

Welcome to Journey!

Influence & Empower



Team Journey

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LEADERSHIP VISION

Journey Middle School will have students who

- * Feel safe, valued, supported, and academically challenged
- * Embrace a growth mindset and strive for continuous improvement
- * Demonstrate respect for themselves, their faculty, staff, and the school environment



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Academic Success

Journey Middle School will have students who:

- *Work hard to accomplish their academic goals.
- *Proactively check grades and progress in PowerSchool.
- *Proactively email teachers about grades and makeup work.

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Academic Success

Students who fail will be required to attend summer school in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

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- **Class Fees**

- Fee sheets will go home in Advisory on August 19th
- Pay School Fees
- Buy PE Uniforms



Officer Wirtz, SRO

- **Text to Protect**
 - 256-604-2345 (Text to Protect)
 - texttoprotect@gmail.com
 - **From your Chromebook**



Say Something

Say Something
Google Form on JMS
Homepage



School Nurse

- Nurse Wilson
- Located on 2nd Floor across from front office
- Must use the QR Code from teacher to sign up
- Teachers have Band-Aids



Counselors

- Check-in at Counselor Corner (2nd Floor)
- Mrs. Smith
 - Last Names A-L
- Ms. Lockett
 - Last Names M-Z
- Request to visit anytime via Google Form, Counseling Corner
- Can email



Arrival

- **All Students**

- Report to cafeteria for breakfast/you may purchase or bring your own
 - Assigned seating
 - Drop off activity bags or instruments prior to coming
- Report to gym if not eating breakfast
- Cannot be in hallways before 7:40 without a pass from a teacher. We dismiss from the gym and cafeteria at 8:08.
- Car line closes at 8:10 - Check in at office after 8:10



Dismissal

- **Car riders**

- Report to carline at 3:20 when dismissed
- Look for your car/ board quickly
- Car line closes at 3:45 p.m.

- **Bus riders**

- Use the bus arrivals doc (On JMS Homepage)
- Report to cafeteria to wait if needed
- Bus Behavior
- BJ (24-92) & JC (15-40) Athletic Bus



Lunch

- **No Devices (including Chromebooks)**
- **Free Seating**
 - This is a privilege based on cleaning and behavior
- **Don't lose track of time.**
 - Eat while socializing
- **Be careful microwaving.**
- **Include others/make a new friend**
- **No food outside of the cafeteria.**
- **Lunch is now 23 minutes with clean up time at 21 minutes.**

One Way Stairwells

- **All Students must have a hall pass!**
 - Purple Center will take you down!
 - Yellow Center will take you up!
 - End stairs will take you up or down.
 - Center stairwell closed after first block and open after last block.



Hallway Traffic

- **All Students must have a hall pass!**
 - Ask for permission
 - Sign out
 - Have a pass
 - Detentions can be earned for roaming the hall or ISS/OSS for skipping, if you are missing without teacher permission longer than five minutes.

ONCE YOU HAVE ENTERED THE CLASSROOM,
YOU MUST HAVE A PASS AND PERMISSION TO
LEAVE.

Hallway Traffic

- **Keep moving during transition!**
 - Do not congregate and talk. Walk to class and talk!
- **No running in the hallways or in stairwells!**



Tardy Policy

Step 1:

1st and 2nd unexcused tardy= Conference with student and parent contact by the teacher

Step 2:

3rd unexcused tardy= Parent contact and Detention

Step 3:

6th unexcused tardy= Parent Contact and Detention

Step 4:

9th unexcused tardy= Parent Contact and ISS



Tardy vs. Skipping

A tardy is when you are a few minutes late to the start of class.

Skipping is:

- more than a five minutes late
- More than a few minutes out of the classroom
- Being in a location nowhere near your classroom.
- ISS for first skipping incident

Restrooms

- **Brand New Restrooms!**
 - Keep them clean
 - Respect the area, No vandalism
 - No phones in restroom during class restroom visits
 - Do not use restrooms that are closed.



Restroom Expectations

- **Respect Yourself!**

- Do not take food into the restroom to eat.
- Do not use the restroom in the mornings as your hair and makeup counter.
- Clean up after yourself in the restroom. FLUSH!!
- Only toilet paper goes in the toilet! Hygiene products and other items go in the trash.
- There can be no more than one student in a stall at a time.
- No defacing and or damaging property.

