



Joseph Kerr Middle School
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Elk Grove, CA 95624

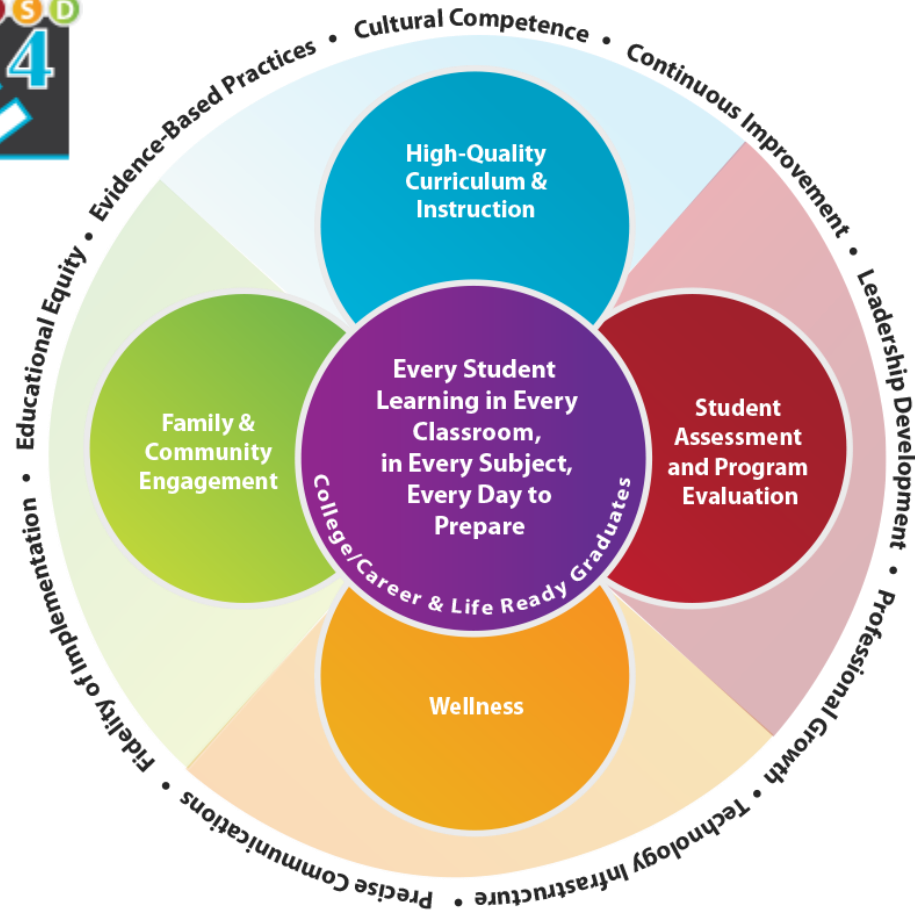
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Elk Grove Unified School District



Joseph Kerr Middle School

- **MISSION STATEMENT**

Joseph Kerr Middle School promotes an atmosphere of educational excellence by providing a safe, nurturing environment where students are inspired to become responsible citizens and life-long learners.

- **MOTTO**

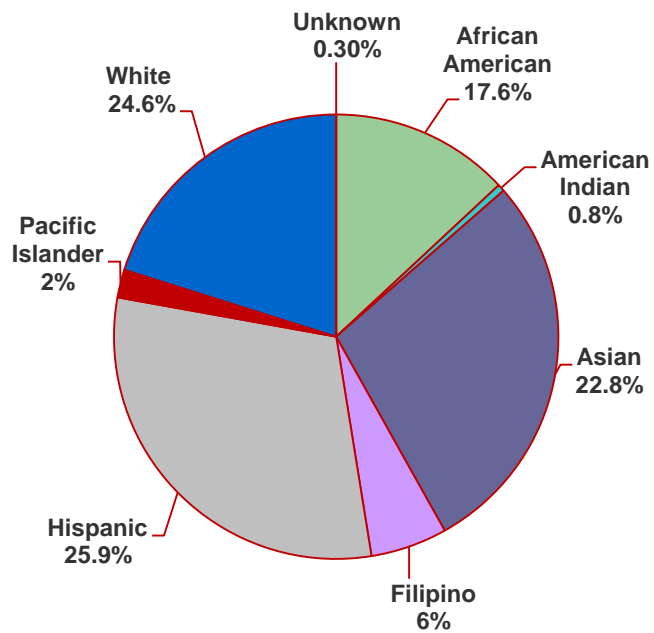
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- **PBIS**

