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Middle School Choices

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS



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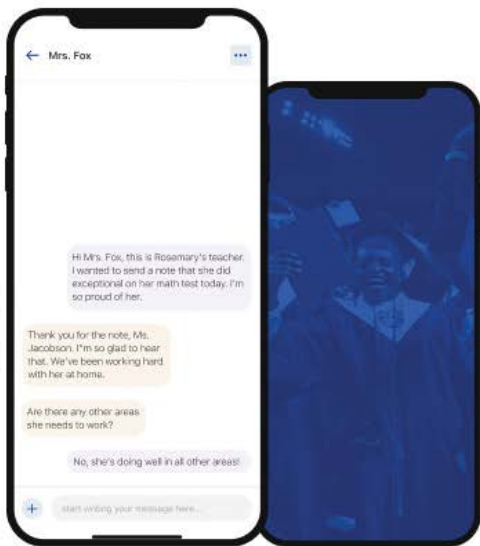
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**Resides
Schools**

**Magnet
Schools**

**Magnet
Programs**

**Choice
Zone**

Explore

Let's Get Started

The Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) District has more than 30 middle schools, ensuring that students from all backgrounds can find a sense of belonging. With nationally recognized teachers and programs, we are proud to provide an array of choices to best serve our students throughout the district. Fifth-grade students currently enrolled in a JCPS school will be automatically enrolled in a middle school designated by their address unless they:

- Apply and are accepted into another school (magnet school or approved transfer).
- Live in the JCPS Choice Zone.

Find out the middle school designated for where you live by using the online JCPS SchoolFinder tool. **(See page 6 for QR code.)** During the application window, Choice Zone students will be required to select whether they'd like to attend school close to home or far away.

We understand that families want to have options for their student's education, which may include a choice other than their resides school. Fifth-grade students can also apply to magnet schools and magnet programs. Review the school options for your student, and evaluate how the programs and offerings at those schools align with your student's goals and future plans after middle school.



Register and Apply

Review Options and Select Preference

Decide what type of learning environment works best for your student, and explore school options, programs, and/or offerings at each school.

Middle School Options

Resides Schools (page 8)

- Current JCPS students will be automatically enrolled in their resides school. New JCPS students who have already registered with the district and would like to attend their resides school should contact the school (not the Office of School Choice) to enroll.

Choice Zone (page 10)

- You can attend either your close-to-home option or the school designated for your address that is far away. This is only for incoming sixth graders, middle school students new to the district, or middle school students with a new address in the Choice Zone. An application is required to make your selection.

Magnet Schools (page 41)

- If your preference is outside of your resides school boundary, you can select and apply for up to two magnet schools or programs.

Traditional Magnet Schools* (page 41)

- If you are currently enrolled in a JCPS Traditional Magnet elementary school, no application is necessary. 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 school.*



Have You Registered?

You need to register if:

- Your student has never attended a JCPS school.

How to Register

- Online
- At any JCPS middle school
- At the Office of School Choice



Register
Online



JCPS
SchoolFinder

Registration Process

- All students new to JCPS must register with the district before applying for school.
- You may register your student for school regardless of immigration status and/or a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. For more information, contact the Office of Access and Opportunity at **(502) 485-3650**.

After You Register

After you register, JCPS will verify your information and send you an email with next steps, which can take up to two business days. To find out which school is your resides school, call the JCPS Demographics Office at **(502) 485-3050** or use the online JCPS SchoolFinder. **(See above for the JCPS SchoolFinder QR code.)**



Apply Now

Dates to Remember

Applications open:

November 3, 2025

Application deadline:

December 19, 2025

Acceptance notification:

April 2026

Apply

Application Process

All middle school students are automatically enrolled in their resides school, unless they live in the Choice Zone ([page 10](#)). If you live in the Choice Zone, you must select between your close-to-home or far-away options.

Magnet Application Information

- Students may submit one magnet application per year.
- Submitting a magnet application doesn't guarantee admission, and submitting false information will void an application.
- Waiting lists are not kept from year to year.
- Magnet applications can only be edited during the on-time application period.
- There is no sibling preference for magnet admissions.
- Siblings of current or former Traditional Magnet School students do not receive preference in the application process, but those who share the same date of birth (twins, triplets, etc.) are treated as one application. However, parents must submit a separate application for each student.
- Students must be a resident of Jefferson County to attend a magnet school or magnet program. If families are relocating, contact the Office of School Choice at **(502) 485-6250**.

You need to apply if:

- Your student is applying for a magnet school or magnet program.
- Your student is an incoming sixth grader who lives in the Choice Zone.
- Your student has a new address in the Choice Zone.

How to Apply

Families are encouraged to apply online, but in-person application options are available. You can apply in person at the following locations:

- JCPS Office of School Choice: 4309 Bishop Lane
- Any school location



Resides Schools

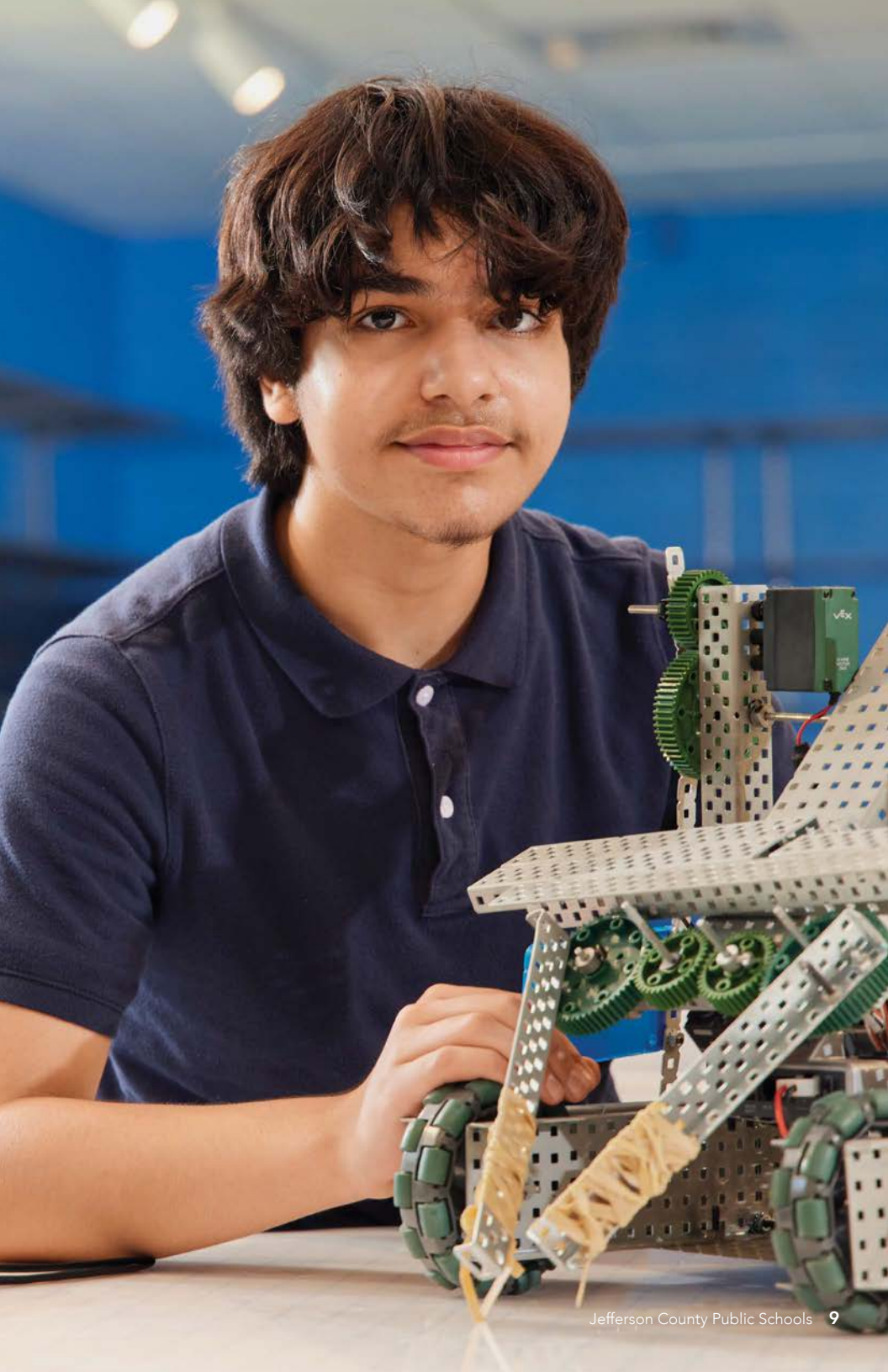
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If your resides school has a magnet program you wish to participate in, you must apply to that magnet program. **(See pages 49–50 for magnet programs.)**

If you are new to JCPS, registration will be required before you can enroll or apply. Register online **(see QR code on page 6)**, in person at your resides school, or at the JCPS Office of School Choice. Proof of address is required.