Digital Citizenship

- **Digital Citizenship Presentation**
 - Sent home in Journey Journal and included in the Code of Conduct
 - Remember the Golden Rule when communicating with others
 - Be kind
 - Do not instigate

Student Chromebooks

- **Chromebooks**

- Don't have them out during transition
- Use Incident IQ Tickets for issues (on homepage)
- Bring your charger and charge your chromebooks daily!
- These devices are monitored
- Media Center - Help Kiosk
- Text to Protect

Student Chromebooks

- **Gaggle**

- Runs on all Google apps in your MCS account
- Any threatening or inappropriate language

- **Safety**

- Don't share your account username and passwords
- Don't let another student use your device especially using your login information
- Don't leave your laptop unattended and logged in.

Student Devices - FOCUS ACT

- **No devices during the instructional day**
 - Powered off and stored off your person in a bag before 8:08 until 3:20
 - No devices means no devices
 - Class II - No warnings
 - 1st violation 1 day ISS
 - 2nd violation 3 days ISS
 - 3rd violation either additional days of ISS or OSS
 - 4th violation referral to safety coordinator and assistant superintendent

Student Devices - FOCUS ACT

- **Devices include but are not limited to:**
 - Cell phones
 - Smart watches
 - Tablets
 - Personal Laptops
 - Pager
 - Gaming Devices
 - Headphones/earphones



Dress Code

- READ the dress code!
- **Fingertip length**
- Straps under 1.5 inches wide
- No excessively tight clothing
- Must cover undergarments
- **No midriffs or backs showing**
- No hats/sunglasses/hoodies
- Board of Education Policy



Dress Code

- Violation 1 - Warning/call home/change clothing
- Violation 2 - Detention/call home/change clothing
- Violation 3 - ISS/call home/change clothing
- Violation 4 - Additional days of ISS/call home/ change clothing
- Violation 5 - OSS/call home

Bus Discipline

	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Minor Bus Disruptions (Fighting, Bucking up against the driver, cursing the driver, or throwing items out of the window is a two-week bus suspension and suspended indefinitely for a second time)	Assigned seats for a month	Two weeks bus suspension	Nine Weeks of Bus Suspension	Bus Suspension for the remainder of the year



Discipline Plan

- Warning
- Conference with student with parent notification
- Parent Contact
- Detention
- Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and III offenses---Consequences determined to be reasonable and appropriate by the school administration.



Fighting/Vapes

- 5 Days OSS
- 15 Days Alternative School
- 5 Days ISS upon return



Keep Your Hands to Yourself

- No Hugging - even between BFFs
- No play slapping
- No hand holding
- No PDA
- No physical contact of any kind.



Theft

- If it does not belong to you, don't touch it!
- If you find it, turn it in to lost and found immediately.
- Theft is a Class III Code of Conduct violation



Threats

- **ANY THREAT** made to any student, teacher, or staff member is automatically handled through the following steps:
 - Threat Assessment with Parent Interview
 - 5 Days or more OSS Pending Investigation
 - Next steps are determined by an investigation
- Threats made off-campus that involve the school is still a threat that falls under the Code of Conduct and will be disciplined.
- Any type of threat is considered a threat no matter the severity. A threat is a threat and the consequences are mandatory.

DRUGS, WEAPONS

- **OSS, Suspension, and Alternative School or Expulsion by the MCS Board of Education**



Inappropriate Communication/Touching

- Do not send inappropriate photos or messages (texts, emails, paper notes, etc).
- Do not make any inappropriate comments or gestures to your peers.
- Do not touch anyone.



Bullying

- Read the MCS Code of Conduct
- This is a serious offense
- Report to any teacher, administrator, or counselor, or use the *Say Something* form
- This includes bullying via social media, group chats, in school.



Horseplay

- Keep your hands to yourself! Horseplay turns into fighting which results in 5 days OSS and 15 days Alternative School, and 5 days of ISS.



Pantsing

- OSS



Lost & Found

- Located in the front office
- Pick up and drop off items there
- Donated after every nine weeks



BJ & JC Athletic Bus

- Cross Country
- Wrestling
- Indoor/Outdoor Track
- Golf
- Incoming 9th graders for any sport
- Parent that works at JC or BJ



How Do I Make a Report?

- Journey Say Something Form
- Text to Protect
- Office Wirtz
- Contact an administrator
 - Stop by the front office
 - Email the administrator
- Contact a counselor
 - Stop by the counseling suite
 - Email the counselor
- Do not spread rumors about situations! Instead, report to a school administrator or a counselor ASAP. Once you report, keep your business to yourself.

Go be great!

Read your Student Handbook!

**We're excited you are here!
Have a great year.**