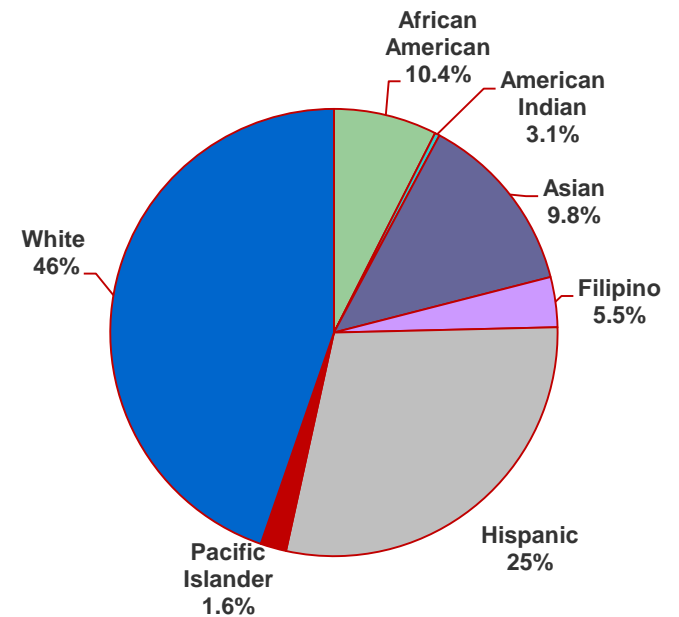
- **PLC's**

- **Measure M**

Ethnic Makeup – District and School 2019 - 2020



District Wide



Joseph Kerr Middle School

JKMS Counselors

- Provide academic, social and career counseling
 - ✓ www.californiacolleges.edu
- Facilitate communication between parents, students and teachers
- Help students transition to middle school & high school
- Encourage developing skills in problem-solving, decision making, conflict resolution and time management
- Coordinate outside agency referrals
- Assist with Special Education (IEP) support and 504 accommodations
- Schedule student classes

Student Support at Joseph Kerr

- Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) includes ALL teachers, counselor, parent and student – parent or teacher initiated
- Fully Integrated Special Education Program
- Knowledgeable and caring counselors, teachers and staff
- Individual student support with counselors and Positive Behavior Intervention Support teachers and staff
- We care about kids' education by knowing students by name and need

Honors/Accelerated Program Attributes of Learners

- Are independent, self-motivated, curious learners who can move through topics at a fast pace
- Are critical thinkers who can make multiple connections with the subject matter across disciplines
- Are engaged in classroom activities and are leaders in discussions, projects and presentations
- Are prepared, self-disciplined, ready to learn each day and can grasp new concepts easily
- Are willing to take risks, respond quickly to changing dynamics and seek to excel
- Are committed to a year-long program

Benefits of Honors/Accelerated Enrollment

- Rigorous, fast paced curriculum
- Excellent preparation for AP/Honors in high school
- Develops critical thinking, independent learning and deep content level understanding
- Emphasizes college preparation and opportunities
- Competitive experience with a comprehensive cross section of students
- Saves on potential college expenses

Honors Classes vs Accelerated Math

Honors Classes

- English & Social Science
- 7th grade standards
- Deeper understanding of content/Higher level questioning
- Prepares students for 8th grade Honors

Accelerated Math

- Math only
- 7th and 8th grade standards
- FAST pace
- Prepares students for Math 1 (high school level course)

Gifted & Talented Education

- Formal identification for GATE begins in 3rd grade
 - NNAT scores
- Criteria includes:
 - Creative Ability
 - Leadership Ability
 - Visual & Performing Arts
 - Academic Ability
 - Cognitive Ability

What is AVID?

Advancement Via Individual Determination

- A year-long elective class designed for student success in rigorous classes
- AVID focuses on 5 areas of learning
 - ✓ Writing
 - ✓ Inquiry
 - ✓ Collaboration
 - ✓ Organization
 - ✓ Reading

Who should take AVID?