Choice Zone

EQUITY • Access • Ease of Understanding • Diversity • Choice

Students living within the Choice Zone (black outline) have the choice to attend the assigned middle school that is close to home or a school farther away.

Incoming sixth-grade students, students new to JCPS, or students with an address change in the Choice Zone must complete an application to make their close-to-home or far-away school selection. There is no default school. Students can update their selection annually.

All students may also apply for magnets and transfers.

Academy @ Shawnee High

Academy @ Shawnee Middle

Hudson

Network 1

Kennedy, J.F., Elementary
King Elementary
Maupin Elementary

Network 2

Cochran Elementary
Engelhard Elementary
McFerran Preparatory Academy
Perry Elementary

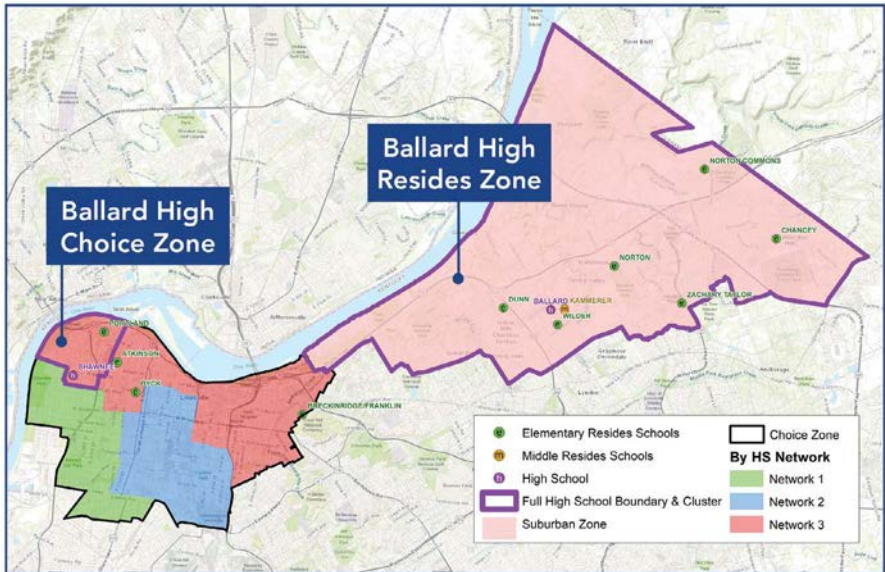
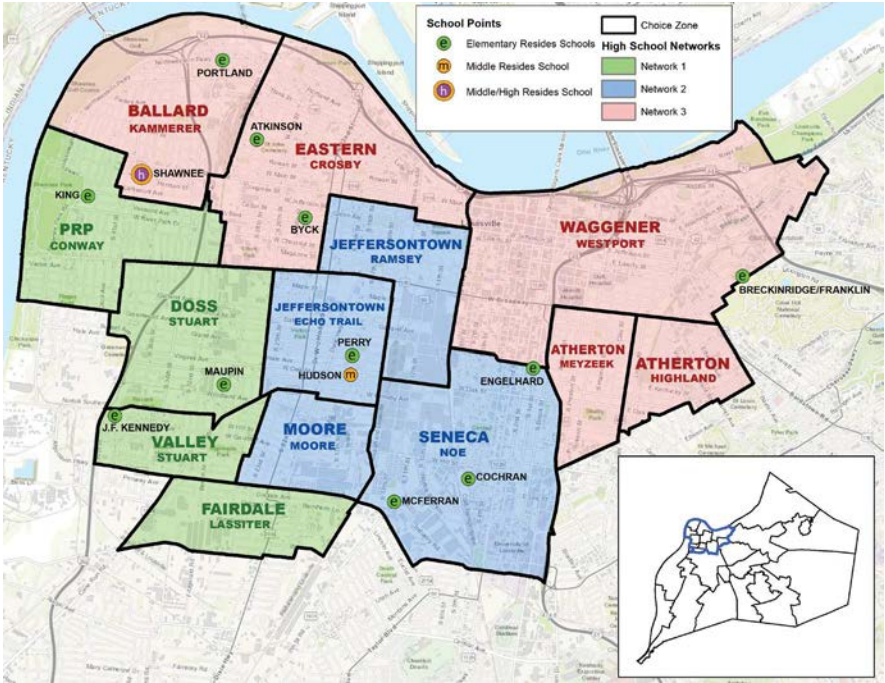
Network 3

Atkinson Academy
Breckinridge-Franklin Elementary
Byck Elementary
Portland Elementary

The example to the right shows the middle school choices of a student who lives in the Ballard High School Choice Zone. This student's close-to-home options are Hudson Middle or the Academy @ Shawnee. Their far-away option is Kammerer Middle.

If a student selects the close-to-home option, they will need to rank the two schools and admission will be based on building capacity.

Level	Close to Home	Far Away
Elementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atkinson • Breck-Frank • Byck • Portland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancey • Dunn • Norton Commons • Norton • Taylor, Zachary • Wilder
Middle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy @ Shawnee Middle • Hudson Middle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kammerer
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy @ Shawnee High 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballard





Explore

What Is Explore?

Explore Pathways introduce Career and Technical Education (CTE) to middle school students.

All students in Explore schools will have access to the Explore learning experience; students don't need to apply for Explore itself. Explore is not a magnet program. It is a new way of structuring learning in middle school to focus on real-world experiences.

How Does It Work?

Sixth Grade: In sixth grade, students rotate through pathway offerings, followed by a special selection ceremony where they can choose their seventh- and eighth-grade pathways.

Seventh and Eighth Grades: For the remaining two years, students will experience project-based learning, guest speakers, and field trips. They'll also complete a Defense of Learning in their eighth-grade year that includes artifacts created during their time in that particular pathway.

What Schools* Offer Explore Pathways?

- Academy @ Shawnee
- Carrithers
- Crosby
- DuBois, W.E.B., Academy
- Echo Trail
- Farnsley
- Highland
- James, Dr. Grace, Academy of Excellence
- Jefferson, Thomas
- Kammerer
- Moore, Marion C., School
- Ramsey
- Westport

**Schools are listed in alphabetical order by last name.*



Business & Communication



Consumer Science



Engineering & Design



Healthcare Science



Public Service

What Pathways Are Offered at JCPs Middle Schools?

Currently, there are five pathways aligned with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Career Clusters.

Business and Communication: This pathway focuses on teaching students all aspects of business, marketing, and leadership. They will learn about personal finance, entrepreneurship, digital citizenship, communication and journalism, sales strategies, and business planning.

Consumer Science: This pathway explores personal growth, family dynamics, early childhood development, employability skills, economics, culinary and food services, fashion, interior design, and agribusiness.

Engineering and Design: This pathway teaches students about the design process from start to finish. They will gain knowledge in robotics, coding, architecture, construction, 3D graphic design, and model building.

Healthcare Science: This pathway provides students with knowledge and skills related to the medical field. They will learn about first aid/CPR, biology, sports medicine, and the various careers in healthcare.

Public Service: This pathway explores government structures, law, and education in relation to local, state, and national communities. Students will participate in mock trials, disaster planning, and emergency response scenarios and will develop leadership skills while working to make positive changes.

