

Registration FAQs

1. How will I request my classes?

You will complete the Journey Middle School Course Request Form. Your student should receive a printed copy of the Journey Middle Course Request Form; however, you can also find a digital version on the Journey Middle School website under ["Registration."](#) You will also turn this form into your elementary school's designated teacher/counselor or your current JMS ELA teacher.

A counselor from Journey will come to your school or your current ELA class and help input your course requests from your completed course request form in PowerSchool under Journey Middle School. All course request forms must have a parent signature. You must turn in your course request form with a parent signature to your elementary school's designated teacher or your current JMS ELA teacher.

2. Where do I start?

Check out the Journey Middle website under the "Registration" tab as well as the [JMS Registration Toolkit](#).

3. Who is my counselor?

JMS Counselors:

*Mrs. Smith (msmith@madisoncity.k12.al.us) serves students with last names A - L
Ms. Lockett (jplockett@madisoncity.k12.al.us) serves students with last names M - Z.*

4. I lost my printed course request forms, what do I do?

All Course Request Forms are on the JMS website under "Registration." Feel free to print a new copy.

5. How will I know if I should take honors courses?

You should speak with your current teacher and counselor about their suggestions, have conversations as a family, and make that decision. It is important to have conversations with your teachers to make the most educated

decision! For math and ELA accelerated courses, there are suggested i-Ready and ACAP score ranges located on the Course Request Forms as well as in the Curriculum Catalog. Families should consider this data during decision-making.

6. Are Social Studies and Science classes for a full year?

No, each class is one semester. You will take one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

7. Are English/Language Arts and Math classes for a full year?

Yes, you will be enrolled in the same ELA and math classes for the entire year.

8. How many electives can I take?

It depends on whether the class is 9 weeks, a semester, or a year. We recommend that you print the registration worksheet available on the website and fill it out to better understand your elective options. You will take 8 terms of electives, one of which must be a PE.

9. What is the P.E. requirement?

You are required to take one 9 weeks of a P.E. class. If you want to take more than 1 nine weeks of P.E., you are welcome to request additional P.E. classes. You may only have one P.E. class each term.

10. What is a term?

9 weeks = 1 term, semester = 2 terms, year=4 terms

<i>Term 1 = 1st Nine Weeks</i>	<i>Term 2 = 2nd Nine Weeks</i>	<i>Term 3 = 3rd Nine Weeks</i>	<i>Term 4 = 4th Nine Weeks</i>
<i>Semester 1</i>		<i>Semester 2</i>	
<i>One Full School Year</i>			

11. What is the last day to make changes to my course requests?

March 7, 2025

12. When will my student receive his/her schedule?

Parents and students will be able to access schedules digitally (in the Powerschool Portal) before the first day of school. Once schedules are ready to be viewed in Powerschool, we will send out an email.

13. Can I change my classes after school starts?

If there are errors in your schedule, yes. For example, if a student requested accelerated math but was accidentally enrolled in standard math, we will fix those mistakes. If you are missing a core course such as social studies or science, we will fix your schedule. If you are missing a PE, we will fix your schedule.

If you simply want to replace an elective or pick a different class, no. If you change your mind about an elective, we cannot change your schedule. We make our decisions regarding teacher staffing and offered classes in the Spring, so schedules are set.

14. Will I get all the classes I put on my course request forms?

We try our best to accommodate all requests but sometimes we are unable to give students everything they ask for; therefore, we use the alternative elective list on the course request form to fill the schedule. Because of time and class sizes, we are not able to guarantee all students will receive all course requests. Please list all of your alternative options.

15. If parents/guardians need more information, where can they get it?

There are several opportunities for parents to get all questions answered. The JMS website has a lot of information under "Registration."

Journey Middle School will be hosting an in-person Parent University for the families of Rising sixth graders on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:00 pm in the JMS Gym.

You can complete the [JMS Registration Questions Google Form](#) if you have registration questions. One of our staff members will email you a response.