

Distinguishing Features

- ◆ Rich multicultural environment reflecting our global community.
58 Countries Represented
40 Languages Spoken
- ◆ Wide variety of elective offerings including Multimedia Productions and Applied Spanish and Technology.
- ◆ Onsite Honors Geometry for 8th Graders
- ◆ Student achievement reported through electronic progress reports and quarterly report cards. Periodic Progress Reports are sent electronically several times during a quarter.
- ◆ GT Coach/Resource Teacher for providing support for the development of appropriate lessons for high ability learners.



Communication

Luther Jackson communicates with parents in a variety of ways.

LJ Website

<http://www.fcps.edu/LutherJacksonMS/>.

Newsletters

Blackboard

Keep in Touch:

<http://fcps.medianext.com/fcps/signup.html>

Call-Outs



Extracurricular Activities

- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ National Junior Honor Society
- ◆ Yearbook
- ◆ Literary Magazine
- ◆ ECYBERMISSION



- ◆ College Partnership Program
- ◆ Virginia Reader's Choice
- ◆ Geography Bee

- ◆ Math Club & Math Counts
- ◆ Art Club
- ◆ Gam3r5
- ◆ Video Productions/LJTV/Drama Club
- ◆ Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Cheerleading, Wrestling, Ping Pong, Step Team, Tennis & Yoga.
- ◆ Summer Institutes



Algebra, Surviving Middle School, Money Talks, & Sports

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Academics

Our center program offers eligible students a challenging academic program designed to meet the needs of highly gifted students. The GTC curriculum is differentiated in depth, breadth and pace of instruction emphasizing higher-level thinking. The program provides opportunities to develop independent research skills. GTC incorporates advanced reading materials across the curriculum.

7th graders have the following required full-year subjects that follow the FCPS Program of Studies:

- ◆ English/Language Arts
- ◆ Math 7, Math 7 Honors, or Algebra I Honors
- ◆ U.S. History, 1865-Present
- ◆ Investigations in Environmental Science
- ◆ Health/Physical Education



Instruction

- ◆ Critical thinking and analysis
- ◆ Concept based instruction
- ◆ Cross-disciplinary instruction
- ◆ Challenging learning experiences constructed around students' interests, learning styles, and preferred modes of expression.

Electives



7th graders complete their seven period schedules with a selection from semester and year-long electives.

Year Long

- ◆ Band (Beg., Intermed., Adv.)
- ◆ Percussion Ensemble
- ◆ Mixed Chorus & Men's Chorus
- ◆ Orchestra (Beg., Intermed., Adv.)
- ◆ Applied Spanish & Technology



Semester Electives

- ◆ Introductory Art
- ◆ Family and Consumer Sciences
- ◆ Technology Tools (Keyboarding)
 - ◆ Advanced Technology Tools
 - ◆ Multimedia Productions
 - ◆ Introduction to Foreign Language
 - ◆ Chorus
 - ◆ Inventions & Innovations
- ◆ Peer Helping
- ◆ Newspaper/Publications
- ◆ Music Participation Lab



8th graders have additional options for year-long and semester electives.

- ◆ **Year-long:** Adv. Theatre Arts (Multimedia Productions), French I, Spanish I, Japanese I, Latin I, Spanish for Fluent Speakers I, Tech Systems, Family and Consumer Sciences.
- ◆ **Semester:** Technological Systems and Intermediate Art.

Electives offered in 2007-08 are subject to change based on student interest and enrollment.

Interdisciplinary Teaming

A Key Element of Middle Schools



At LJMS, the focus is on the special academic, social, physical and emotional needs of young adolescents, retaining some of the familiar aspects of elementary school while introducing some of the aspects of high school.

The Interdisciplinary Team is the heart of the middle school and involves a core group of teachers sharing the same group of students

At Luther Jackson M.S. a team consists of four teachers (English, Math, Social Studies, and Science), a counselor and approximately 125 students. While our GTC students work with their academic peers in core subject areas, they are provided with opportunities to interact with our entire student body through elective courses, health and physical education, and after school programs.

Teachers on the same team have a common planning period during which they meet to determine team expectations, discuss students, identify cross-curricular connections, hold parent conferences, and plan team activities and events. Counselors attend team meetings facilitate parent conferences.



Teaming Benefits Students, Teachers, Parents & Counselors

- ◆ Eases the transition from elementary to middle school as students move from one teacher and 25 students to one team and 125 students.
- ◆ Allows for the coordination of assignments, tests, and projects.
- ◆ Facilitates the discussion and development of strategies to meet the needs of individual students.