Jefferson Middle School
2026-2027



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MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Mission Statement

Jefferson Middle School fosters a diverse community of life-long learners committed to strategically developing academic and personal growth.

Vision Statement

Jefferson Middle School will be the exemplary South Bay destination school in which the community fosters globally competitive citizens.

Welcome

Welcome Jefferson Jaguars to another successful school year! We are proud of our school and look forward to working together with students, parents and staff to continue JMS as a productive, nurturing, and invigorating environment for student learning.

This student planner is intended to keep your assignments in order, plan ahead and assist you in keeping organized for academic success. This planner also provides a major form of communication between school and home regarding assignments and activities. These first few pages provide important information regarding JMS rules and expectations to guide you through a positive year.

Tentative School Calendar 2026-2027

(Please check district/school websites, weekly newsletter & emails for updates)

August

20	First Day of School, 8:40am
27	Picture Day
31	i-Ready Diagnostic Testing

September

01-04	i-Ready Diagnostic Testing
07	Labor Day Holiday/No School
08	Music Parent Night
9	Tutorials Begin
11	JMS Student Council Election
14-18	Starts with Hello Week
14-18	JMS Library Book Fair
15	Back-to-School Night 5pm Welcome Parent Meeting in cafeteria 5:30pm PTSA Meeting in cafeteria 6:00-7:25pm Classroom Visits 7:30pm GATE & ELMAC Parent Meetings
21	Student Free Day/No School
18	West High School Community Night
29	Make-up Picture Day

October

02	No School (Local Non-Instructional Day)
15	Pep Rally
16	Student Free Day/ No School
21	Great Shake-Out Drill
23	End of Quarter 1
26-30	Red Ribbon Week
30	Halloween Events
30	Middle School Band Night at West High School

November

03	JMS Family Night: Dia de Los Muertos
06	Quarter 1 Awards Assembly
11	Veterans Day Holiday/No School
16-20	Spirit Week
23-27	Thanksgiving Holiday Break/No School

December

01	Guitar Recital
08	JMS Family Night: Music Program Holiday Concert
14-18	Spirit Week
17	Pep Rally
21-31	Winter Break/No School

January

01	Winter Break/No School
04	School Resumes
18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday/No School
20	8th grade Panoramic Picture
22	End of Quarter 2 / End of Semester 1
28	Vision and Hearing Screening 8th Grade
29	Winter Dance
29-31	Camp Pali for 6th Grade Invitees

February

01-05	i-Ready Diagnostic Testing
05	Quarter 2 Awards Assembly
08	Lincoln Birthday Observed/No School
15	Presidents Day Holiday/No School
16	Welcome to West, Mrs. Murata Parent Night at JMS
19-21	Astro Camp for 7th Grade Invitees
23	West Fest/ 9th Grade Parent Night

March

02	Read Across America Day
03	8th Grade Visit West High School
05	Student Free Day/No School
11	West Area Music Festival
12-14	CIMI Camp for 8th Grade Invitees
15-18	Spirit Week/College & Career Week
17	7th Grade Parent Night at West High School
18	Pep Rally
19	Student Free Day/ No School
22-26	Spirit Week/College & Career Week
26	End of Quarter 3
26	Multicultural Day
29-31	Spring Break/ No School

April

01-02	Spring Break/No School
05-09	Blue Ribbon Week
14	West Area Music Festival
16	Career Day
23	Quarter 3 Awards Assembly
26-30	JMS Library Book Fair
27	Open House
29	Pep Rally

May

03-21	**State CAASPP/CAST Testing**
20	Pep Rally
31	Memorial Day Holiday/No School

June

01	JMS Family Night: Music Program Spring Concert
04	8th Grade Promotion Dance
04	Yearbook Distribution (8th grade)
07	8th Grade Aloha Picnic
07	Yearbook Distribution (6/7th grade)
10	Last Day of School
10	8th Grade Promotion at WHS
10	End of Quarter 4 / End of Semester 2

Jefferson Middle School Behavior Expectations

"Where we feel safe & like we belong, we can learn & be our best self"

	Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Safe
On Campus Indoors	1. Enter indoor spaces quietly 2. Use respectful language & noise level 3. Remove hats & remain quiet and still during the flag salute 4. Remain seated unless otherwise permitted 5. Active listening at all times 6. When in need of help, wait patiently and ask politely (ie. greetings, please and thank you's) 7. Respect others' privacy & personal property	1. Be on time 2. Use restroom prior to class (snack/lunch) 3. Be organized & prepared to learn (Use provided JMS Planner) 4. All students must keep backpacks/book bags in their lockers during school hours. **Purses/personal bags smaller than 12" x 8" will be allowed in classrooms** 5. Remain on task & complete assignments on time (including absent work) 6. Strive for high quality work 7. School issued devices are to have school approved) 8. All personal electronic devices must be "Off & Out of Sight" **9. Gum-free campus**	**"See Something, Say Something"** 1. Follow JMS Dress Code (Refer to the JMS Planner for details) 2. Respect others' personal space (keep hands/feet to yourself) 3. Follow directions & use materials appropriately 4. Alert staff when restrooms need extra cleaning 5. Follow emergency procedures 6. Outside beverages, besides water, must be consumed prior to entering campus
On Campus Outdoors	1. Remove hats & remain quiet & still during the flag salute 2. Use an inside voice while on campus 3. Stand in single file lines & wait your turn 4. Demonstrate good sportsmanship 5. Respect others' privacy & personal property	1. Remain in and eat in designated areas 2. Eat in assigned areas & clean up after yourself (place trash/recycle in correct bins) 3. Be a team player, follow rules, & include others in games & activities 4. Use PE approved sports equipment 5. All personal electronic devices must be "Off & Out of Sight" **6. Gum-free campus**	1. Follow JMS Dress Code (Refer to the JMS Planner for details) 2. Respect others' personal space (keep hands/feet to yourself) 3. Use your own locker - keep locker combo private 4. Retrieve items from your locker quickly 5. Walk on the blacktop, Run on the field during free time and in between classes 6. Keep outdoor areas clear of personal belongings 7. Follow emergency procedures
Off Campus	1. Exit campus by 3:30pm 2. Electronic devices are off & out of sight until you exit the school gates 3. Use respectful language 4. Respect others' privacy & personal property 5. Clean up after yourself 6. Be respectful on social media - always **THINK** before posting. Is it **T**rue, **H**elpful, **I**nspiring, **N**ecessary, & **K**ind?	1. School expectations apply on your way to & from school 2. Play games & sports in appropriate areas 3. Keep track of your belongings 4. Be responsible on social media	1. Walk your bike, ebike, scooter, skateboard, etc on the sidewalk as you approach & exit JMS and wear your helmet while riding and as you leave campus. 2. Keep passwords and combinations private 3. Be safe on social media

The Jefferson School Office

Open M-F, except for holidays and school breaks, from 8:00am – 4:00pm. Located at 21717 Talisman Street, Torrance California, 90503.
Phone: (310) 533-4794 Fax: (310) 972-6398
Website address: www.jefferson.tusd.org

OFFICE STAFF

Principal – Ms. Nunes	Assistant Principal – Mr. Cardenas
Secretary – Ms. Cardenas	Attendance Clerk – Mrs. Paredes
Counselor – Ms. Balooch	Health Assistant – Mrs. Briseno

OFFICE PHONES

Office Phones are not for student use **except in cases of emergency.** Please make special arrangements with your child *before* they leave home in the morning. The phone may be used ONLY before school, nutrition, lunch, and after school, **not** during class instruction.

HEALTH OFFICE & MEDICATION PROCEDURES

Board Policy 462.2 Medication Request States: "No medication will be given without written request from parent or guardian **and** a licensed physician."
1. Written statement from the licensed physician shall detail the methods, amount, and time scheduled by which such medication is to be administered.
2. A written request from the parent or guardian of the pupil granting their permission that the physician's orders are carried out.
3. No medication is to be kept in the classroom or in student's care or possession. It must be brought to the Health Office. It is the student's responsibility to report to the office to take prescribed medication at designated times. Students **will not** be called.
4. A parent/guardian may bring a prescribed medication to the JMS health office and give it to their child directly.
5. If an "over the counter" medication is needed, the same procedures will be followed.

Adults may contact the school office if there is an emergency. Students are to visit the health office to call their parent/guardian if they are sick.