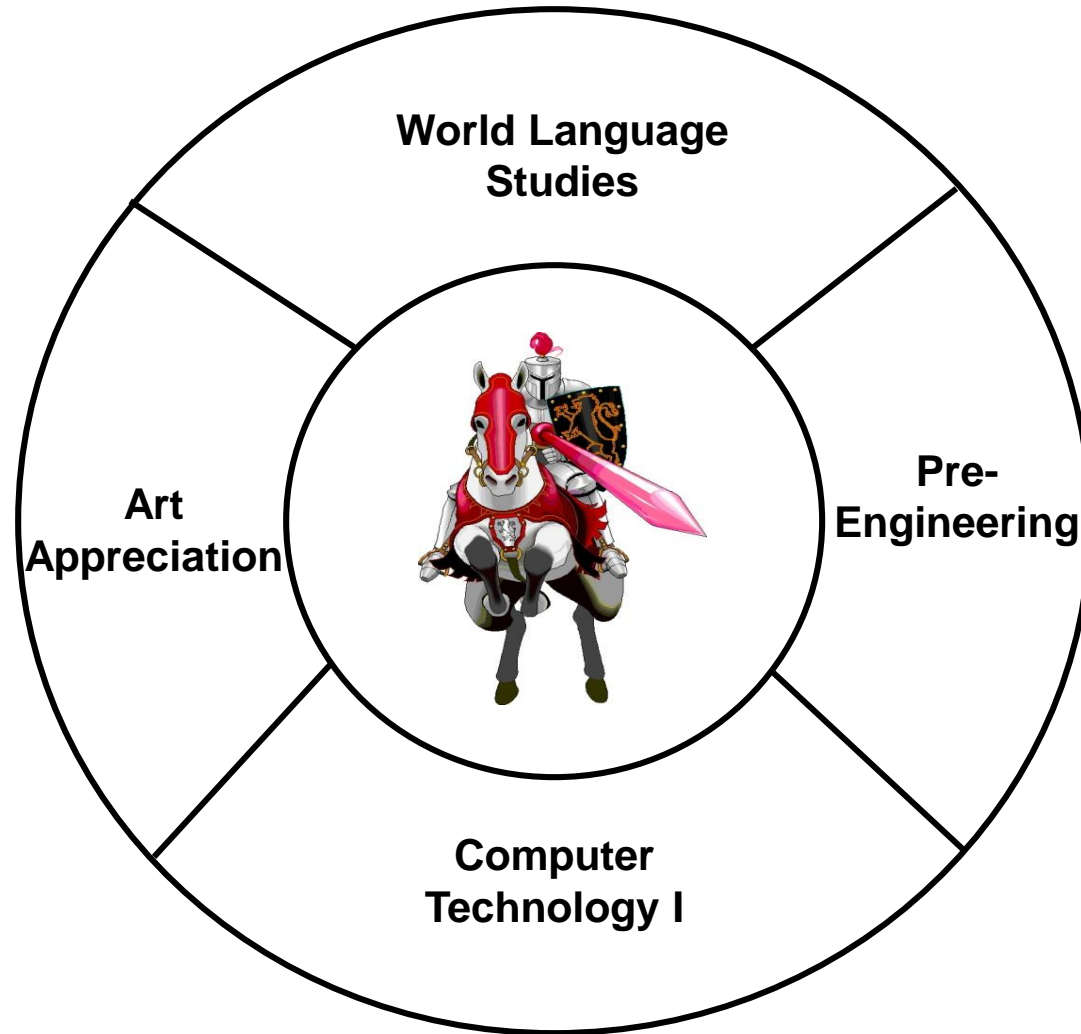
College bound students enrolled in at least one honors level class who want to learn how to

- stay organized
- ask the right questions
- work with their classmates
- take and apply Cornell notes
- critically read and mark informational texts

Why Take Agricultural Science?

- Hands-on approach to learning
- Relevant application to scientific concepts
- Equivalent to general science in terms of credit and basic structure of content
- Academically fast-paced and activity-oriented
- Extra-curricular activities that correlate to agricultural science lessons through an on-campus club

7th Grade Enrichment "Exploratory Wheel"



Other Elective Options

Combo Electives

- Computer Applications
- Art 1

Full Year Electives

- Pre-Engineering
(Math Attack)
- World Language Studies
- Band (based on ability)

Subject to change based on teacher availability.