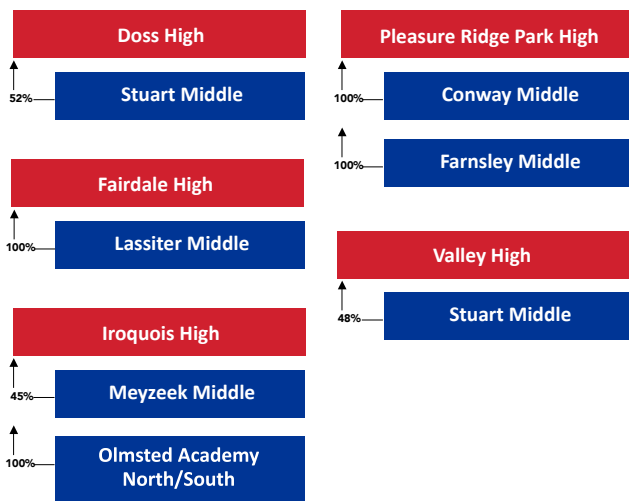
Note: Not all Explore pathways are offered at every Explore school.

Feeder Patterns

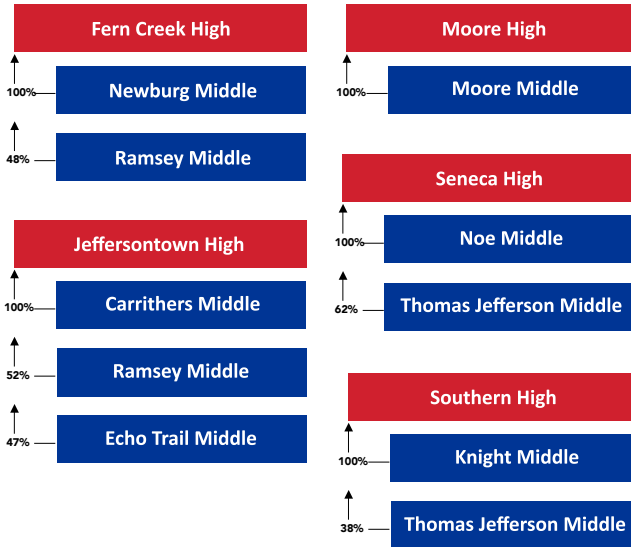
JCPS has developed **15 feeder patterns** that allow parents to see the schools their student will attend based on their home address.

Percentages represent the portion of the student body to attend the indicated high school.

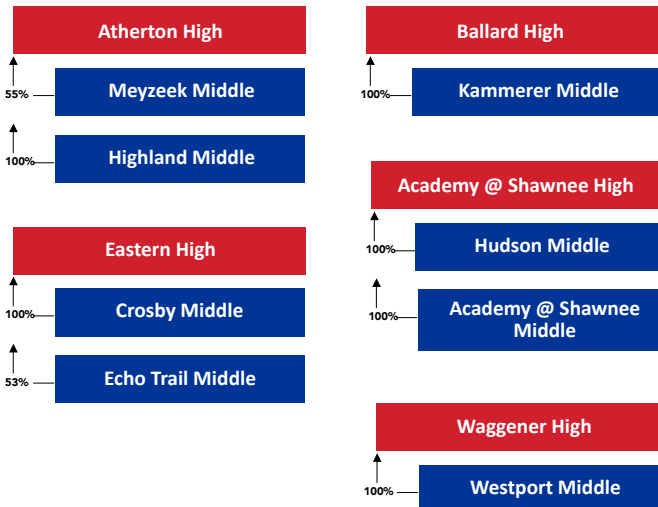
Network 1



Network 2



Network 3





Middle Schools

Fast Facts

Resides



No application required for current JCPS fifth graders unless you live in the Choice Zone

Magnets

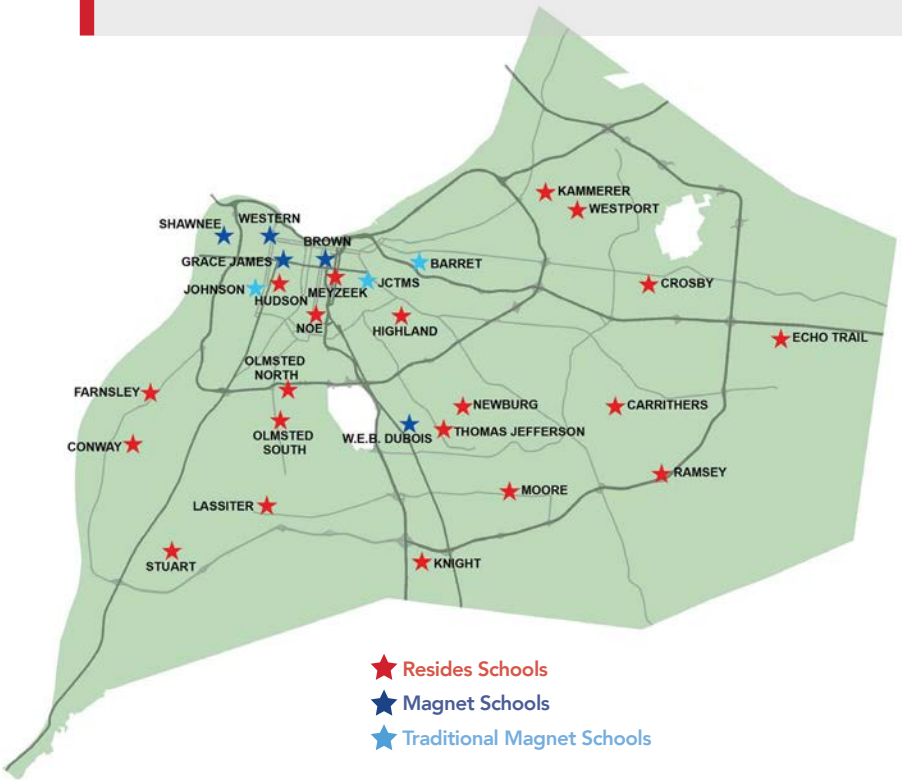


Application required













Traditional Magnets



No application required for students currently enrolled in traditional elementary magnet



Middle Schools at a Glance*

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**Boundary-based school



Resides Schools



Academy @ Shawnee

Student Enrollment: 360 (Grades 6–8)

Phone: (502) 485-8326

Address: 4001 Herman Street, Louisville, KY 40212

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/the-academy-shawnee

The Academy @ Shawnee is committed to preparing students by helping them develop the core skills needed to be successful in middle school, high school, and beyond. Our middle school is one of a handful of middle schools that have Explore Pathways, which allow students to learn about different careers through hands-on learning activities, field trips, and guest speakers in specialized classes exploring careers. The Explore Pathways are a great complement to core classes, which prepare students for the rigors of high school.



Business & Communication



Engineering & Design



Healthcare Science

School Highlights

- Engineering and Aerospace Magnet
- Catered lesson materials that ensure every student is learning in the way that best meets their needs
- Career Exploration classes, which focus on Hands-on Project-Based Learning (PBL) and design thinking
- **Clubs and activities:** Black Student Union (BSU), Chess Club, Drama/Theatre, Esports Club, Choir, Arts Club, Anime Club, and Video Gaming Club
- **Athletics:** Archery, baseball, basketball, bowling, Esports, flag football, football, golf, swimming, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Investing, Money Skills, Marketing
- **Engineering and Design:** Design Thinking, Robotics, and Coding
- **Healthcare Science:** Career Explorations in Nutrition, Fitness, and Health



Carrithers Middle

Student Enrollment: 543

Phone: (502) 485-8224

Address: 4320 Billtown Road, Louisville, KY 40299

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/carrithers-middle-school

At Carrithers, our mission is to provide a productive learning environment where students explore their potential, excel in their pursuits, and are empowered to succeed throughout their lives.

School Highlights

- Advance Program
- 1:1 Technology Device-to-Student Ratio
- Daily Advisory period to build relationships between students and teachers
- Full-time Mental Health Practitioner (MHP)
- Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) Distinguished ratings in Music Programs
- **Electives:** Art, Band, Business and Communications, Environmental Science, Public Service, Orchestra, Spanish, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

Clubs and activities:

- Alpha Academy, Beta Club, Book Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Journalism, Pride Club, Quick Recall, Robotics, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), and Student Tech Team
- **Athletics:** Archery, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Dance, Flag Football, Soccer, Track, and Volleyball

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Business, Marketing, Finance, Entrepreneurship, Advertising, Communication, and Journalism
- **Public Service:** Government, Mock Trials, Military, Public Speaking/Debate, Disaster Planning, and Emergency Response





Conway Middle

Student Enrollment: 692

Phone: (502) 485-8233

Address: 6300 Terry Road, Louisville, KY 40258

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/conway-middle-school

Conway Middle provides quality learning experiences in a caring environment to prepare and inspire our students to be successful in life.

