



*120 Years of Teaching Experience Here to Serve You.*

Welcome to Team APEX 2021-2022  
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**JCPS Culture of PRIDE:**

Through partnerships, we have a collective responsibility to ignite lifelong learners and be difference makers in the lives of every student. We will do this by creating alignment and a culture of synergy in which the strength of JCPS is determined by the strength of connections on our team. Through grit and resolve, our core values will guide us in giving every student hope for a better tomorrow.

#StrongerTogether  
#theTJway

Welcome to Team APEX! The move to middle school can be a big adjustment, but we at Team APEX are a family. Between our teachers, we have 120 years of experience, and we are excited to have you as a part of this legacy. The concept of teams in middle school creates a smaller community, and homerooms are an even smaller family. If at any time you have a question, please do not hesitate to reach out to your homeroom teacher or any of the team teachers.

**There will be several forms for your signature that are needed by the end of next week. Your student will be bringing these packets home.**

**Frequently Asked Questions about Team APEX**

**Who are the teachers?**

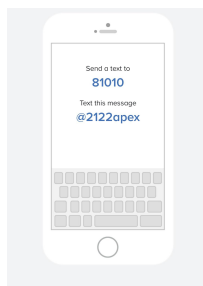
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**How do you grade?**

60% - Tests/Quizzes  
40% - Homework/Classwork

**How do I keep track of what my student is doing?**

Remind 101- Please register immediately! Teachers will be communicating a lot through this method.



TEXT TO THIS NUMBER!  
81010  
@2122APEX

SCAN ME



Students will be using a digital planner and hall pass system. We will send out more information about how this works and any adult information in the first few weeks of school.

Google Guardian is also a great way to keep track of classwork and assignments. You will get an invite to see the student's classes when they join our Google Classroom. Please see the Team Website for more information on how to use Google Classroom as a parent. Just a reminder hitting "turn it in" does not mean your student has done the work.

### **I need to talk to a teacher, how do I do that?**

Every teacher has

- Email -- The BEST way to reach us. See above.
- Phone – 659-3250- The office will send a message to the teacher.

### **Where is my kiddo and what is he/she doing?**

Homeroom	8:20 - 8:50	Building is open, students report to Homeroom/Pick up a breakfast to eat in Homeroom. Prepare for the day.
Patriot Time	8:50 - 9:12	Community Building, Second Steps, Goal Setting, Circles
1st Hour (Same as Homeroom)	9:12 - 10:04	<p>Academic classes begin Math, Science, Writing, Reading, or Social Studies according to your student's personal schedule.</p> <p>Lunch 12:11 - 12:31 Lunch will be rotating in the cafeteria and the classroom month by month.</p>
2nd Hour	10:07 - 10:59	
3rd Hour	11:02 - 11:54	
4th Hour (Lunch)	11:57 - 1:12	
5th Hour	1:15 - 2:07	
Encore (6th and 7th Hour)	2:11 - 2:59 3:02 - 3:50	Students report to classes such as PE, Fine Arts, Health, FACS, EER, Supplemental Studies and Technology classes.
Dismissal	3:50 pm	Students return to their lockers and homerooms. Students are required to check out with their homeroom teacher at the end of the day and are walked downstairs by teachers. Bus riders to the front and car riders to the back.

- Try to schedule appointments after school or before school. Anytime out of school is counted against your student.
- If your student is tardy or has an appointment, remember that you must escort the student in or out of the building, signing in or out at the attendance window. After 8:50 am, the front doors are locked and you must be buzzed in to access the school. You will be asked to provide a photo id for safety reasons.

### **How do I know if my kid is falling behind on homework?**

**\*\*Register for the parent portal in Infinite Campus.\*\*** This will show whether or not things have been turned in and eventually their score. It will also show your student's progress towards our learning targets.

If you do not have computer access, call during team time 2:15 - 3:00 pm and we will be able to assist you during that time.

### **CELL PHONE USAGE:**

New Cell Phone Policy: *Pre-8 Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices:*

It is strongly recommended that students and parents carefully weigh the choice of whether or not to bring personal cell phones, music players, cameras, and other electronic devices to school. These items can be disruptive to the learning environment, often create discipline problems, and are frequently damaged, lost, or stolen. Parents are reminded that in case of an emergency, the main office is the appropriate point of contact to ensure that your child is quickly reached and assisted. If students do bring cell phones and/or other electronic devices to school, they will need to be turned off during the school day and stored in their backpacks. Students who bring cell phones or other devices to school are responsible for the safety and security of those devices. Headphones or earbuds will need to be stored securely and should not be worn during school unless the teacher has approved an activity that requires listening on chrome books or school provided media. The school accepts no responsibility for cell phones or other electronic devices that are lost, damaged, or stolen at school or while traveling to and from school. Cell phones and personal electronic devices will not be used during any part of the school day, therefore, should not be visible during the school day.

Cell Phone staff procedure: Step 1 = Remind to put away; Step 2 = (if have it out again) Give following choice: (A)Put away in backpack OR (B)Put away in office vault; Step 3 = Refusal or Disrespect will be an Office Discipline Referral (ODR)

THIS IS A DOOR TO DOOR POLICY.

### **If you need to get a message to your student:**

Call the office- 659-3250. They will deliver a message to the student as soon as possible.

### **What happens if my kid is sick or will be absent for an extended period of time?**

Please notify the office and we can arrange to make a homework packet for your student to be picked up by 4:00 pm. Students can access the Google Classroom for each class that they miss. If your child is sick during the day, they **must check in with the nurse** to be assessed and she will contact you. **Students who contact a parent (home) outside of this procedure may receive consequences.**

### **Dress code:**

Just a reminder that the dress code is mentioned in the online student handbook.

### **Some things of Note:**

- a) Hats, hoods, do-rags (headcovers), shower caps and bandanas are not permitted (religious exceptions)
- b) No pajamas/pajama pants to be worn.
- c) **No slippers** to be worn.
- d) No midriffs or crop tops. Bellies should not be exposed.

**Some helpful Dress code tips:**

We have little control over the climate in the classrooms and it can be **FREEZING or SWELTERING** room-by-room. Our suggestion is to wear layers. We remind students to keep chins to knees covered and practice good personal hygiene. Ladies, in particular, please be advised that shorts and skirts that go shorter than mid-thigh may be subject to making a phone call home. Remember, we walk up a tall staircase to our classrooms.

PE does not have lockers, so dress appropriately for PE days this means shoes too!.

**\*\*Only water filling stations are available! Please send your student with a water bottle daily.** All water bottles must have a spill-proof lid that seals and should contain water only.

**\*\* No LOCKERS- Students bring all belongings with them all day long.**

**\*\*No blankets or pillows from home**

**ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AT ALL TIMES:**

1. ID on a lanyard around your neck.
2. Backpack with the below.
3. A Mask

**These are the things that need to be in the backpack:**

Chromebook

3 composition books

1 Binder for Math with spiral notebook

You will get a binder from Mrs. D for Social Studies

Pencil pouch with pencils

Homework folder

Independent reading book

Spill-proof water bottle

Earbuds

NO EXTRA!!! Trapper Keepers are not required. Remember your kiddo will carry this all day!

**Things that will be collected by your teacher:**

Expo markers

glue sticks

tissues

Germ-x

Clorox Wipes

1 pocket folder

Depending on your encore schedule you may need additional items.

**CLUBS AND SPORTS:**

Information will be coming to students on clubs in the upcoming weeks.

Fall sports for 6th grade: Cross Country, Football, Volleyball

Winter Sports: Basketball

Spring: Track