School Hours

School begins at 8:40am M, W, Th, and F. ``Late Start Tuesdays" begin at 9:25am. Students are expected to be in their classroom seated when the tardy bell rings. Students are expected to have all their needed materials for each class. The office does not receive deliveries or drop offs for students (this includes food, school supplies & assignments, etc.)

The regular school day ends at 3:16pm. **Students must exit and leave campus by 3:30pm unless participating in an after-school club or other supervised school activity.**

Attendance Policy

Every child is required by state law to attend school full time until the age of eighteen. A child is considered excused from school **only** for the following: illness, dental appointments, medical services, court appearances, bereavement, and quarantine by a health official. Students are expected to attend school daily and on time, unless ill. If a student is going to be absent, please obtain an independent study contract through the attendance office prior to or on the day of the absence. Back dating an independent study contract is not possible. **All absences must be verified by the parent within 3 days of the student's absence otherwise an unexcused absence will be documented.** Absences can be reported online via the JMS website, by phone (310.533.4794), in person, or by a written note to our front office staff. Verification notes must include the child's first and last name, the parent signature, exact dates of absence, and reason for absence. The student must present this note to the Attendance Office before school in order to be readmitted. A student with 5 or more unexcused absences will receive an attendance written notification warning letter. If absences continue, the student and parent(s) will begin the pre-SARB (School Accountability Review Board) process.

Tardy Policy

Students are expected to be at school daily and on time to each class. Tardiness not only interrupts the instructional program but also cultivates bad habits with pupils. Ample time is provided between classes. All students arriving to school after the first period tardy bell **MUST** first report to the Attendance Office. Any student who arrives late to class will earn the following consequences:
3 Tardies – Behavior Support
5 or more Tardies – U in citizenship for the quarter in the class and loss of school activity (6th and 7th grade: dances, extracurricular and after school activities, 8th grade- end of the year activity)

Students Leaving Campus

Parents/Legal Guardians must notify the Attendance Office if their child needs to leave campus during the school day. It is against school policy to release any student from campus on the authority of a phone call only. Requests to leave early are very helpful if brought to the Attendance Office prior to the start of the school day. Parents/Guardians or approved adults in Powerschool must come to the attendance office to sign their student out of school. Please keep in mind during snack or lunch break it can take extra time to locate students and it is recommended pick up occurs at the end or beginning of these time frames. Students will not be released to wait on the sidewalk due to safety and supervision concerns. Students who leave campus without permission are truant with the TUSD disciplinary matrix being followed for consequences.

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 eat in designated areas, 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 "Black Cart". Additional information can be found online at www.tusd.org/nutrition-services.

FREE / REDUCED LUNCH – Although meals are free of charge, families are asked 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.

BLACK CART – The "Black Cart" offers a variety of food choices to purchase during both snack and lunch.

Student Identification Cards

Each student will be issued an ID Card. ID Cards may be used to check out equipment during lunchtime, enter school 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. All students must keep backpacks/ book bags in their lockers during school hours. **Personal bags smaller than 12" x 8" will be allowed in classrooms.** 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. **Food should be taken home at the end of each day to avoid ants and other pests that can invade the lockers due to food and drinks.** 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:

6th grade:

8.5"x11" College-ruled Spiral Notebook with min 100 sheets (3) 1 per class: English, History, Science
Composition Book 100 pages (2) 1 per class: Math & Science **,** 3- Ring Binder, Looseleaf Lined Paper
Pencil Pouch, Pocket Folder(s), Pencils, Glue sticks (buy the big ones, and buy plenty)
Scissors (small), Highlighters (4 different colors), Colored pencils, Sticky Notes 2" x 2"
Black Papermate Flair pens 2-3, Pencil Sharpener, Eraser, Personal stapler, Ruler

7th Grade:
Pencils, Separate Eraser, Two blue or black ball point pens, 8 color pencils or markers
Four different colored highlighters, Small post-it notes, Ruler, Glue sticks, Scissors (small)
Pencil Pouch, Non-mechanical pencil and good eraser (Fine Arts)
Multisubject college ruled notebook with pocket (4) 1 per class: Math, English, Science, Social Studies
Notebook and folder (Fine Arts)

8th Grade:
100 page college ruled notebook (4) 1 per class: Math, English, Science, Social Studies
Any Notebook and Folder (Fine Arts), 3-ring Binder for English only, with dividers (English)
3 ring binder for Spanish only, with folder pocket and dividers, notebook only Spanish (Spanish)
Writing Utensils, including pencils, pens, and multiple colors of highlighter (English)
Sticky notes (2" x 2") (English), Pencils, Highlighter, Colored pencils, Non-mechanical pencil and good Eraser (Fine Arts), Glue sticks, Scissors (small), Personal stapler, Ruler, Scientific calculator (TI-30X IIS recommended), Pencil Pouch

Band:
½ inch 3 ring binder, 10 Plastic Inserts, Pencils(No Pens)

Guitar:
Acoustic guitar for class.