School Highlights

- Advance Program
- **Verizon Innovative Learning School (VILS):** iPad and data plan for all students/staff
- Updated media center with flexible seating, project space, and technology access
- Award-winning orchestra, band, and Chess Team
- Youth Services Center (YSC) that helps remove learning barriers by connecting students and families with various service programs
- Five state champion awards for Digital Products Online Judging by the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) team
- Individualized approach to learning through Cougar Day intervention periods
- **Clubs and activities:** Anime Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Chess Team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Men of Quality, Future Problem Solvers, Quick Recall, STLP, and Walking/Jogging Club
- **Athletics:** Archery, baseball, basketball (boys' and girls'), cheer, cross-country (boys' and girls'), football, soccer, softball, track and field, and volleyball



Crosby Middle

Student Enrollment: 754

Phone: (502) 485-8235

Address: 303 Gatehouse Lane, Louisville, KY 40243

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/crosby-middle-school

This year, Crosby Middle will celebrate 50 years of academic excellence. Our programs provide all students with the opportunity to excel academically and emotionally. Every student at Crosby is a unique individual whom we prepare for the transition to high school and—more importantly—life. Crosby celebrates students and staff on a weekly basis.

School Highlights

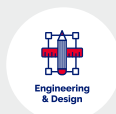
- Advance Program
- Highly competitive Distinguished Math Scholars (DMS) Program offering high school algebra and geometry credit in eighth grade
- Band, Orchestra, and Choir Ensembles that consistently earn Distinguished honors at the district and state levels
- **Unique Classroom Experiences:**
 - Project-Based Learning (PBL):** Provides students weekly hands-on, inquiry-based learning experiences across all subject areas
 - Social Emotional Learning (SEL):** Weekly opportunities for students to engage in building positive peer relations as well as

discussions led by teachers and counselors alike

- **Clubs and activities:** Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Astronomy, Black Student Union (BSU), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Girls Who Code, Media Production, Nature Club, Piano Club, Science Olympiad, Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA), and Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA)
- **Athletics:** Football, cross-country, volleyball, golf, tennis, field hockey, basketball, cheer, dance, bowling, swim team, archery, soccer, baseball, softball, track and field, lacrosse, and flag football

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Social Media Certifications
- **Engineering and Design:** Programming, Building, and Debugging; Media Production;
- **Healthcare Science:** CPR and First Aid Certifications, Stop the Bleed Certification, and First Aid





Echo Trail Middle

Student Enrollment: 1,120

Phone: (502) 485-8398

Address: 2601 Echo Trail, Louisville, KY 40245

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/echo-trail-middle-school

Echo Trail Middle opened in the fall of 2023 and is the newest school built in eastern Jefferson County since 2008. The new facility features a modern, open-concept floor plan and is located in the heart of the Parklands. Our students have a variety of opportunities to engage in hands-on learning and outdoor activities. We strive to "Expect greatTness" in everything we do as a Wolf Pack.

School Highlights

- **GREAT Pillars of Success:** Acknowledges and recognizes students for embodying the following values of our school—Growth Mindset, Ready and Responsible, Enthusiastic Attitude, Actively Participating, and Treating Yourself and Others With Kindness
- **Academic offerings:** Algebra I, Geometry Advanced Program, and Gifted and Talented
- **Student voice, advocacy, and service-learning opportunities:** Student ambassadors and leadership roles, student-led conferences, field trips, and student-led school campaigns
- **Clubs:** Baking/ Cooking, Beta, Board Games, Black Student Union (BSU), Chess, Cornhole, Drama, Echo Effect, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), FPS, GSA, Journalism, Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA), LEGO Robotics, MATHCOUNTS, Men of Quality, Parkland Trails, Quick Recall, RAK, Science Fair, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Student Council, Student Y, SWAG, VEX Robotics, Yearbook, and Fishing
- **Athletics:** Offers all JCPS athletics

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Explore all aspects of business, leadership, and marketing through the lens of finance, entrepreneurship, digital citizenship, marketing, advertising, and business planning.
- **Consumer Science:** Learn employability skills and human connection while exploring the worlds of culinary arts and services, safety, CPR, fashion, and healthy lifestyles.
- **Engineering and Design:** Enter the world of discovering robotics, architecture, construction, 3D graphic design, and building models.



Farnsley Middle

Student Enrollment: 915

Phone: (502) 485-8242

Address: 3400 Lees Lane, Louisville, KY 40216

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/farnsley-middle

Farnsley Middle provides a safe environment that encourages lifelong student success. We recognize the uniqueness of all our students and are committed to promoting student-centered excellence in academics and the development of social skills, leadership, and creativity. Farnsley's pathways offer students hands-on, engaging learning experiences with future schools and community connections.

School Highlights

- Mathematics/Science/Technology (MST) Magnet Program ([program details on page 49](#))
- Advance Program and Gifted and Talented Program
- Advanced mathematical programming, including Algebra I and Geometry
- Nationally recognized robotics (VEX), engineering, and tech offerings along with a Verizon Innovative Learning School (VILS) Lab fully equipped with VR headsets, 3D printers, Glowforge printer, and 1:1 technology device-to-student ratio
- Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) Distinguished ratings in band, choir, and orchestra
- Award-winning and nationally recognized academic and leadership teams
- 65+ activities, clubs, and athletics offered

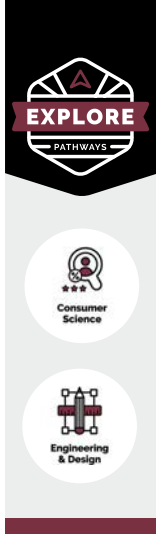
Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Social Media Certifications; Engineering and Design; Programming, Building, and Debugging; Code.org Certification; Rube Goldberg Machines Competition; and Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Curriculum
- **Engineering and Design:** Programming, Building, and Debugging; Corde.org Certification; Rube Goldberg Machines Competition; and PLTW Curriculum
- **Healthcare Science:** CPR and First Aid Certifications, Stop the Bleed Certification, and First Aid





Highland Middle



Student Enrollment: 639

Phone: (502) 485-8266

Address: 1700 Norris Place, Louisville, KY 40205

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/highland-middle

At Highland Middle, our mission is to teach to high academic and social standards so each member of the school community becomes more globally minded and develops a desire for lifelong learning and community responsibility.

School Highlights

- **Fine Arts Magnet:** Offers students the opportunity to participate in an award-winning program, which consists of chorus, music, band, and orchestra (Distinguished ratings received by all groups from the Kentucky Music Educators Association [KMEA] for three consecutive years) ([program details on page 49](#))
- Daily social-emotional learning opportunities through Soft Start
- **Athletics:** Cheer, cross-country, golf, fencing, field hockey, basketball, tennis, football, volleyball, swimming, archery, soccer, baseball, softball, flag football, and track and field
- **Middle school electives:** Engaging elective options, which include an optional Adv. Spanish elective
- **Instructional framework:** Offers 90 minutes of core content classes in our block scheduling format and daily opportunities for enrichment and intervention
- **Clubs and activities:** Adventures Club, Art Club, LGBTQ+ Alliance, Black Student Union (BSU), Quick Recall, Future Problem Solvers, Gaming Club, Minecraft Club, Racial Equity Committee, Harry Potter Club, Sprout Squad (Garden Club), Creative Writing Club, Sewing Club, LEGO Socials, and Muslim Student Association

Explore Pathways

- **Consumer Science:** Learn employability skills and the human connection with economics by exploring the worlds of culinary and food services and fashion and interior design. Discover the world of agribusiness while focusing on the systems found in our natural world, from food science to renewable energy.
- **Engineering and Design:** Enter the world of engineering and design through the avenues of robotics, coding, architecture, construction, 3D graphic design, and building models.



Hudson Middle

Student Enrollment: 992

Phone: (502) 485-8187

Address: 1107 S. 17th Street, Louisville, KY 40210 (6th-Grade Academy)
3526 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard, Louisville, KY 40212
(Upper Academy)

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/dr-j-blaine-hudson-middle-school

Hudson Middle is the first new middle school in West Louisville since 1932. We are currently teaching and learning in two temporary buildings. Thanks to the new School Choice plan, we are thrilled to help our students explore various career paths closer to home.

