspire every student by providing a safe and caring environment that fosters academic and individual growth. Our mission is to collaboratively coach students and each other to build a consistent learning community. This reflects our core values of consistency, community, collaboration, and coaching.

**Motto:** Explore Your Possibility!

**School Highlights:**
- Offers the Montessori Magnet Program
- Offers an Illustrative Math research-based curriculum
- Provides orchestra, band, choral music, drama, and visual art opportunities as well as robotics, electric orchestra, and Best Buddies program
- Serves as a University of Louisville Signature Partnership School
- Offers extensive extracurricular and athletic activities, including robotics team, football, Academic Team, softball, soccer, and lacrosse
- Offers advisory programming that provides student support through socially and emotionally focused team- and community-building lessons and exercises
- Provides embedded enrichment and intervention systems to support student mastery of learning
JCPS offers six districtwide magnet schools at the middle school level: **J. Graham Brown School, W.E.B. DuBois Academy**, and the new **Females of Color STEAM Academy** (the official name will be announced in fall 2019; unavailable at time of print), which will open in the 2020-21 school year, as well as three traditional magnet schools: **Barret Traditional, Jefferson County Traditional**, and **Johnson Traditional**.

Magnet schools provide a whole-school approach to a unique curriculum. Magnet schools offer specialized instruction of theme-based education that appeals to student interests, talents, and abilities. Within the district, magnet schools attract students of various socioeconomic backgrounds, races, and academic achievement levels.

Traditional magnet schools differ from other magnet schools in that they provide a pipeline to Traditional magnet schools from K-12. Students accepted into one of the Traditional magnet schools are on track to complete their education in that program. They do not need to reapply to continue in a Traditional magnet school as they progress through JCPS.

*Transportation is not provided if you live in close proximity to your school, generally within 1 mile.*
The Traditional Program provides a highly structured, back-to-basics learning environment with:

- A focus on core subjects and grade-level coursework.
- Added emphasis on high academic standards, proper conduct, citizenship, and the development of self-discipline.
- Orderly classrooms that require nightly homework and strict adherence to school rules (including dress codes).
- A mission centered on time-tested instructional approaches that help students build basic knowledge and gain high competence in fundamental skills.

Important to Note:

- Siblings of current or former magnet school students do not receive preference in the application process. However, applications for siblings who share the same birth date (twins, triplets, etc.) who are applying to a magnet will be treated as one application. In these cases, parents must still submit a separate application for each child.
- Magnet schools may ask for additional information as part of the application process, such as a student work sample or test scores. If a school requires additional information, please reply promptly and send the information directly to the school. Applications will be considered incomplete if requested information is not submitted to a school.
- Students enrolled in a Traditional magnet middle school are in the pipeline to attend one of two JCPS Traditional magnet high schools: Butler Traditional School or Louisville Male High. Traditional school students will indicate their school preference in eighth grade.
Barret Traditional Middle School
Address: 2561 Grinstead Drive, Louisville, KY 40206
Phone: (502) 485-8207
Principal: Tom Wortham
Web: http://barret.jcps.schooldesk.net

Barret Traditional Middle School provides a structured environment that allows every student to reach his or her highest potential while growing to be lifelong learners in a culturally diverse, ever-changing world. Our mission is to teach our students compassion, tolerance, and unity through service to others.

Motto: A Tradition of Excellence

School Highlights:
• Offers Traditional education
• Student scores on state tests have been among the highest of all Kentucky middle schools
• Offers BARRET CARES, which allows students to participate in a variety of service activities that give back to the Louisville community
• Barret’s student athletes have earned district and state championships in basketball, football, tennis, volleyball, field hockey, baseball, cheer, dance, and golf
Females of Color STEAM School

Principal: Ronda Cosby

Official school name, contact information, and location details will be announced in Fall 2019. This information was unavailable at time of printing.

The Females of Color STEAM Academy will open at the start of the 2020-21 school year with an inaugural class of 150 sixth graders. It will grow into a full middle school serving grades six through eight, over the following two school years.

The academy will meet the academic and social-emotional needs of young women, offering an advanced and rigorous curriculum presented through the lens of African-American and Gender Studies with a strong focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM).

The program, which will use culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies, is modeled after strategies used in other districts nationwide that have proven to affect the needs identified by our district’s data on the academic performance of females of color.

The school is open to all Jefferson County females entering the sixth grade. All interested females from any socioeconomic background entering the sixth grade may apply.

