

Katherine Johnson Middle School
School Year 22-23
Frequently Asked Questions -For Students & Families

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After School Program & Teacher After School Tutoring Dates	
Is the after school program everyday?	Yes, The after school program is Monday- Friday. 2:15pm-4:30pm
Is after school programs free of charge for all?	Yes.
When does after school start?	Early September, a specific date will be communicated.
Are buses provided for after school?	Yes, everyday except Tuesday.
When is my teacher after school for extra help or retakes?	You can find the answer to this question on each teachers' Schoology Course as well as on the KJMS Student and KJMS Parents & Guardian Schoology Courses.
Are we able to use our cell phones after school?	No, We are away for the day during the after school program.

Arrival and Dismissal

<p>Where do I go in the morning?</p>	<p>Bus riders arrive through door 6 at 7:00 and can buy a breakfast bag in the cafe on their way to class. Students with Science can check in with an adult in the cafe and eat from one of the designated tables.</p> <p>Kiss & Ride users and walkers enter the building through door #1 at 7:10 (regardless of the weather).</p>
<p>What are the expectations for breakfast in the cafe?</p>	<p>Just like after lunch, everyone at the table is responsible for leaving a clean table and floor for the next student.</p>
<p>Where do I go at dismissal if I'm a walker or use Kiss-N-Ride?</p>	<p>Walkers will exit and go in the direction of their home.</p> <p>Kiss-N-Ride students can exit the building at door 1.</p>
<p>How do I find my bus during dismissal?</p>	<p>Students can exit to buses using doors 3 & 4 on Jermantown Hall or 5 & 6 off Orchard Hall.</p>
<p>Can I ride a friend's bus?</p>	<p>No. Transportation is unable to support additional riders on buses.</p>

Attendance	
What time are students expected in class?	We ask that students are in class and seated by 7:25 AM to be ready to learn. Our bell to start the day is at 7:30 AM
What if a student arrives after 7:30 AM?	Students arriving after 7:30 AM need to come to door 1 and check-in at the Main Office. If it is an excused tardy, the parent/guardian must provide a phone call, online attendance form, and/or a medical note.
What if a student is leaving early?	Parents can call or submit an online attendance form. Parents/Guardians need to sign the student out in the Main Office and present a valid photo ID. If someone else is picking up, they do need to be listed on the Emergency Contact, and provide a valid ID.
How to report a student absence/tardy/early dismissal?	We have an online attendance form https://johnsonms.fcps.edu/about/attendance-form Or our 24/7 attendance line: 703-934-2424
When should a student/parent submit a medical note?	Any time the student misses school for a medical reason.
What if a student is taking an absence of 3 or more days?	The student/parent should provide a note to the Main Office explaining the reason for absences, the amount of days, and parent signature. Once complete, the administrator signs off on it and the student will be given it to take around to their teachers.

AWAY FOR THE DAY Cell Phones, Air Pods, and other Electronics	
Are students allowed to have cell phones?	Fairfax County Public Schools has an Away for the Day policy for all middle schools.
Can we have cell phones at school?	Yes. Cell phones and air pods/headphones need to be stored in your backpack starting at 7:25 (morning announcements) and stay there until after 2:15.

Bell Schedules & Calendars	
FCPS School Calendar	KJMS Blue & Yellow Day Schedule
Bell Schedule	<p>Students report directly to their first period everyday.</p> <p>KJMS alternates Odd and Even day classes.</p>

Daily School Operations	
What time does school start and end?	<p>Announcements start at 7:25am</p> <p>Classes start at 7:30am</p> <p>School ends at 2:15</p> <p>*Buses leave at 2:20</p>
Can I use (carry a backpack) a backpack?	You will need a backpack for your computer, notebook, pencil/pens, and coat.
Are water bottles allowed?	Yes, except for in our Science labs.
How much time do we have to change classes?	<p>We have 5 minutes between classes.</p> <p>Music will play when you have 1 minute to get to class on time.</p>
Do all teachers use Schoology?	Yes.
How do I keep track of my assignments?	<p>You will learn about organization through Learning Seminar lessons and you will discover what works best for you (virtual options).</p> <p>*All teachers post assignments and due dates on Schoology.</p>

FCPS Dress Code

What is the FCPS dress code?	FCPS School Board Dress Code
Are hoodies allowed?	No. We like to see your face 😊

Learning Seminar

What is Learning Seminar (LS)?	
When do I get recess during LS?	

Lunch

Can we sit with our friends during lunch?	During the first few weeks you will sit with your class. Once your lunch period understands and meets behavior expectations, Mr. Dejo will allow you to pick your seats. Where you start lunch - is where you stay. Stay at your table during lunch - through clean-up.
Do we get a recess during lunch?	When weather, staffing, and time permits - we will have outside time for the last 10 minutes of each lunch.
Transitions (class to lunch and lunch to class)	Keep in mind that when you are transitioning to/from lunch 75% of the school is in class learning. Your hall passing time should be quiet and respectful.

On Time and In Class

What is the On Time Policy?	Students are expected to be on time. 1st and 2nd Tardy - verbal reminder and recorded in SIS 3rd Tardy - parent contact, record in SIS, counselor notification 4th Tardy - Referral to Assistant Principal or Dean of Students
Do we get a locker in PE and music?	Yes.
Will we be using e-hall pass in all of our classes?	Yes, you will use e-hall pass to request trips to the bathroom, library, office, another teacher, and counselors.
What is the bathroom procedure?	<p>During class - You will send an e-hall pass request to your teacher, if your laptops are open. Your teacher can create an e-hall pass on their computer if your classwork does not require computer use.</p> <p>During class transitions - Students can use the restroom with a maximum of (3) students at a time.</p> <p>During Lunch & Health/PE (HPE) After checking out with your HPE teacher or an adult in the cafe you may use the bathrooms on Orchard.</p>

SOAR Traits & Expectations

<u>Away for the Day</u>	Student personal devices should be <u><i>silenced and in your backpack at all times.</i></u>	
SOAR Traits	Eagles Are...	Inside this classroom, we will
	Socially Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay focused to create a positive learning environment ● Care for our school, the environment, and the property of others ● Treat others how we wish to be treated
	Open-Minded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learn from our mistakes and grow ● Value the opinion of others ● Have a growth mindset ● Accept feedback
	Accountable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow through on what we say we will do ● Be where we are supposed to be ● Arrive on time ● Complete assignments ● Do our own work
	Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Greet and acknowledge all people in the building ● Speak in a professional tone and manner ● Give respect to get respect ● Actively listen to teachers and classmates

Teacher Advisory

What is Teacher Advisory (TA)?	Teacher Advisory (TA) meets every other day during 4th period. Topics that will be covered in TA include Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Naviance Academic and Career Planning, SOAR Traits, 7 Habits of Effective Teens, and Career Day among others. Students will have opportunities to check-in with their teachers as well as participating in SIS Grade Checks. Lessons learned in TA can lead to healthier students, improved academic and behavior outcomes, and increased preparedness for college and careers.
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When do I get recess during TA?

To allow for everyone the opportunity to have recess, we stagger when students are outside. Depending on your team, you will either have recess at the beginning of TA or 20 minutes after TA begins.