School Highlights

- Social Justice class that incorporates the Learning for Justice Social Justice Standards to promote an equitable education
- Special Panther Days, which include career exploration, schoolwide team building, and community service-learning projects
- **Student leadership opportunities:** Social Justice Impact League, Principal Student Council, Black Student Union (BSU), and more
- **Activities, clubs, and athletics:** Basketball, football, cheerleading, dance, track, curling, flag football, baseball, Big Brothers Big Sisters, drama club, step club, anime, and more



Thomas Jefferson Middle

Student Enrollment: 954

Phone: (502) 485-8273

Address: 1501 Rangeland Rd., Louisville, KY 40219

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/thomas-jefferson-middle

At Thomas Jefferson Middle School (TJMS), we support our students through our school vision of WE LEAD, focusing on Literacy, Equity, Acceleration, and Design (LEAD). Student growth is a core focus of instruction with an intentional focus on student literacy. TJMS is an Explore school, aligning our Explore Pathways with the Academies of Louisville at Seneca and Southern High Schools. Students are offered a variety of options for their Elevate class in addition to their Explore Pathway class.

School Highlights

- **Patriot Academy:** Helps sixth graders transition to middle school by separating them from other grades so that their teachers can focus on supporting them through social-emotional lessons
- Gifted and Talented and accelerated programs
- No-uniform school that supports student expression through a dress code policy
- **Elevate offerings:** Band, orchestra, choir, art, technology, physical education (PE), and health
- **Clubs and activities:** Academic Team, Art Club, Beta Club, Book Clubs, Chess Club (state champions), Black Student Union (BSU), Gaming Club, and Student Council
- **Athletics:** Baseball, basketball, cheerleading, dance, flag football, soccer, step team, track, and volleyball

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Focuses on careers in personal finance, entrepreneurship, marketing, and advertising
- **Engineering and Design:** Focuses on the design process and careers in robotics, programming, and construction
- **Public Service:** Focuses on government structures, law, and education





Kammerer Middle

Student Enrollment: 809

Phone: (502) 485-8279

Address: 7315 Wesboro Road, Louisville, KY 40222

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/kammerer-middle-school

At Kammerer Middle, we engage students of diverse backgrounds in culturally responsive and academically challenging learning environments where differences are respected and celebrated. Kammerer provides a positive and safe environment where students explore interests and elevate talents to achieve success on an emotional and academic level.

School Highlights

- **Award-winning band, choir, and orchestra programs:** Consistent Distinguished ratings at Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) with students selected for various college Honor Band programs
- Advance Program, Distinguished Math Scholar (DMS) Program, and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) School Safe and Civil Schools Program
- Youth Services Center (YSC) available to all Kammerer students and families
- **Clubs and activities:** Academic Team, Anime/Manga, Beta Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Braiding Club, Chess, Children's Fine Art Classes (CFAC), Art Club, Drama Club, Future Problem Solvers, Guitar Club, Jazz Band, Minecraft Club, Pep Club, Ping Pong Club, Photography Club, Quick Recall, Ski Club, Special Olympics Club, Wyldlife Club, and Yearbook Club
- **Athletics:** Baseball, basketball, cheer, cross-country, dance, field hockey, flag football, football, golf, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, track, and volleyball

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Digital Literacy, Media and Journalism, Art and Graphic Design, Interactive Media, and Business and Marketing
- **Engineering and Design:** Coding and Robotics
- **Healthcare Science:** General Health and Wellness, Nursing, Nutrition, Sports Medicine, and Forensics





Knight Middle

Student Enrollment: 800

Phone: (502) 485-8287

Address: 9803 Blue Lick Road, Louisville, KY 40229

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/knight-middle-school

Knight Middle's mission is to be a learning community grounded in equity and empathy that engages and empowers every student socially, emotionally, and academically. Knight embraces and celebrates the strength of diversity that our students and families bring to our community.

School Highlights

- Advance Program and Gifted and Talented Education offered
- **Related arts offerings, including:** Health and physical education (PE), band, orchestra and choir, visual art, financial literacy, Spanish, STEM (robotics, virtual reality coding, and 3D printing technology), and Best Buddies
- Knight Clubs after school throughout the school year, which vary based on the interest of the students but have included Anime Club, Archery, Art Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Crochet Club, E-Sports, Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), Knight Kindness Club, Men of Quality, Skateboard Club, Robotics Club, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP)/Tech Club, and more
- **Athletics:** Cheerleading, boys' and girls' basketball, dance team, flag and tackle football, soccer, track, and volleyball
- Full implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Diverse student population representing more than 14 languages



Lassiter Middle

Student Enrollment: 892

Phone: (502) 485-8288

Address: 8200 Candleworth Drive, Louisville, KY 40214

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/lassiter-middle-school

At Lassiter Middle, we pride ourselves on fostering a positive school culture and providing a structured environment where students thrive under high academic expectations. Our vibrant community is dedicated to supporting each student in reaching their full potential, embracing diversity as a cornerstone of our values. We believe that interactions play a crucial role in shaping our students' experiences and growth. Together, we create a nurturing environment where every individual feels valued and empowered. Join us at Lassiter, where excellence meets inclusivity and every interaction matters.

School Highlights

- A dominant presence in the regional Governor's Cup Academic Team, securing multiple championships
- **Related arts opportunities:** Rock Band, Concert Band, Orchestra, Literacy Magazine, physical education (PE), Career Choices, and Multimedia Technology classes
- Brand-new Verizon Innovations STEM Lab funded by Heart of America, offering design and engineering opportunities using 3D printing technology, Sphero robotics, Virtual Reality, and much more
- **Clubs and activities:** Academic Team, Adelante Hispanic Achievers, Beta Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Cooking Club, Drama Club, Future Problem Solvers, Girls on the Run, Girls Who Game, Lassiter Ambassadors, Men of Quality, Multicultural Club, National Honor Society (NHS), Quick Recall, Robotics, Student Council, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Video Game and Minecraft Club, Yearbook, and Women of Worth
- **Athletics:** Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, and Volleyball



Meyzeek Middle

Student Enrollment: 858

Phone: (502) 485-8299

Address: 828 S. Jackson Street, Louisville, KY 40203

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/meyzeek-middle-school

Meyzeek Middle School is a premier Mathematics/Science/Technology (MST) Magnet that immerses students in authentic, hands-on learning experiences; embraces diversity; and creates opportunities to develop lifelong learners. Our MST Program features majors in Engineering and Design, Health Sciences, and Digital Communications and Technology, with complementary minors in the Fine Arts.

Meyzeek Middle ignites intellectual curiosity and cultivates future-ready, diverse leaders through a rigorous, engaging, and immersive MST curriculum. We empower students to master complex problem solving, develop incisive critical thinking, and achieve unparalleled competitive advantage, ensuring that all students excel as transformative forces in the global workforce.

School Highlights

- Mathematics/Science/Technology (MST) Magnet ([program details on page 49](#))
- Advanced-level mathematics, including Algebra I and Geometry, to earn high school credits
- Rigorous and advanced levels of Spanish with the opportunity to earn high school credit
- **Competitive academic teams and leadership opportunities:** Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA), Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA), National Junior Beta Club, HOSA—Future Health Professionals, MATHCOUNTS, Science Olympiad, Governor’s Cup, Debate, Future Problem Solving, Quick Recall, and Robotics and Engineering accolades
- 40+ extracurricular activities, clubs, and competitive athletic teams, including archery, baseball, basketball, football, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, and much more



Marion C. Moore School

Student Enrollment: 595 (Grades 6–8)

Phone: (502) 485-8304

Address: 6415 Outer Loop, Louisville, KY 40228

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/marion-c-moore-school

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 students attend. We are the largest school in the city of Louisville and proudly serve grades six through twelve. Your student can be with us for seven years, which is a unique benefit of Moore's combined school model.