The academy will offer traditional after-school activities, such as sports and clubs. Other activities, such as STEAM innovation time, will be offered after school and on selected weekends.
Self-Directed Learning

The J. Graham Brown School, the original magnet school, is a districtwide magnet school for students who thrive in a Self-Directed Learning environment. Our mission is to cultivate innovative thinking and foster independence, empathy, and initiative within a culturally responsive learning environment. J. Graham Brown School students have the “reasoned minds and educated hearts” of self-directed, lifelong learners.

School Highlights:

- Districtwide magnet school serving kindergarten through grade twelve
- Students engage in an aligned, college preparatory, liberal arts curriculum based on our four tenets of Self-Directed Learning: Independence, Empathy, Initiative, and Innovation
- Provides an academic program that cultivates critical, open-minded, and creative thinkers who are willing to take risks and are eager for new knowledge
- Offers a learning environment that develops compassionate, tolerant, and respectful human beings who value cultural diversity and contribute to the community
- Grade-level academic performance and age-appropriate social skills are expected for success in this informal educational setting
At Jefferson County Traditional Middle School (JCTMS), our staff, parents, and community all share the responsibility of educating our students. Together, we work toward the highest academic expectations within a structured environment that promotes citizenship, self-discipline, patriotism, and respect for all. We aim for JCTMS to be an exceptional school that is committed to providing students the skills, knowledge, and attitude to ensure that they are prepared for the next academic level and become responsible citizens in our society.

Motto: Where Tradition Is Honored and the Future Begins

School Highlights:
- Provides Traditional education
- Offers an annual Patriotic Program
- Student attendance remains one of the highest among middle schools in the district
- Offers a wide range of activities and athletics, including the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Robotics, Youth Services Center (YSC) Advisory Council, Musical Theater, Beta Club, Art Club, basketball, football, cheerleading, field hockey, soccer, dance team, cross-country, track, baseball, softball, wrestling, swimming, and archery
- Offers an award-winning band, chorus, and orchestra

Jefferson County Traditional Middle School
Address: 1418 Morton Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204
Phone: (502) 485-8272
Principal: Dr. Teri Reed
Student Enrollment: 925
Web: http://jctms.jcps.schooldesk.net
Johnson Traditional Middle School is committed to creating a safe community where all adolescents and adults are respected and empowered to become lifelong learners and leaders. As a traditional school, we are dedicated to the concepts of scholarship, patriotism, courtesy, respect, responsibility, and citizenship. We strive for every student to develop the highest possible competence in fundamental skills, growth in citizenship and in moral and spiritual values, responsibility for personal behavior, and a spirit of individual achievement and competition.

**Motto:** JTMS – Where Everybody is somebody!

**School Highlights:**
- Provides traditional education, which focuses on high academic standards, proper conduct, citizenship, and self-discipline
- Offers many student activities, including band, orchestra, chess, robotics, Academic Team, Green Team, Stand Up Club, Lyman T. Johnson Spirit of the Drum, WJTMS morning telecast, Student Leadership, and Distinguished Gentlemen
- Provides student leadership opportunities, including Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Peer Tutors, and Jag Ambassadors
- Offers a range of athletic activities, including cheerleading, dance team, step team, cross-country, boys and girls basketball, girls volleyball, girls softball, boys baseball, and track
- New course offerings: Global Studies, AA Studies, Science of Super Heros, and Spanish

Johnson Traditional

**Address:** 2509 Wilson Avenue, Louisville, KY 40210  
**Phone:** (502) 485-8277  
**Principal:** Dr. April Brooks  
**Student Enrollment:** 900  
**Web:** https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/Middle/Johnson
Gender-Specific Magnet for Boys

W.E.B. DuBois Academy is a new, innovative middle school that opened during the 2018-19 school year. Open to all male students, our innovative learning environment offers an Afrocentric, multicultural curriculum that is both rigorous and engaging.

Our mission is to engage, eliminate barriers, and empower each young man to achieve excellence. We guarantee that each student will demonstrate growth, becoming more adept mathematicians, readers, writers, and speakers, while also becoming better role models, listeners, and leaders in their homes and communities.

School Highlights:

- Districtwide magnet school.
- Offers 1:1 ratio for technology that ensures that each student receives a personal device (Chromebook or iPad)

- DuBois Academy draws from evidence-based research and culturally responsive teaching to actively engage students as they grow as learners and self-aware young men. Core tenets emphasize literacy, numeracy, social sciences, technology usage, and speaking a foreign language.

- Students demonstrate P.R.I.D.E. by focusing on leadership attributes, such as Perseverance, Resilience, Initiative, Discipline, and Empathy.

W.E.B. DuBois Academy
Address: 3307 East Indian Trail, Louisville, KY 40213
Phone: (502) 485-7600
Principal: Robert Gunn
Student Enrollment: 306
Web: https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/middle/DuBoisAcademy

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Magnet Programs

Application required

Transportation provided*

What are magnet programs, and how do they differ from magnet schools?

