



Joseph Kerr Middle School
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Knights show... Effort, Respect, Responsibility

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Principal

Matthew Kempen
Vice-Principal

C. Norma Alston
Teacher-in-Charge

Care About Kids' Education

C. A. K. E.

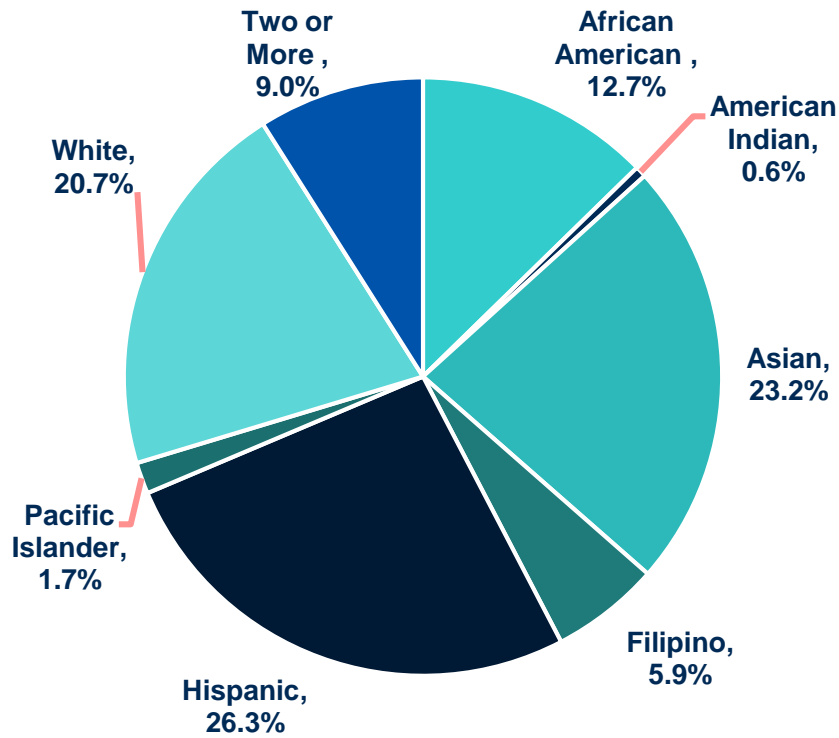
- Student-centered articulation process
- Personal counseling to guide course placements
- Parent, student, teacher recommendations for academic placement
- Diverse electives and opportunities for exploration
- Experienced staff to guide learning
- Scheduling flexibility to provide options
- Small school/small class size

PARENTS & STUDENTS

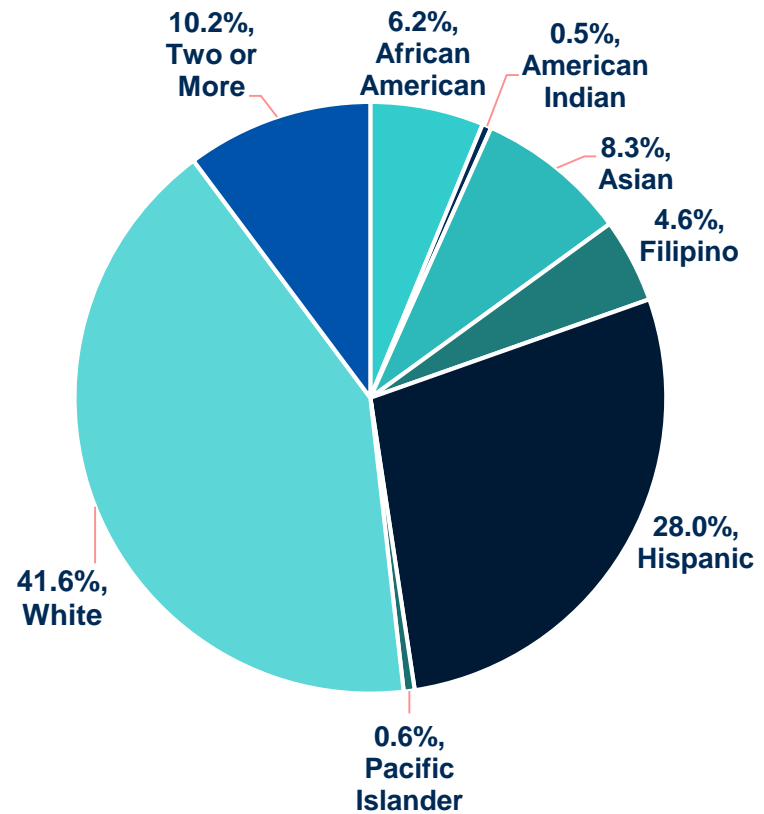
- JKMS C. A. K. E. through seamless transitions from elementary to high school
- Academic counseling and support services
- Experienced staff with a middle school focus
- Extensive variety of enrichment and co-curricular opportunities
- Rigorous academic climate
- Safe learning environment established through clear behavioral expectations and positive support
- Positive communication throughout the school year
- Small school climate
- Model middle school library