School Highlights

- Award-winning band, orchestra, and chorus programs
- Algebra I and Health/physical education (PE) for high school credit
- A unique structure of having middle school and high school students share a campus that supports consistency in academic focus
- Related arts courses that mirror high school Academies and that provide opportunities to explore offerings
- **Athletics:** Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Flag Football, Football, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track, Volleyball, and Wrestling
- **Clubs of interest:** Beta Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Hispanic Student Union (HSU), HOSA, Men of Quality, and many more

Explore Pathways

- **Consumer Science**
- **Engineering and Design**
- **Healthcare Science**





Newburg Middle

Student Enrollment: 581

Phone: (502) 485-8306

Address: 4901 Exeter Avenue, Louisville, KY 40218

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/newburg-middle

At Newburg Middle, 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.

School Highlights

- Mathematics/Science/Technology (MST) Magnet Program ([program details on page 49](#))
- Advance Program and Gifted and Talented Student Programming —Honors Algebra 1
- Diverse student body that speaks 21+ languages
- VEX Robotics and Engineering Program
- **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) School:** A schoolwide college- and career-readiness system designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and in their lives beyond high school
- Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) Distinguished ratings in orchestra, band, and chorus
- **Athletic opportunities:** Volleyball, cheer, football, cross-country, baseball, softball, basketball, tennis, archery, soccer, eSports, and dance (local-, regional-, and national-level academic competition opportunities)
- Outdoor classroom with a drone course
- **Kutz 4 Kidz:** State-licensed, fully operational barber shop offering free haircuts to kids
- Student Achievement Community Center (SACC) providing students and families access to clothes, shoes, and fresh produce on-site at Newburg
- **Verizon Innovative Learning (VIL) Lab:** Chromebook and data plan for all students/staff



Noe Middle

Student Enrollment: 1,165

Phone: (502) 485-8307

Address: 121 W. Lee Street, Louisville, KY 40208

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/noe-middle

Diversity, creativity, and academic excellence—these are the hallmarks of Noe Middle. By providing challenging courses and recognizing the individual talents of each student, Noe prepares students for the demands of high school while honoring their youthful enthusiasm and desire to make a difference in the world. Noe's mission is to focus on student success as the goal of all activities through a student-centered environment, an interdisciplinary team-teaching organization, and a cooperative effort of staff, parents, and the community.

School Highlights

- National Magnet Schools of America Certification
- **Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Program:** Specialized, intensive studies in Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts that help students develop their artistic potential through daily accelerated classes and opportunities to prepare for possible entry into a high school arts magnet
- **Gifted and Talented Magnet Program:** Designed to meet the unique needs of advanced learners who excel in academics, the arts, creativity, and leadership through student choice, project-based instruction, and leadership opportunities
- Offers the Advance Program
- Offers Algebra I for high school credit
- **Competitive Academic Teams:** Future Problem Solvers (FPS), Governor's Cup, MATHCOUNTS, Quick Recall, Science Fair, and Science Olympiad
- **Student leadership opportunities:** Beta Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Justice Now, Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA), Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA), Rotary Interact, Student Council, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), and service-learning projects
- **Athletics:** Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Dance Team, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swim, Tennis, Track, and Volleyball
- **Clubs of interest:** A Capella Music Group, Art and Activism Club, Book Club, Chess Club, Girls on the Run, Graphic Arts Club, Guitar Club, Jazz Band, Literary Magazine, Minecraft, Robotics, Scholars Who Code, Yearbook Staff, and more



Olmsted Academy North

Student Enrollment: 466

Phone: (502) 485-8331

Address: 4530 Bellevue Avenue, Louisville, KY 40215

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/o/oan

Olmsted Academy North (OAN) is the first JCPS all-male middle school. The three pillars of Olmsted Academy North are to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. We offer Advance Program, Gifted and Talented Program, and a host of inclusive clubs, sports, and activities. We are a trauma-informed school, implementing daily Restorative Practices (RP). Our goal is to ensure that our young men are ready for the next level by engaging and challenging them every day at OAN!

School Highlights

- **Our mission:** Providing our young men with rigorous instruction; encouraging collaboration and inclusion through Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)-focused exploration; and designing innovative futures
- **Athletics:** Football (flag and tackle), basketball, soccer, track and field, and cross-country
- **Clubs and activities:** Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Coding, Mechanical Engineering, Digital Design, Robotics, Black Student Union (BSU), Men of Quality, Student Tech Team, eSports, Cooking Club, and Express Pass



Olmsted Academy South

Student Enrollment: 524

Phone: (502) 485-8270

Address: 5650 Southern Parkway, Louisville, KY 40214

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/o/oas

Olmsted Academy South (OAS) is a unique learning environment designed to ignite a passion for discovery and empower the next generation of female leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). At OAS, hands-on STEAM experiences enrich the core content instruction, making learning dynamic and relevant. Here, in an all-girls setting, students thrive in an atmosphere of collaboration and encouragement.

School Highlights

- Gender-Specific and STEAM Magnet ([program details on page 49](#))
- Offers cutting-edge technology courses where you can build and program robots, master the language of coding, engage in the nationally recognized Project Lead The Way (PLTW) curriculum, and build engineering skills that will transfer to life and career
- Vibrant related arts courses offering opportunities to broaden horizons and cultivate individual talents, including Band, Orchestra, Health and Physical Education (PE), Visual Arts, and Engineering
- Offers a variety of sports and after-school activities designed to foster teamwork, build skills, and create lasting friendships, such as Academic Team, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Math Club, basketball, cross-country, track and field, cheerleading, and even flag football



Ramsey Middle

Student Enrollment: 1,081

Phone: (502) 485-8391

Address: 6409 Gellhaus Lane, Louisville, KY 40299

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/ramsey-middle-school

Ramsey Middle ensures that students are empowered learners, service-minded leaders, and globally responsible citizens. Ramsey's campus culture encourages students and staff to live up to our motto—Serve to Be Great—by encouraging them to be community leaders and serve those in need. Ramsey Rams are able to explore their potential by learning about various career pathways. This, along with individual teams, helps facilitate a successful transition from elementary to middle school and builds a sense of community.

School Highlights

- Industry-specific guest speakers, field trips, mentorships, and internal Explore event opportunities
- Modern classrooms and blended learning with personalized, student-centered learning
- Pathway-specific field trips
- **Verizon Innovative Learning School (VILS):** Chromebooks with integrated wireless technology for all students
- 30+ extracurricular activities, clubs, and competitive athletic clubs combined

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship, and Social Media Certifications
- **Engineering and Design:** Programming, Building, and Debugging; Code.org Certification
- **Healthcare Science:** CPR and First Aid Certifications





Stuart Middle

Student Enrollment: 1,173

Phone: (502) 485-8334

Address: 4603 Valley Station Road, Louisville, KY 40272

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/o/stuart

In partnership with the community, Stuart Middle School's mission is to empower scholars to be 21st-century leaders who are ready for high school.

School Highlights

- Advance Math courses (seventh- and eighth-grade students only)
- Offers a variety of athletic activities at facilities that are among the best in the district
- Physical education (PE) classes that use a fitness lab with state-of-the-art equipment
- **Parent engagement and involvement opportunities:** Parent nights, field trips, volunteering, and parent-teacher conferences
- Project-Based Learning (PBL) opportunities
- Offers band, orchestra, and chorus as well as Boys' and Girls' Mentor Programs
- Offers a variety of enrichment activities, such as nationally competitive chess club, drum line, Black Student Union (BSU), Hispanic Student Union (HSU), eSports, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), gardening, Gifted and Talented, Justice Now, and many more
- One-to-one Chromebooks
- Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) programming
- High teacher retention



Westport Middle



Student Enrollment: 914

Phone: (502) 485-8346

Address: 8100 Westport Road, Louisville, KY 40222

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/westport-middle-school

At Westport Middle, we believe we can inspire every student by providing a safe and caring environment that fosters academic and individual growth. This belief reflects our core values of consistency, community, collaboration, and coaching. Westport is part of the JCPs Explore Academy Pathway project, allowing students to select a pathway of related arts classes aligned with their interests, which will prepare them for high school in the Academies of Louisville.



