Nutrition and Lunch Breaks

All outside drinks (Starbucks, etc) other than water must be consumed prior to entering campus. Cafeteria service begins the first day of school. All students are to remain on campus for lunch. Students are to eat in the designated areas of the patio or inside the cafeteria for nutrition and lunch. Snacks, beverages (except for water), and lunches are to be eaten in the designated areas and **are not allowed** on the field, yard, hallways, or blacktop. Students are expected to pick up after themselves, clean up their area, and throw away trash upon finishing eating.

CAFETERIA – The school cafeteria is open daily for Nutrition/Snack and Lunch. Snack items are offered during the nutrition break and lunch items are offered during the lunch period. Student snacks and lunches will continue to be free of charge, except for the "Red Cart". Additional information can be found online at www.tusd.org/nutrition-services.

FREE / REDUCED LUNCH – Although meals are free of charge, families are still highly recommended to submit a meal application online by visiting family.titank12.com. You do not need a Titan account to complete a meal application. Please complete one application per household.

RED CART – The "Red Cart" offers a variety of food choices to purchase during both snack and lunch. "Red Cart" privileges may be revoked if students cannot maintain appropriate behavior.

Student Identification Cards

Each student will be issued an ID Card. This card should be kept on their person daily and must be shown to school personnel upon request. Students may be asked to turn their ID Cards over to school authorities during Tardy Sweeps. In addition, ID Cards may be used to check out equipment during lunchtime. ID cards are also used to purchase lunch items and meals, and are utilized for other programs, dances, and activities where necessary to confirm status as a student at Jefferson Middle School.

Student Lockers

A locker will be issued to each student. The combination is given to that student only and should not be shared by that student with anyone else. We encourage parents to review how to work a combination lock to minimize student frustration. Students are discouraged from bringing valuable items to school. Personal items brought to school are the sole responsibility of the student and the school is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. Students should bring only enough money to school each day to purchase lunch. All students must keep backpacks / book bags in their lockers during school hours (backpacks / book bags in classrooms create safety hazards and occasionally lead to theft). **Purses / personal bags smaller than 12" x 8" will be allowed in the classroom. All backpacks, including backpack purses and knapsacks are to be locked up in the student's locker and not be taken to class.** Students should plan adequate locker time before school, at recess, at lunch, and after school. Students are not allowed to go to their lockers during class time or between class periods..**Food is not allowed to be kept in lockers overnight or over weekends.** Students are to maintain and keep their lockers clean at all times.

Student Textbook/Material Responsibilities

Students may be issued textbooks and/or workbooks in classes. Each student is responsible for the books and materials checked out to them and must pay for damaged or lost items. This includes all textbooks and materials that are loaned to other students or left unattended.

Student Supplies

As part of our commitment to assist students in developing organizational skills we recommend all students have four 8 ½ x11in spiral notebooks to help keep school work organized.

Additionally, we recommend that students have pens, pencils, erasers, & glue sticks.

Planners will be given to every student when they enroll at JMS. Replacement planners are sold for $5 in the office. *Please Note:* Individual teachers may have requirements for supplies and materials in addition to these general supply basics; please refer to each class syllabus.

Physical Education Requirements

Students are expected to participate daily in physical activity. State law requires weekly participation in physical education. All students are expected to wear appropriate physical education uniform and shoes during physical education (athletic closed toed shoes are required- Vans, Nikes, Cons, etc). Failure to regularly participate in P.E. will adversely affect the academic grade.

Students must bring a note with a parent's signature to the attendance office prior to the start of the school day to be excused from Physical Education. If the excuse is longer than 3 days, a doctor's note must also be presented. Questions regarding PE participation excuses should be directed to the attendance office.

NOTE: On "Mile Run Day" a doctor's note MUST accompany a request to be excused from PE participation.