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Ethnic Makeup – District and School 2017 - 2018



District Wide



Joseph Kerr Middle School

JKMS Counselors – C. A. K. E.

- 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
- C. A. K. E. 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

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?

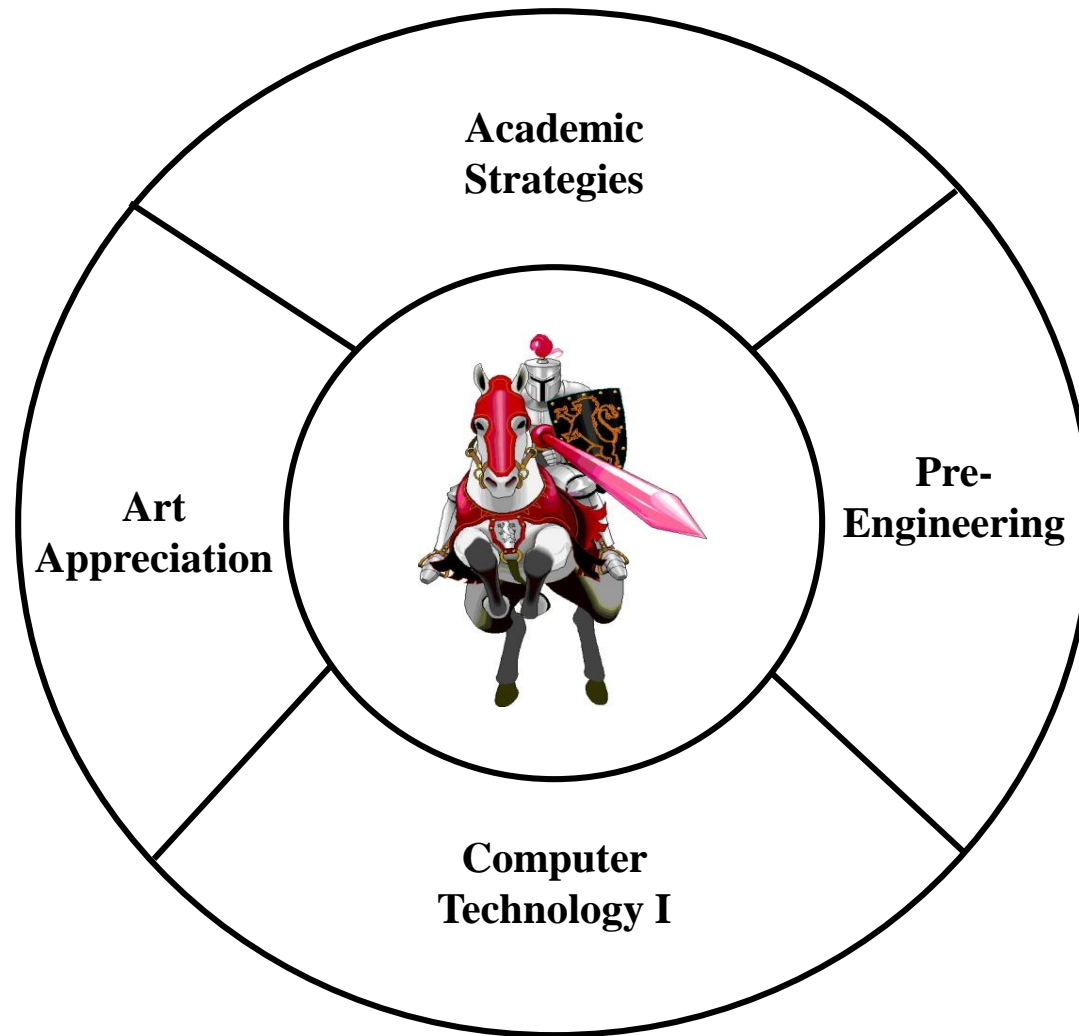
College bound students enrolled in at least one honors level class who want to learn how to