School Highlights

- **Montessori Magnet Program** ([program details on page 50](#))
- **Related arts opportunities:** Orchestra; band; health science; robotics; coding; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); African-American history; visual art opportunities; Best Buddies; and more
- Embedded enrichment and intervention systems
- **Activities, clubs, and athletics:** Academic Team, Art Club, Beta Club, Cooking Club, Drama Club, Equestrian Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Future Problem Solvers, Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA), MATHCOUNTS, Men of Quality, baseball, basketball, chess, cross-country, dance, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, Step Team, swim, track and field, volleyball, and more

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Journalism, Career Exploration, and Entrepreneurship
- **Engineering and Design:** Robotics, Coding, and STEM
- **Healthcare Science:** Nutrition and Wellness, Health Professions, and Sports Medicine



Magnet Schools



Barret Traditional Middle

Student Enrollment: 626

Phone: (502) 485-8207

Address: 2561 Grinstead Drive, Louisville, KY 40206

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/barret-traditional

Barret Traditional Middle provides a structured environment that allows every student to reach their highest potential while growing to be lifelong learners in a culturally diverse, ever-changing world. We teach our students to pursue excellence, demonstrate compassion, develop personal responsibility, and build a culture of respectfulness through service to others. We believe in The Barret Way, every day!

Barret serves students who live within certain geographical boundaries. Use JCPS SchoolFinder ([see page 54 for QR code](#)) to determine which traditional school boundary you live in.

School Highlights

- Schoolwide emphasis on standards-based grading and pushing each student to keep working to reach their personal best in interactive, collaborative, inquiry-based classrooms
- Long-standing tradition of top-rated academic performance
- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence—2019
- Kentucky 5-Star Rating—2020
- Top Rated Middle School Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) scores—2022, 2023, 2024
- Schoolwide emphasis on service learning through the Barret Cares Program, which provides community-service opportunities
- District and state championships in basketball, football, tennis, volleyball, field hockey, baseball, cheer, dance, and golf
- **Related arts opportunities:** Art; chorus; band; orchestra; Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); physical education (PE); health; drama; service learning; journalism; and Future City





J. Graham Brown School

Student Enrollment: 254 (Grades 6–8)

Phone: (502) 485-8216

Address: 546 S. First Street, Louisville, KY 40202

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/j-graham-brown-school

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 foster independence, cultivate empathy, ignite innovation, and inspire advocacy within a culturally responsive learning environment. Founder and first principal Martha Ellison says J. Graham Brown School students have the “reasoned minds and educated hearts” of self-directed, lifelong learners.

School Highlights

- Districtwide Self-Directed Learning Magnet School serving kindergarten through grade-twelve students
- Student voice, problem solving, and advocacy through Project-Based Learning (PBL)
- Student goal setting and self-monitoring of progress through student-led conferences
- Features the Ursa Innovation Lab, our makerspace, allowing students to innovate to create learning artifacts and experiences using various technologies
- Opportunities to earn high school credit as early as seventh grade
- Cross-grade collaboration and mentorship
- **Clubs and activities:** Science Fair, Quick Recall, Written Assessments, Future Problem Solving, Robotics Team, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Black Student Union (BSU), Asian Student Association, Beta Club, Drama (including two schoolwide plays each year), and Not Your Stereotypical Kids
- **Athletics:** Archery (grades seven and eight), baseball (grades seven and eight), basketball, bowling (grades seven and eight), cheer, cross-country, eSports (grades seven and eight), golf (grades seven and eight), soccer (2022 undefeated JCPS Girls' Soccer Champions), softball (grades seven and eight), swim (grades seven and eight), and track



W.E.B. DuBois Academy

Student Enrollment: 285 (Grades 6–8)

Phone: (502) 485-7600

Address: 3307 E. Indian Trail, Louisville, KY 40213

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/o/dubois

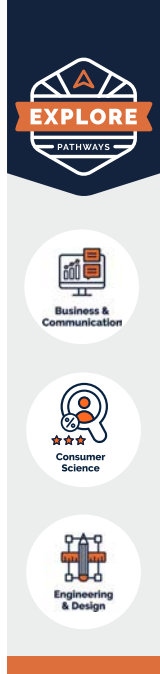
W.E.B. DuBois Academy stands as a beacon of excellence, empowerment, and cultural pride, dedicated to shaping the next generation of leaders. Rooted in an Afrocentric curriculum and a commitment to academic rigor, our all-male academy nurtures young men to excel in scholarship, leadership, and service. We honor the legacy of W.E.B. DuBois by fostering a learning environment where students are challenged to think critically, embrace their heritage, and prepare for boundless opportunities in the global landscape.

School Highlights

- **Gender-Specific Magnet:** Afrocentric multicultural curriculum for all males
- National Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I Conference Distinguished School
- Certified by Magnet Schools of America
- State-recognized Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Tier 1 (Bronze)
- Brotherhood reinforced by School Creed, L.E.A.D.E.R. Rules, and P.R.I.D.E. Values
- **Student leadership:** Alpha Academy, student ambassadors, L3, Men of Quality, Student Council, Black Student Union (BSU), Hispanic Student Union (HSU), Beta Club, etc.
- **Field trips:** Multiple field trip opportunities—citywide, out-of-state, and overnight field trips
- **Activities, clubs, and athletics:** Band, Baseball, Chess, Flag Football, Golf, Passion Classes, Robotics, Soccer, Track, Trivia Team, and more

Explore Pathways

- **Business and Communication:** Explore entrepreneurship, marketing, and communications. Develop vital skills in leadership, problem solving, and innovation.
- **Consumer Science:** Discover the world of culinary arts in kitchen labs. Master basic cooking techniques, and explore global cuisines.
- **Engineering and Design:** Do hands-on projects, explore the principles of design and problem solving, and unleash your creativity while shaping the world.





Dr. Grace James Academy of Excellence

Student Enrollment: 325 (Grades 6–8)

Phone: (502) 485-8123

Address: 1615 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40203

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/grace-m-james-academy-of-excellence

Dr. Grace James Academy of Excellence is a sixth- through twelfth-grade program that empowers its GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) to boldly conquer limitless possibilities through an inclusive and personalized curriculum.

School Highlights

- Gender-Specific Magnet for girls
- Core classes with a cross-curriculum Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) focus
- Advance Program and programming for Gifted and Talented students
- STEAM exploration and exposure
- Gender-specific skill development
- Afrocentric integration
- **Athletics:** Volleyball, basketball, track and field, cross-country, soccer, cheerleading, softball, field hockey, archery, tennis, Step Team, dance, All-County Dance, and Winterguard

Explore Pathways

- **Engineering and Design:** Explore engineering through hands-on projects like robotics, city design, construction, and 3D modeling.
- **Healthcare Science:** Explore healthcare through hands-on activities like first aid, CPR, and biology, gaining essential medical skills.





Jefferson County Traditional Middle

Student Enrollment: 815

Phone: (502) 485-8272

Address: 1418 Morton Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/jefferson-county-traditional-middle

At Jefferson County Traditional Middle School (JCTMS), our staff, parents, and community all share the responsibility of educating our students. We expect each student to reach their full potential by doing things the Centurion Way with Integrity, Discipline, and Excellence. At JCTMS, we are a "Triple-A" school; our students excel in each of three "A" categories—Academics, Athletics, and the Arts.

JCTMS serves students who live within certain geographical boundaries. Use JCPS SchoolFinder ([see page 54 for QR code](#)) to determine which traditional school boundary you live in.

School Highlights

- **Traditional Magnet:** Provides a student-centered and rigorous academic curriculum in a highly structured learning environment that is essential for developing college and career readiness and contributes to a student's growth by emphasizing high academic standards and responsible conduct
- One of the highest rates of student attendance among JCPS middle schools
- Award-winning band, orchestra and musical theatre program
- High-performing athletic teams annually
- **Clubs and activities:** Art Club, Musical Theatre, Black Student Union (BSU), Men of Quality, Craft Club, Quick Recall, Book Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Yearbook, Robotics, Fencing, and Youth Services Center (YSC) Advisory Council
- **Athletics:** Archery, baseball, basketball, cheer, cross-country, dance, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, step team, softball, swim, track, volleyball, and girls' flag football



Johnson Traditional Middle

Student Enrollment: 550

Phone: (502) 485-8277

Address: 2509 Wilson Avenue, Louisville, KY 40210

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/johnson-traditional-middle

Lyman T. Johnson Traditional Middle School (LJTMS) is committed to creating a safe community where all students and adults are respected and empowered to become lifelong learners and leaders. LJTMS serves students who live within certain geographical boundaries. Use JCPS SchoolFinder ([see page 54 for QR code](#)) to determine which traditional school boundary you live in.