7th Grade Course Registration Form



Joseph Kerr Middle School
2020-2021 – Course Request Form

7th
Grade

Student ID _____ Student Last Name _____ Student First Name _____ Middle Initial _____
Birthdate: _____ Gender: _____ Current School: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

REQUIRED COURSES (To be completed by Parent/Guardian-Student)

English Language Arts (Check One)

- English 7 -02400
 English 7 Honors -02430

Mathematics

Mathematics placement will be determined by using district-wide rubric.

Science (Check One)

- Science 7 -04010
 Agricultural Science I -04012

Social Science 7 (Check One)

- Social Science 7 -01510
 Social Science 7 Honors -01520

Physical Education

- Physical Education 7-06000

REQUESTED ELECTIVES (To be completed by Parent/Guardian-Student)

Student needs to pick an Electives class. You MUST prioritize your choices 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

- 7 Wheel
 Computer Tech I - 07702/ World Lang Studies - 07783
 Pre-Engineering - 07724/ Art Appreciation - 07763
 Band -06531 (*Application required*)
 Pre-Engineering - 07724
 AVID 7-09007 (*Application required*)
 World Language Studies - 07783
 Art I - 06516 / Computer Applications - 07764

Availability of electives classes is subject to total enrollment and staffing for the school year.

6th Grade Teacher Recommendations

Teacher Signatures

I recommend this student for English Honors Yes _____
I recommend this student for Social Science Honors Yes _____

Course Catalog can be found on the Joseph Kerr Middle School Web Site,
<http://jkms.equsd.net/> in "Our School" tab then "Course Catalog"

JKMS Counseling Staff

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Support Staff

Lyla Haflich– School Office Assistant II
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PE Clothes

- Students will be required to wear a uniform for physical education.
 - ✓ Shirt - Gray
 - ✓ Shorts - Black (mid-thigh in length).
 - ✓ Lock - Combination is highly recommended (Master lock with PE security key access).
 - ✓ All of the above items are available in the SAC (Student Activity Center) or WEBSTORE on the school web site at [www.http://jkms.egusd.net/](http://jkms.egusd.net/) (Programs/Activities).
 - ✓ Athletic shoes (lace up).

Students may also provide their own solid gray shirt and solid black shorts. PE clothes are not needed the first week of school.

JKMS Athletics

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Athletics

Joseph Kerr Middle School / Programs / Athletics

Upcoming 2019/2020 Winter Sports

The Winter sports programs are just around the corner. Monday, October 21st, 2019 girls and boys 8th grade basketball tryouts begin. Monday November 4th, 2019 wrestling begins for all boys and girls at Kerr. All athletes who wish to participate must have a physical and the participation packets completed before they are allowed to compete. Physicals for the 2019/2020 school year will only be accepted after May 1st 2019. All Physicals must be signed and stamped by the students doctor. The 2019/2020 Participation Packets can be downloaded from the Athletics web page or picked up in the schools front office. If an athlete has already turned in an athletic packet for another sport, a wrestling or basketball permission slip is the only paperwork needed to be turned in to the athletic director before the athlete can compete.

REQUIRED FORMS FOR PARTICIPATION

[8th Grade Basketball Permission Slip.pdf](#)

[Wrestling Permission Slip \(2\).pdf](#)

[EGUSD Sports Physical Examination Form 19-20.pdf](#)

[EmergencyInfo.pdf](#)

[EGUSD Concussion and Head Injury Information Sheet 19-20.pdf](#)

[EGUSD Agreement for Team Participation 19-20.pdf](#)

[Parent_Student_CIF_Heat_Illness_Information_Sheet.pdf](#)

[SCA_PARENT_REVIEW_FORM-1hfjxi5.pdf](#)

Season Start Dates

[2019-2020 EGUSD Athletics.pdf](#)

[2019-2020 8th Boys & Girls Basketball Schedule.pdf](#)

2019-2020 Schedule

[2019-2020 Wrestling Schedule.pdf](#)

[2019-2020 Volleyball Schedule.pdf](#)

[2019-2020 7th Grade Basketball.pdf](#)

[2019-2020 Track & Field Schedule.pdf](#)

Jump Start 2020-2021

Jump Start brings our entire school and community together to welcome our new 7th grade students. We will host Jump Start on August 5, 6, & 7, 2020.