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. All students are to have a reading book with them during instructional time. Books are available in the library to check out and many of our teachers have their own libraries for student check out.

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 (yellow top and black bottoms) and athletic closed toed shoes during physical education (athletic closed toed shoes include Vans, Nikes, Cons, etc).

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.

Progress Reporting & Report Cards
JMS students receive a **digital** report card at the end of each quarter. Traditional letter grades of A, B, C, D and F are earned to indicate student performance.
- Citizenship is graded by means of an E, S, N, or U (Excellent, Satisfactory, Needs to Improve, or Unsatisfactory).
- At the midpoint of each quarter, all students will receive a **digital** Student Progress Report. The Progress Report indicates the student's achievement and citizenship in each class at that point in the grading period. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to make appointments with the teachers to discuss concerns regarding their child's progress and/or behavior at this point prior to formal grade reporting at the end of the quarter.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to utilize the PowerSchool system a minimum of **once per week** to monitor and support their child's academic progress and attendance in each of their classes.

Jefferson Behavior Expectations
The JMS school community is asked to demonstrate good citizenship and conduct by following the expectations listed on Pg. 4 and below for a safe and enriching environment. JMS Jaguars are expected to follow the "Big 3: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe." Failure to follow expectations will result in consequences per TUSD Behavior Matrix & Ed Code.

Safe School Code of Conduct
Schools must be safe for all students if optimal learning is to take place. No person has the right to deprive another of an education or from feeling safe from harm. Every student shall attend school on time and regularly; conform to the regulations of the school; obey promptly all the directions of the teacher and others in authority; observe good order and behave appropriately; be diligent in study; respectful to the teacher and others in authority; kind and courteous to schoolmates; and refrain from the use of profane and offensive language.

Tobacco use is prohibited at all times on all district property. Smoking and the use of all tobacco products is prohibited on all TUSD property. This ban applies at all times to all employees, students, and visitors.

Dogs are not allowed on campus. Dogs are hereby prohibited on any portion of any public school grounds, except organized pet shows, vaccination clinics, obedience schools which may be authorized from time to time by the public school administrator, Seeing Eye dogs, dogs used in law enforcement activities, and any other dogs authorized by the public school administrator.

Jefferson Dress Code Standards

Dress code standards at Jefferson Middle School comply with TUSD and are based on common sense and safety. **Refer to the full Dress Code policy posted on our school website.** Please be aware of what your child is wearing to school daily and that it complies with Dress Code Standards. Appropriate dress reminds students they are at school ready to learn and behave according to standards. Students are expected to look neat, clean, and use good judgment in all clothing, dressing for success in school. These standards allow for sun-protective clothing when students are outdoors during the school day. The articles for sun protective clothing include appropriate hats and sunglasses. Your support in maintaining these standards is appreciated. Policy requires a student's clothing be safe for the student and for those around them. Student clothing will not be disruptive to school operations or other students, upon staff determination. Jefferson prohibits the presence of any apparel, jewelry, accessory, note-book, & manner of grooming or other paraphernalia which, by virtue of its color arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes gang membership, is provocative, and/or which advocates drug use, violence, discrimination, and/or disruptive behavior. Clothing should be safe, comfortable, and adequately conceal undergarments. The following guidelines shall apply to school and all school activities and events:

- Students shall give proper attention to personal cleanliness and neatness of dress. **Pajamas are not to be worn at school.**
- Shoes that are closed toe and closed back are to be worn at all times. Slippers, house shoes, Crocs, flip flops, sandals, and shoes with high heels (this includes wedges) are **NOT** allowed for safety reasons.
- Clothes shall conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fish-net fabrics, halter tops, off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
- Dress, grooming or accessories that are considered unsafe, dangerous, a health hazard or disruptive to the learning environment shall not be allowed. Clothing and accessories may not have spikes or any other metal parts that may be a safety concern. Chain wallets and bandanas are prohibited.
- Dress, hats, accessories and jewelry which contain obscene symbols, signs or slogans, and/or which slur or degrade on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, sex, disability or sexual orientation and impose a threat of imminent violence or disruption to the orderly operation of the school shall not be worn.
- Dress, grooming or accessories that contain language or symbols supporting sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, weapons, or gang association shall not be worn.
- No hoods may be worn for both boys and girls. Hats and beanies are allowed indoors per staff discretion and on the yard for sun protection and warmth. Hat bills must be worn forward.
- Sunglasses may not be worn indoors, unless prescribed by a doctor and the Health Office has a copy of your doctor's orders. Sunglasses may be worn on the yard for sun usage.
- Students' faces must be fully visible at all times. No extreme or inappropriate facial makeup, stickers, face or body tattoos or masks (unless directed by TUSD) are allowed.
- Body fragrances (perfumes, colognes, etc) are not permitted on campus and when applying before arrival to campus please be mindful of others who might have allergic reactions or sensitivities to such items.
- There is no selling of any items on campus, before and after school. This includes fundraisers, DIY projects, food, drinks, etc.

Dress Code Infractions

When students are not compliant with Jefferson's dress code, the following steps will be implemented:

First Infraction: Student is counseled. Student is sent to the office for a change of clothing as determined by staff.
Second (+) Infraction: Administrative Conference with student. Student reminded of dress code policy. Student sent to the office to request a change of clothing. Discipline may apply.
Third (+) Infraction: Behavior Referral issued indicating student's 3rd Dress Code Violation. Parents contacted. Additional discipline may apply.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Cell phone and personal electronic device usage is prohibited during instruction, school activities & events, and nutrition and lunch breaks. Personal computers are not allowed on campus. Cell phones are to be kept off and out of sight during school hours and are intended for emergency use only, unless otherwise instructed by a teacher or administrative staff member. (See pg. 4 for details) **Parents, guardians, and/or adult family members please do not text students during the school day as this disrupts the school day and puts the student at risk for a behavioral consequence**. Consequences for not following cell phone or electronic device expectations are as follows:

- **1st Offense** – Device will be held in the office until a parent/guardian picks up the device.
- **2nd + Offense** – All of the above will apply. In addition, a behavior support or other consequence may be given and the student may lose the privilege of having a cell phone/electronic device on their person while at school.

Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards, Etc.

Students who ride a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc (ie. electric scooter, hoverboard, electric ridden toys, roller shoes, roller blades, roller skates) to school must follow the following rules:

- Students are required by law to wear a *securely fastened* helmet. Any student not wearing a helmet will have their bicycle, scooter, skateboard, stored in the office until a student has a helmet to wear when riding or a parent/guardian can pick up the item from the office.
- Students are to **WALK the bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc** into, off of, and on campus. Students **may <u>not ride</u>** bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc on campus grounds. Items are to be parked in the bike rack area. Students are not to be in the bike rack area during the school day. At dismissal, students are to retrieve bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc and **walk** them to the sidewalk past the school parking lot.
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc are considered personal property and are not the responsibility of the school.
- All bicycles should be licensed by the Torrance Police Department.
- Any repeated violation will result in school discipline, including loss of school bicycle, scooter, skateboard, etc privileges.

Care of School Property

"Any pupil who willfully cuts, defaces, or otherwise injures in any way property, real or personal, belonging to a school district is liable for all damages so caused by such pupil" (California Education Code 16074). This includes desks, chairs, walls, textbooks, library books, and provided materials. Each student is responsible for all textbooks and materials issued. A charge will be assessed for all lost or damaged books and materials. If a student defaces school buildings or school property, parents/guardians are held responsible for replacing or repairing the damaged property to district standards.

Behavior Support

If a student chooses to not follow the JMS Behavior Expectations, they will earn Behavior Support consequences. Examples include, but are not limited to: student conference, before/after school or lunch behavior support sessions, community clean-up, counseling, student panels, suspension, expulsion, etc. Behavior Support follows TUSD Behavioral Matrix and Education Code.