School Highlights

- **Traditional Magnet:**
 - Dedicated to the concepts of scholarship, patriotism, courtesy, respect, responsibility, and citizenship
 - Student competence in fundamental skills, growth in citizenship and moral and spiritual values, responsibility for personal behavior, and a spirit of individual achievement and competition
- **Student leadership opportunities:** Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), Peer Tutors, and Jag Ambassadors
- **Clubs and activities:** Academic Team, Braid Club, Jag Ambassadors, Band Club, Cats Gardening Club, Beta Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Peer Tutors, STLP, and Yearbook
- **Athletics:** Basketball, cheer, baseball, softball, cross-country, dance, football, flag football, Step Team, soccer, and track



Western Middle School for the Arts

Student Enrollment: 788

Phone: (502) 485-8345

Address: 2201 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY 40212

Web: jefferson.kyschools.us/page/western-middle-school-for-the-arts

Western Middle School for the Arts is a nationally certified magnet school whose mission is to educate and inspire students through academics and the arts to prepare them to be successful, compassionate, and creative citizens in our diverse world. We strive to be a high-performing school that fosters creativity and imagination while enhancing our students' desires to excel in both academics and visual and performing arts.

School Highlights

- **Visual and Performing Arts Magnet School:** Specialized intensive studies in band, orchestra, piano, choir, theatre, visual art, media art, and dance that help students develop their artistic potential through daily accelerated classes and opportunities to prepare for success in high school and beyond
- Structured to support excellence in math, science, language arts, and social studies through high-quality, individualized instruction
- Nationally Certified Magnet School by Magnet Schools of America
- Advance Program and Gifted and Talented Program
- Recent multimillion-dollar renovated school building with two performance spaces—486-seat auditorium and 200-seat black box theater, a new state-of-the-art piano lab, dance studio, and theatre classrooms
- **Student leadership opportunities:** Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP), and Principal's Student Advisory Council
- **Student athletics and activities:** Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Track and Field, Swimming, Archery, Dance Team, Dance Ensemble, Step Team, Photography, Children's Fine Arts Club, Poetry Club, Yearbook, Black Student Union (BSU), Men of Quality, Beautiful As You Are (BAYA), Ladies of Leadership, Hispanic Student Union (HSU), 4-H, and more

Magnet Programs

Fast Facts



Application required

Fine Arts

Highland: *Districtwide*

The Fine Arts Magnet offers students the opportunity to participate in an award-winning program, which consists of chorus, music, band, and orchestra. All groups have earned Distinguished ratings by the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) for three consecutive years.

Gender-Specific and STEAM

Olmsted Academy South (girls): *Districtwide*

Gender-specific schools prepare young 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.

Gifted and Talented

Noe: *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 (KAS) and to 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.

Mathematics/Science/Technology

Farnsley: *Based on home address*

Meyzeek: *Based on home address*

Newburg: *Based on home address*

Students can apply to the Mathematics/Science/Technology (MST) Program that serves their home address. The program is designed for inquisitive students looking for opportunities to enrich and expand their learning beyond the Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) 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

Westport: *Districtwide*

The Montessori Program fosters rigorous, self-motivated growth in all areas of development—cognitive, emotional, social, and physical. Students work independently and in groups (often with specially designed instructional materials), which allows them to act as role models and leaders. They are respectful of themselves and their surroundings and engage in critical thinking and self-directed learning. The curriculum provides a firm foundation in four core areas: language arts, math, science, and social studies. The classroom atmosphere encourages students to develop teamwork, problem-solving skills, self-confidence, self-esteem, and social awareness. Given the freedom and support to question, probe deeply, and make connections, Montessori students grow up to be confident, enthusiastic, and self-directed learners and citizens who are accountable to themselves and their community.

Visual and Performing Arts

Noe: *Districtwide*

The Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Program 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 (KAS) 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 to note: 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.



Specialized 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 the Office of Student Relations at **(502) 485-3335**.



Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program

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 TAPP, 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, childcare issues, and access to medical care. TAPP provides these and other valuable services on-site so students never have to leave campus.



Liberty High

Liberty High School is a Big Picture School that enrolls students in grades seven through twelve. Liberty offers students the opportunity to succeed with a small teacher-to-student ratio, personalized graduation plans, life skills education, internship opportunities, and an emphasis on learning outside the classroom and in the community. All students present Learning Exhibitions quarterly and pursue internships. Liberty classes are structured on a quarterly schedule providing students with the opportunity to learn and earn credits at an accelerated pace based on their specific plan, which is performance-based. All Liberty students enroll over-age and under-credited. The program is designed to support students who need additional resources at their current grade level in an effort to meet academic needs and who are at risk of not graduating.



Newcomer Academy

Newcomer Academy (NCA) seeks to provide a welcoming and respectful environment that meets the unique linguistic, academic, and social-emotional needs of eighth- through twelfth-grade Multilingual Learners (ML) in the JCPS District. NCA consists of two unique programs—the Accelerate to Graduate (A2G) Program and the Newcomer Program.

The NCA A2G Program is designed for multilingual students ages 17 to 21 who have been in the United States for less than five years and who wish to accelerate their learning and earn a high school diploma. Enrollment for the A2G Program is open year-round.

The A2G Program provides the following:

- Adaptable time and resources for robust English language, literacy, numeracy, or academic support based on student needs
- Time for school and work as needed
- Accompaniment for making cultural shifts
- Opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, including athletics

The Newcomer Program provides extensive support for students who 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.

To learn more about A2G or our newcomer programming, please email nca-counselor@jefferson.kyschools.us or call **(502) 485-6324**.



The Phoenix School of Discovery

The Phoenix School of Discovery is a choice school that specializes in meeting the needs of students through differentiated instruction. The Phoenix School 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.



Services for Multilingual Learners

The Office of Multilingual Learners (OML) Welcome Center, located at 1325 Bluegrass Avenue, is where international or multilingual families can receive guidance on how to access educational services within JCPS. The office also offers language services and facilitates communication between families and schools to help maintain a strong connection in the educational process. Families can reach this office by calling **(502) 485-3623**.

Please note: Every school in the JCPS District offers English Development services for students who qualify for Multilingual Learner (ML) programming.

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). The ECE student receives specially designed instruction in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) as determined by the Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) to meet the student's needs described in their Individual Education Program (IEP).



FAQs



School Choice



JCPs
SchoolFinder

Q: How do I register and apply to schools?

A: For more information on how to register and apply, [see page 5](#).

Q: What does *School Choice* mean?

A: JCPs offers a school choice system that lets parents apply to the school that best meets their student's needs and academic interests. JCPs also offers students living in the Choice Zone the option to attend school close to home or far away.

Q: How many magnet choices can I submit for my student?

A: Parents may select up to two magnet choices on the application.

Q: How can I change the application to a different school or program?

A: An online application can be changed until **December 19, 2025**. Changes are not permitted once the application period closes.

Q: How do I find out my student's resides school?

A: Use the SchoolFinder tool on the JCPs website to find your student's school. **(See the SchoolFinder QR code above.)**

Q: I have applied, but my address has changed. What do I do?

A: Update your address with JCPs online or in person. Next, check SchoolFinder to determine if the change of address will impact your student's resides school. Some schools or programs have boundaries. A change of address could mean your student, if accepted, would have a different school assignment.

Q: When and how will I find out about my student's assignment?

A: Students who apply during the application period will be notified by letter, email, or phone of the status of their application by **April 2026**.

Q: I missed the magnet application period. What are my options?

A: You may submit a magnet application after **December 19, 2025**, but the application will only be considered if the school has openings for additional students. **(See the School Choice QR code above.)**

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 student?

A: You may submit a magnet application in order for your student to be considered for your school choice option. Students may always attend their resides school. You must provide proof of residence in Jefferson County before your student can enroll in a JCPS school. Call the Office of School Choice 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 student?

A: Students who relocate to Jefferson County after the start of the 2026-27 school year can inquire about a magnet school option at the time of their arrival through **December 31, 2026**, but options may be limited. Students may always attend their resides school. Call the Office of School Choice at **(502) 485-6250** for more information.

Q: Does JCPS offer before-/after-school childcare programming?

A: Yes, the Child Enrichment Program (CEP) is offered through a partnership with the YMCA. Contact the YMCA for more information.



CEP Program

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