Magnet programs focus on a specific subject (such as technology) or provide a specialized learning environment (such as all-boys or all-girls classes). Students accepted into a magnet program become a full-time student of the school that offers it and attend the school for all classes. Some magnet programs accept applications from students throughout the district; others accept applications from specific areas.

Magnet programs may ask for additional information as part of the application process, such as a student work sample or test scores. If a school requires additional information, please reply promptly and send the information directly to the school. Applications will be considered incomplete if the requested information is not submitted.

*Transportation is not provided if you live in close proximity to your school, generally within 1 mile.
Magnet Program Profiles

Aerospace Engineering
School: The Academy @ Shawnee offers this program to students districtwide.
This program engages students in a project-based Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum designed to connect content areas through STEAM. All students participate in the national Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Gateway to Technology curriculum and Challenger Learning Center Programs.

Digital and Global Leadership
School: Thomas Jefferson offers this program to students districtwide.
With an emphasis on leadership in the global and digital age as well as college/career readiness, this program develops real-world skill sets for students. They learn to communicate effectively, collaborate to enhance intercultural understandings, solve problems, and evaluate ethical decisions, while simultaneously using 21st-century digital technology. Students have the opportunity to customize a pathway according to their individual academic needs and interests. As they move through extensive course offerings, students continue their focus on leadership while also gaining additional knowledge and experience in their individually selected pathways, which culminate in a capstone experience to showcase student learning in a real-world setting.

Environmental Education
School: Marion C. Moore offers this program to students districtwide, but transportation is provided only for those who live in Moore’s attendance area.
This program integrates physical and biological concepts with the study of the environment and solutions to problems. Lessons are brought to life by outdoor investigations and field studies. Students learn to think critically about human interactions with nature and how to become global citizens. This 12-week course allows students to engage in a wide range of Environmental Science learning experiences through labs, projects, field trips, and hands-on activities that use Moore’s abundant green space. After completing the program, students who attend high school at Moore have the opportunity to continue into the Agribiotechnology Systems Pathway, among others.
Fine Arts
School: Highland offers this program to students districtwide, but transportation is provided only for students who live in Highland’s attendance area.

Students can join an award-winning music program consisting of Choral Music, Band, and Orchestra. The Visual Arts Program provides students with specialized, intensive study in visual arts (2D and 3D), and students are encouraged to participate in community exhibition and performance opportunities.

Gender-Specific
School: Olmsted Academy North (boys) and Olmsted Academy South (girls) offer this program to students districtwide.

Gender-specific schools prepare young men and women through a rigorous academic curriculum that focuses on using next-generation skills. Emphasis is placed on leadership development that integrates engineering, technology, arts and humanities, and service learning within a diverse environment.

Olmsted Academy North (for boys) offers Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), which is an educational approach to learning that uses STEAM as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking. Olmsted Academy South (OAS) engages students in STEAM education embedded throughout core academic subjects and through various learning strategies, including student personalized learning and project-based choices.

Gifted and Talented
School: Noe offers this program to students districtwide.

The Gifted and Talented Magnet is designed to meet the unique needs of advanced learners through student choice, project-based instruction, and leadership opportunities. Students are expected to perform above grade level in the Kentucky Academic Standards and deepen their understanding through instruction geared toward their preferred learning styles. A combination of rigorous academic expectations, acceleration, and individual and peer assignments extends students’ academic and creative talents.
International Studies

School: Highland offers this program to students districtwide.

The International Studies Program is designed to help learners meet the challenges of a competitive and interconnected world. This is achieved by (a) infusing international issues and perspectives throughout the curriculum, (b) ensuring that all learners reach a high level of proficiency in two languages (English and another world language), and (c) providing opportunities for learners to interact with people from different cultures.

This is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program that, like all IB Programs, aims to develop internationally minded people who help create a better and more peaceful world by recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet. IB education focuses on the learner, develops effective approaches to teaching and learning, works within a global context, and explores significant content. The IB approach champions a stance of critical engagement with challenging ideas. It values the progressive thinking of the past while remaining open to future innovations. IB schools are committed to creating a collaborative, global community united by a mission to make a better world though education.

Mathematics/Science/Technology

School: Students are assigned to Farnsley, Meyzeek, or Newburg based on their home address.

The Mathematics/Science/Technology (MST) Program is designed for inquisitive students looking for opportunities to enrich and expand their learning beyond the Kentucky Academic Standards for mathematics, science, engineering, and technology. Upon entry into the program, students are expected to participate in their learning and move at an accelerated pace through collaborative problem solving, critical thinking, research, and public presentations of their findings. Students have access to enrichment and academic competitions.