- 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 & Academic Strategies
- Digital Media & Art 1

Full Year Electives

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

7th Grade Course Registration Form



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2018-2019 – 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 7-08000

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.

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 Wheel
- Art Appreciation / Computer Tech I
- Pre-Engineering / Academic Strategies | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Applications /
Academic Strategies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AVID 7- 09007 (Application required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Band (Application required) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Media / Art I | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Engineering - 07724 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> World Language Studies - 07783 |

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

6th Grade Teacher Recommendations

	<u>Teacher Signatures</u>
I recommend this student for English Honors	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> _____
I recommend this student for Social Science Honors	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> _____

C. A. K. E. JKMS Counseling Staff

Kevin Farwell (Last name A-L)
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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 gray shirt and shorts.
PE clothes are not needed the first week of school.

Athletics

[Cross Country](#)

[Volleyball](#)

[Basketball](#)

[Wrestling](#)

[Track & Field](#)

Athletics

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Upcoming Sports

Track and Field for all 7th & 8th grade girls and boys will be starting March 12th. All athletes who wish to participate must complete the permission packet. Athletes must have a physical before they are allowed to compete. If you have already turned in a physical for a previous sport this year, please indicate on the physical form the previous sport you tried out for. Packets may be downloaded off the Athletics web page or picked up in the front office. Turn in your permission packets to Mr. Palmiere before March 12th.

ED CODE 221.9 ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION DATA

[2016-2017 JKMS Athletic Participation Data](#)

[2015-2016 JKMS Athletic Participation Data](#)

STUDENT/PARENT AUTO USE FORM

[Student Auto Use Form](#)

[Student Alternate Transportation Form](#)

Please complete this form and return it to the team coach if

2017-2018 Schedules

[Track](#)

[Wrestling](#)

[7th Grade Basketball](#)

[Volleyball](#)

[Cross Country](#)

FREE OR LOW COST HEALTH EXAMS INFORMATION

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

C. A. K. E.

Jump Start 2018-2019

Jump Start brings our entire school and community together to welcome our new 7th grade students. We will host Jump Start on August 8, 9, & 10, 2018.

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

*** All dates are tentative – more information to follow!!**

Activities – C. A. K. E.

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

Requirement:

Shots Before School

- 7th-12th graders are required to get a Tdap immunization shot before starting the 2018-2019 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 or attend Jump Start activities 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 - 2018/2019

- highlighter (1 each – yellow/blue/pink)
- 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)
- 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 term. 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 – C. A. K. E.

- Attend “Back to School Night”
- Monitor ParentVUE daily
- Complete Volunteer Survey
- Volunteer on campus and at activities
- Join the Kerr Boosters
- Be a member of School Site Council
- Monitor social media

Meetings with our Elementary Schools

- Elk Grove: February 13, 2018
- Florence Markofer: February 13, 2018

- James McKee: February 15, 2018
- Ellen Feickert: February 15, 2018

Important Dates

- **August 8, 9, & 10, 2018** **Jump Start**
- **August 16, 2018** **Schedule Pick Up 8:00-8:25am**
7th Grade (Multi-Purpose Room)
8th Grade (Gym)
- **August 16, 2018** **First Day of School**
- **August 29, 2018** **Back to School Night ***

*** Tentative**