Student day will consist of:

- ✓ Large group getting to know you activities
- ✓ Break out groups with 8th grade Leadership students
- ✓ Campus tour
- ✓ Taking the anxiety out of the locker room
- ✓ Lunch through the speed line
- ✓ Classroom experience
- ✓ Group closing activity

Activities

School starts:

- 1st day:
 - ✓ Look for Leadership students with their special shirts on to guide all 7th graders through their 1st day. Schedules will be picked up in the multipurpose room.
- 1st week:
 - ✓ School pictures for photo ID, Yearbook photo and pictures to purchase
 - ✓ Ice Cream Social for all 7th grade students on Friday
- 1st month:
 - ✓ School Dance
 - ✓ Lunch time activities
 - ✓ Club Sign ups
- Be sure to purchase an ASB sticker. The purchase entitles students to deals and discounts.
- Follow us on: Instagram, Twitter and Facebook @JosephKerrMS

Extra-Curricular Activities

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- Extensive music, art and woodshop programs
- Athletic Teams – Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling and Track
- Student Leadership Program
- Diverse student clubs and associations
- Academic, musical and vocational competitions
- Student-run yearbook
- Comprehensive extended day program for enrichment and student support

Requirement:

Shots Before School

- 7th-12th graders are required to get a Tdap immunization shot before starting the 2020-2021 school year.
- This required vaccine protects against:
 - Tetanus
 - Diphtheria
 - Pertussis –whooping cough
- Tdap verification must be submitted to the student's current school or the school to which the student is matriculating.
- **Students will not be allowed to begin school without showing proof of the vaccine.**

Where Can My Student Get the Shot?

- Children should visit their doctor or health care provider to get the shot.
- Local pharmacies and Health Departments may offer vaccines.
- Uninsured or underinsured may qualify for the “Vaccines for Children Program.”
- Call 1-877-243-8832 for more information

Suggested School Supplies - 2020/2021

- highlighter (1 each – yellow/blue/pink/green/orange)
- colored pencils (12 set)
- dry erase marker (1 pkg. of 4 multi colored)
- 1 – ruler 1/16's & metric
- 2 - glue sticks
- 1 – small scissors
- 1 – scientific calculator
- 1- binder 3-ring (large enough for several classes)
- 2 pkgs. – dividers
- 1 pkg. – binder paper (college ruled 200 sheets)
- 4 - composition books (9 ¾ x 7 ½)
- index cards – (2 pkgs. 3 x 5)
- spiral notebook (1 subject)
- Additional black/blue/red pens and pencils as needed (no gel pens or sharpies)

This is a general list of suggested school supplies and not all items may be requested by each teacher. However, individual teachers may suggest additional items specific to their class which will be indicated in the course syllabi the first week of the quarter. Students will need supplies over the course of the school year and can keep these supplies at home until they are requested by individual teachers.

Guided by the law, the district must provide basic instructional materials free of cost to students, such as pens, blackboards, blackboard erasers, crayons, lead pencils; therefore, schools will furnish these materials as required by Education Code. However, as parents and guardians, it is understandable, and greatly appreciated, that you may wish to support your child's education with extra supplies and materials.

Parent Involvement

- Attend “Back to School Night”
- Monitor ParentVUE daily
- Complete Volunteer & LCAP Surveys
- Volunteer on campus and at activities
- Join the Kerr PTO
- Be a member of School Site Council
- Participate on the PBIS Team
- Monitor social media

Meetings with our Elementary Schools

- Elk Grove: February 25, 2020
- James McKee: February 25, 2020

- Ellen Feickert: February 27, 2020
- Florence Markofer: February 27, 2020

Important Dates

- **August 5, 6 & 7, 2020** **Jump Start**
- **August 13, 2020** **Schedule Pick Up 8:00-8:25am**
7th Grade (Multi-Purpose Room)
8th Grade (Gym)
- **August 13, 2020** **First Day of School**
- **August 13 & 14, 2020** **PBIS Kick-off**
- **August 26, 2020** **Back to School Night**