Montessori

School: Westport offers this program to students districtwide.

Students are encouraged to engage in critical thinking and self-directed learning. The curriculum provides a firm foundation in such core areas as language arts, math, science, and cultural studies. Students work together in a variety of groups, which allows them to act as role models and leaders. A noncompetitive atmosphere encourages students to develop teamwork, problem-solving skills, self-confidence, self-esteem, and social awareness.
Visual and Performing Arts Magnet

School: Noe and Western Middle School for the Arts offer this magnet program to students districtwide.

The Visual and Performing Arts Magnet provides specialized, intensive studies in dance, drama/theatre, music, and visual arts. Students develop their artistic potential and have opportunities to prepare for possible entry into a high school arts magnet. Students are expected to perform above grade level in the Kentucky Academic Standards and to deepen their understanding through instruction geared toward their preferred learning style. A combination of rigorous academic expectations, acceleration, and individual and peer assignments helps students extend their academic and creative talents.

Important Information

Some schools with magnet programs will ask for additional information as part of the application process, such as student work samples or test scores. If a school asks you for additional information, please reply promptly and send the information directly to the school. Applications will be considered incomplete if the requested information is not sent to a school.
How to Apply

1 Register online with the district.
   - Students who have previously attended a JCPS school do not need to register.
   - If you are new to the JCPS school district and want to attend your base middle school, you must first contact that school (NOT THE DISTRICT) about new student registration. The school will require a proof of address.
   - If you are new to the JCPS school district and want to attend a magnet school or magnet program, you must register with the district at the JCPS Student Assignment office or online.
   - Once registration is complete, JCPS will verify your information and will send you a code to make your application. This process can take up to two days.

2 If you wish to attend a school other than the school that serves your home address, you must complete an application.
   Please apply in any of the following ways:
   - Apply online at www.jefferson.kyschools.us
   - Apply in person at the following:
     - JCPS Student Assignment office located at 4309 Bishop Lane
     - JCPS Satellite Office at the California Community Center located at 1600 West Saint Catherine Street
     - JCPS Satellite Office at the Academy @ Shawnee located at 4018 W. Market Street
     - JCPS English as a Second Language (ESL) Office located at 1325 Bluegrass Avenue

The application period runs from October 28, 2019, through December 18, 2019. Students who apply during the application period will be notified of the status of their application by April 1, 2020.
Important to Note:

- Submitting a magnet application doesn’t guarantee admission in a magnet school or program.

- Waiting lists are not kept from year to year.

- Magnet applications can be edited only during the application period. If changes are made to an application, only the most recent changes are considered.

- Siblings of current or former magnet school students do not receive preference in the application process. However, applications for siblings who share the same birth date (twins, triplets, etc.) who are applying to a magnet that utilizes a lottery will be treated as one application. In these cases, parents must still submit a separate application for each child.

- Submitting false information will void an application.

- Students who apply during the application period will be notified of the status of their application by April 1, 2020.

- Students must be a resident of Jefferson County in order to attend a magnet school or program. If families are relocating, please contact the Student Assignment Office at (502) 485-6250.
The English as a Second Language (ESL) Office at 1325 Bluegrass Avenue serves families who need help with English. The ESL Department works closely with students and families to ensure that English Language Learners attain English proficiency. The department offers language services and facilitates communication between families and schools to help maintain a strong connection in the educational process. Contact the ESL Office at (502) 485-3623 to make an appointment.

Newcomer Academy

The Newcomer Academy (NCA) seeks to provide a welcoming and respectful environment that meets the unique linguistic, academic, and social/emotional needs of sixth- through tenth-grade English Language Learners in the JCPS District. These students typically are in their first year of instruction in a U.S. school. They are usually at the beginning levels of English proficiency and may have had limited, or interrupted, educational experiences in their native countries.

Students are referred to NCA by the ESL Intake Center, where all families of a non-English language background register when they first enter the JCPS school district. At the ESL Intake center, new students complete an English language assessment, and students in middle and high school who score below a certain threshold are referred to the NCA. Enrollment at NCA is completely voluntary, and parents may waive ESL services at any time.

Newcomer Academy students transition to another middle or high school with an ESL Program after one to three semesters.

For more information on the Newcomer Academy, contact the school at (502) 485-6324.

Note: You may register your child for school regardless of immigration status and/or a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
Services for Students With Educational Disabilities

Exceptional Child Education (ECE) services are available for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Kentucky Administrative Regulations (KARs). Students receive specially designed instruction to meet their needs as described on the Individual Education Program (IEP). Each student is served in the school that he or she would attend if not disabled unless the IEP requires a different school assignment.

