



Jackson Heights Middle School (JHMS)

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An "A" Rated School District

A Word From Our Principal

Our campus is always busy, from the many extracurriculars to the top PSAT 8/9 scores of all the middle schools! We know you are busy too, thank you for taking the time to share your insights with us! This school report outlines the key characteristics of our school from both an academic and non-academic perspective. I hope it helps you understand what makes Jackson Heights unique. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about our school.

Sarah Mansur

What Makes Us Special

- Jackson Heights Middle School offers many varied elective options, including a STEAM program of exploration.
- We have a highly involved community, with great investment in supporting student success initiatives with both academic and extracurricular endeavors.
- The Bobcats boast the top PSAT 8/9 middle scores in the district for the Fall 2018 assessment! We support growth with Khan Academy use and a focus on instruction.

Advanced Academics

2018-2019 Data

82% of Jackson Heights students have participated in high school math courses for credit.

Jackson Heights offers the following high school courses for high school credit: Spanish 1, Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry Honors, Ecology, iConnect

Technology and the Future

All middle school students are provided opportunities to earn either a digital tool or industry certification through the completion of the following courses:



- **iJourney:** Students discover educational pathways offered in SCPS and develop a personalized career plan.
- **iChallenge:** This coding and game-based course prepares students to take AP Computer Science Principles in high school. (Semester or year-long options vary by school)
- **iConnect:** Students discover new possibilities and learn about technology applications and communication techniques.

Student Achievement

2018-2019 Data

- All students in 8th grade at Jackson Heights Middle School have an opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 at no cost.
- Last year, Jackson Heights 8th graders had an average score of 905 out of 1440, higher than the Florida average of 807.

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Jackson Heights Middle School earned an A grade from the Florida DOE.

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- Top science scores in the district, and ranked 25th in state.
- This year 4 band students were accepted into all state band & 23 into all county!
- Our students achieved a 99% pass rate on Algebra EOC state exam.
- We have two state, national and world competing robotics teams.
- Our band earned 246 superior ratings at FBA District Solo Ensemble. Our JHMS Jazz Band earned 3 superior ratings.
- JHMS was the only middle school in the district considered "Highly Organized" in last year's 5 Essential Survey.

Future High School Pathways for Our Students



Oviedo: 58%



Hagerty: 41%



For additional pathways see [Student Assignment and Program Access](#)

School Security

The safety and security of staff and students is a top priority in Seminole County Public Schools. We work closely with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a safe environment for your child's learning with a focus on preventative action. Our School Resource Officers are Jason Rosarius and Edward Genao with the Oviedo Police Department.



The SpeakOut program provides three 24-hour monitored services that allows students, parents, or community members to anonymously report concerns. www.speakouthotline.org

80% of student respondents would recommend JHMS



89% of parent respondents would recommend JHMS



Here's what students and parents say they like about Jackson Heights:

" I like that at JHMS I feel safe. The staff is super caring and kind. JHMS makes you feel like you belong and you learn so much. JHMS makes it feel like home. "

6th Grade Student

" I like the teachers, the programs, the library, and more. I like those because they all help me learn and grow as a person. "

6th Grade Student

" The teachers are really helpful and kind. We have a wide variety of clubs, sports, and electives that are fun. I also enjoy the trees on our campus and the ability to eat outside. "

7th Grade Student

" The thing I like about this school is that I actually learn something every day and keep getting inspired to do better every day. "

7th Grade Student

" I like that Jackson Heights has teachers that help you whenever you need help. I also like that I feel supported on my ideas by other students in my class. "

7th Grade Student

" Teachers and staff provide excellent communication. Teachers are fair and provide many opportunities for success. "

8th Grade Parent

" The principal really does care about the students as well as the majority of the staff. They recognize jobs well done, and still hold kids accountable for their actions. "

7th Grade Parent

" Jackson Heights is a highly motivating school for my son. He loves to go to school everyday. The opportunities that he is provided are wonderful. He is able to be enriched academically in the classroom and outside of the classroom in sports and clubs. "

7th Grade Parent