Suspensions

Students may be suspended from the school for reasons including, but not limited to, the following behaviors:

- Sold or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object
- Possessed an imitation firearm or imitation weapon
- Possessed a laser beam pointer on school grounds, which is prohibited. Such devices shall be immediately confiscated.
- Unlawfully possessed, used, furnished or been under the influence of any controlled substance or possessed related paraphernalia
- Unlawfully ordered, arranged, or negotiated the sale of any controlled substance
- Possessed or used tobacco/vapor or tobacco/vapor products
- Unlawfully possessed, or unlawfully ordered, arranged, or negotiated to see any drug
- Committed robbery or extortion
- Knowingly received stolen school or private property
- Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property
- Willfully used force or violence
- Committed or attempted to commit a sexual act
- Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity
- Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties
- Harassing, threatening or intimidating a witness.

Expulsions

This is for the most serious violations and will result in a student being removed from the school district for one or more semesters. Expulsion will be recommended, but is not limited, for the following:

- Possession of a firearm, including imitation firearms
- Brandishing a knife
- Sale of controlled substance
- Committing or attempting to commit a sexual act, assaults or battery
- Possession of an explosive

Positive Recognition

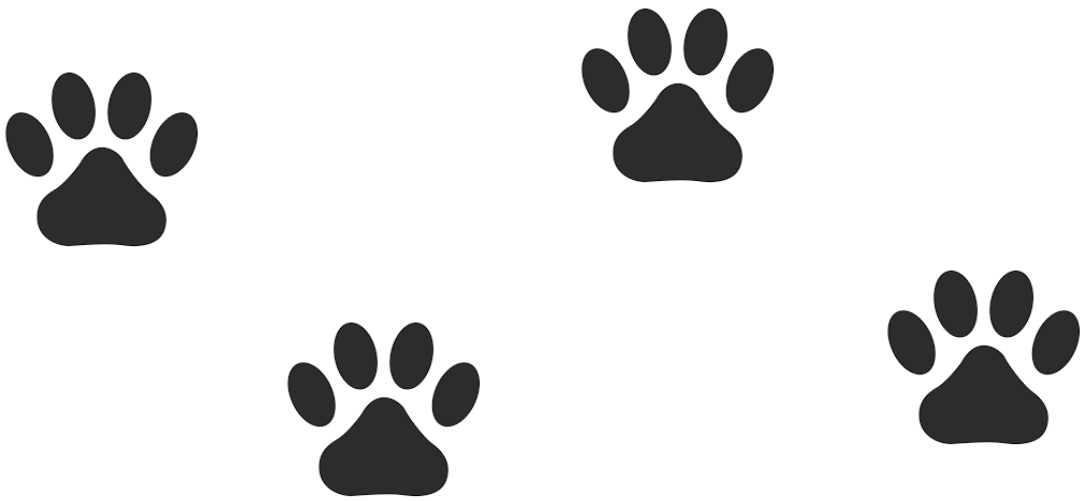
Students demonstrating appropriate behavior may earn positive recognition through a variety of methods including, but not limited to:

- Jaguar Paws which may be exchanged for various items or experiences in classroom or paw cart or turned in for prize drawings that take place throughout the year
- "Shout-outs" in the school newsletter and marquee
- Award & recognition at quarterly assemblies
- Positive note to student &/or parent/guardian
- Phone call or email home
- "Rental" of the gym
- Walking Field Trips

Behavior Contract

My parent/guardian(s) and I have read and understand the policies and expectations for Jefferson Middle School presented on the previous pages. We also understand that behavior expectations will be reviewed and reinforced periodically during Tutorial, Homeroom, assemblies, etc. We agree to actively contribute to the Jefferson community by demonstrating positive behavior and act in a Respectful, Responsible, & Safe manner at all times.

_____	_____
Student Name	Student Signature
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature
_____	_____
JMS Staff Member Name	JMS Staff Member Signature



JMS Tutorial Planning Sheet

Students – Each week, you will record your tutorial sessions on this form.

For both Open & Closed Sessions record the **Date, Subject**, **Room Number, and Teacher** for the session you will be attending.

Date of Tutorial	Session & Location	Teacher	Homeroom Teacher Signature
9/9/26	Soc. Stud. / Rm. 8	Mr. Lincoln	*Mrs. Jaguar*

Date of Tutorial	Session & Location	Teacher	Homeroom Teacher Signature