The ECE Parent Resource Center assists parents in understanding the special education process. The staff helps parents work in partnership with their child’s school. The ECE website offers information on Assessment, Individual Education Program (IEP) Development, Parent Resources, Placement, Programs, Policy and Procedures, and Quick Call Listings at https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/node/5131.
Middle School Choices

JCPS offers other school options to meet the various needs of Jefferson County students. For more information on admission to these schools, contact Student Relations at (502) 485-3335.

**Liberty High School** enrolls students in grades seven through twelve. The seventh- through ninth-grade programs are designed to support seventh, eighth, and ninth graders who need additional resources at their current grade level in an effort to meet academic needs and assist in transitioning to the next grade level. Liberty offers students the opportunity to succeed with a small teacher-to-student ratio, individualized graduation plans, life skills education, and hands-on learning experiences. Liberty offers classes on a quarter schedule and with block scheduling.

**The Phoenix School of Discovery** is a choice school that specializes in meeting the needs of students through differentiated instruction. The Phoenix enrolls students in grades six through twelve. Classes are taught by highly qualified educators in a setting that offers a small student-to-teacher ratio. Instruction is further enhanced by technology and interventions targeting students’ social, emotional, and academic needs. The school’s primary focus is not only to prepare students in grades six through twelve to reach state Proficiency levels, but also to meet the needs of the students where they are and to equip them with the necessary skills to be successful in life after high school.

**Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program (TAPP)** is designed to prevent school dropout due to teen pregnancy and parenting. The program, offered to middle and high school students throughout Jefferson County, is available at 1010 Neighborhood Place. Since 1970, TAPP has enabled thousands of young women to complete their high school education. Achievement is a key component of the TAPP program with an increasing number of our graduates enrolling in accredited colleges and technical career programs. Being a mother at a young age presents many barriers to success in school, such as illness, child-care issues, transportation, and access to medical care. TAPP provides these and other valuable services on-site so students never have to leave campus.
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Q: How do I register and apply to schools?
A: No application is required to attend your base middle school.

Q: What does School Choice mean?
A: JCPS offers a school choice system that lets parents apply to the school that best meets their child’s needs. We boost academic success by letting parents apply to the school or program that best matches their child’s needs and his or her learning style.

Q: How do I apply for magnet schools or magnet programs?
A: The online magnet application can be accessed on a computer, tablet or smartphone. If you don’t have Internet access, you can go to the nearest middle school or the JCPS registration site located in the Lam Building at 4309 Bishop Lane. You can also apply at the following:

- The JCPS Satellite Office at the California Community Center located at 1600 West Saint Catherine Street
- The JCPS Satellite Office at the Academy @ Shawnee located at 4018 W. Market Street
- The JCPS ESL Office located at 1325 Bluegrass Avenue

If you are new to the JCPS school district and want to attend your base middle school, you must first contact the school (NOT THE DISTRICT) about new student registration. The school will require proof of address.

Q: How many magnet choices can I submit for my child?
A: Parents may select up to two magnet choices on the application.

Q: How can I change the magnet application to a different school or program?
A: An online magnet application can be changed until December 18, 2019. Changes are not permitted once the application period closes.

Q: How do I find out my base school?
A: Use School Finder on the JCPS website to find your school: https://apps.jefferson.kyschools.us/Demographics/SchoolFinder.aspx
Q: I have applied for a magnet, but my address has changed. What do I do?
A: Call the Student Assignment office at (502) 485-6250 to determine if the change of address will impact your child’s magnet application. Some schools or programs have boundaries, and a change of address could mean your child, if accepted, would have a different school assignment.

Q: When will I find out the status of my child’s magnet assignment?
A: Students who apply during the application period will be notified of the status of their application by April 1, 2020.

Q: I missed the magnet application period. What are my options?
A: You may submit an application after December 18, 2019; however, the application will only be considered if the school has openings for additional students. Students may always attend their base school.

Q: I don’t live in Jefferson County right now but will be moving there before school begins. Can I submit a magnet application for my child?
A: You may submit a magnet application in order for your child to be considered for your school choice option. You must provide proof of residence in Jefferson County before your child can enroll in a JCPS school. Call the Student Assignment office at (502) 485-6250 for more information.

Q: I’ll be moving to Jefferson County after school begins. What are the magnet options for my child?
A: Students who are new to Jefferson County may inquire about a magnet school option after school begins, through December 31. Students may always attend their base school. Call the Student Assignment office at (502) 485-6250 for more information.