

Jasper Middle School



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JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL
2016-2017 ACADEMIC/CONNECTIONS DAILY SCHEDULE

GRADE 6

7:55-8:10	Trans to 1 st block	15
8:10-9:15	Academic Block 1	65
9:20-9:55	CARES	35
10:00-11:05	Academic Block 2	65
11:10-11:45	Academic Block 3	35
11:50 -12:20	Lunch	30
12:25 -12:55	Academic Block 3	30
1:00 -2:05	Academic Block 4	65
2:05 -2:10	Transition	5
2:10-2:53	Con 1/ Block 5	43
2:57-3:40	Con 2/Block 5	43

GRADE 8

7:55-8:10	Trans to 1 st block	15
8:10-9:15	Academic Block 1	65
9:20-9:55	CARES	35
9:55-10:00	Transition	5
10:00-10:43	Con 1/ Block 2	43
10:47-11:30	Con 2/Block 2	43
11:30-11:35	Transition	5
11:35 -12:25	Academic Block 3	50
12:30 -1:00	Lunch	30
1:05-1:20	Academic Block 3	15
1:25-2:30	Academic Block 4	65
2:35-3:40	Academic Block 5	65

GRADE 7

7:55-8:10	Trans to 1 st block	15
8:10-9:15	Academic Block 1	65
9:20-9:55	CARES	35
10:00-11:03	Academic Block 2	63
11:10-11:40	Lunch	30
11:45-12:25	Academic Block 3	40
12:25-12:30	Transition	5
12:30-1:13	Con 1/Block 4	45
1:17-2:00	Con 2/ Block 4	45
2:00-2:05	Transition	5
2:05--2:30	Academic Block 3	25
2:35 -3:40	Academic Block 5	65

CONNECTIONS

7:55-8:10	Trans to 1 st block	15
8:10-9:20	Planning	70
9:20 -9:55	CARES	35
9:55-10:00	Transition	5
10:00-10:43	8th Connections 1	43
10:47-11:30	8 th Connections 2	43
11:30-12:30	Lunch and Planning	60
12:30-1:13	7 th Connections 1	45
1:17-2:00	7th Connections 2	45
2:00-2:10	Transition	10
2:10-2:53	6 th Connections 1	43
2:57 -3:40	6 th Connections 2	43



Pickens County School District 2016-2017 Calendar

Board Approved
December 10, 2015

2016							2017						
July	1	2	3	4	5	6	July	1	2	3	4	5	6
				Independence Day Holiday			January	2	Inservice				
				Pre Planning			3	Students Return to School					
							4	Report Cards					
August	1	2	3	4	5	6	August	1	2	3	4	5	6
	First Day of School						1	16	Martin Luther King Holiday				
	Progress Reports						31						
September	1	2	3	4	5	6	September	3	Progress Reports				
				Labor Day Holiday			20-24	20-24	Winter Break				
				Fall Break			19-23	22-24	Potential Inclement Weather				
October	1	2	3	4	5	6	October	1	2	3	4	5	6
							7	15	End of 3rd 9 Weeks				
							14	24	Report Cards				
November	1	2	3	4	5	6	November	1	2	3	4	5	6
							8	15	End of 1st 9 Weeks				
							9	21	Report Cards				
							21-25						
December	1	2	3	4	5	6	December	1	2	3	4	5	6
							15	26	End of 2nd 9 Weeks				
							19-30	27	Christmas Holidays				
January	1	2	3	4	5	6	January	1	2	3	4	5	6
							29	30-31	Memorial Day				
							30-31		Post Planning				
February	1	2	3	4	5	6	February	1	2	3	4	5	6
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							9	21	Report Cards				
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March	1	2	3	4	5	6	March	1	2	3	4	5	6
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							14	24	Report Cards				
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							9	21	Report Cards				
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May	1	2	3	4	5	6	May	1	2	3	4	5	6
							25	26	Last Day of School				
							16	27	Post Planning				
							19-30	29	Graduation				
							30-31		Memorial Day				
June	1	2	3	4	5	6	June	1	2	3	4	5	6
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									Make-Up Days for Teachers				

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Note: All holidays/breaks are subject to revisions due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances

Jasper Middle School Student Handbook Contract Student / Parent / School Agreement

Please sign and return this form to your child(ren)'s classroom or homeroom teacher by Friday, August 5, 2016.

I have received/read the current Jasper Middle School student handbook. I have reviewed the policies and procedures contained within. I have discussed these policies with my child as well as the policies/rules in the Pickens County Code of Conduct, and he/she understands that he/she must abide by the rules set forth within these documents. As a parent, I agree **to support my child's education by closely monitoring my child's behavior and academic progress.**

I realize that a successful educational process requires a "learning community" approach **whereby the school, teachers, parents, and students all work together for the benefit of the student's education and well-being.** I will work with the school, teachers, and administrators to provide the best educational experience possible for my child. In return, my child's teachers will provide the best possible environment and opportunity for my child to be successful at Jasper Middle School. By signing this agreement, I pledge that I have completed the above steps to support my child's educational future.

Students, please sign the agreement as well signifying you are aware of the polices/rules/procedures listed within this handbook and the Pickens County Code of Conduct, and you understand you must abide by them.

Student's Name:	
School:	
Parent / Guardian Signature:	
Parent / Guardian Printed Name:	
Home Phone Number:	
Student's Signature:	
Today's Date:	

JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL 2016 – 2017 COMPACT
PARENT – STUDENT – TEACHER EDUCATIONAL COMPACT FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

TEACHER AGREEMENT – I believe that each child can be successful. I will:

- Believe that each child can learn
- Show respect for each student and his/her family
- Enforce school and classroom rules fairly
- Demonstrate professional behavior and a positive attitude
- Come to class prepared to teach
- Seek ways to involve parents in the school program

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT – I believe that I can be successful. I will:

- Attend school regularly and on time
- Show respect for myself, my school and other people
- Believe that I can and will learn
- Obey the school and bus rules
- Always try to do my best in my work and in my behavior
- Work cooperatively with my classmates, teachers and other school staff

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT – I believe that my child can be successful. I will:

- See that child is punctual and attends school regularly and on time
- Communicate with my child's teachers on a regular basis
- Support the school in developing positive behaviors
- Provide a home environment that encourages my child to learn
- Stay aware of what my child is learning (See GA Dept. of Education Website Parent Section).

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM AGREEMENT: – I believe JMS will continue to be successful. I will:

- Provide an environment that allows for positive communication between the teacher, parent and student
- Support the teachers in providing high quality instructions
- Provide a safe and orderly environment conducive to learning
- Encourage students, their families and staff to keep this compact

We expect all parties to view this agreement as a binding document that benefits the educational process of each student and we expect all parties to execute this agreement. If you have concerns or questions about the content or execution of this document, you may call the school and speak with the Principal or Asst. Principal.

Principal: *Anita Walker* Date: 8-1-2016

Action Steps	Examples/Activities	Cost and Source of Funding	Person(s) Responsible
Volunteer/Parent and Community Involvement log will be maintained in office	Mentoring, Tutoring, PTO and Booster Clubs Volunteering, Coaching Youth, Library Volunteers, Fundraising, etc.	Title I (record keeping)	Parent Involvement Specialists
Parent Involvement Plan will be on school website and available in school office	School Representatives on PCPAC (Pickens County Parent Advisory Council) advises content. JMS School Advisory Council	Title I (PCPAC expenses) School	Principal/Parent Involvement Specialist
PTO will establish and maintain committees	Examples might include: Fundraising/Grants, School Advisory Council, Teacher Appreciation, Box Tops/Labels, Principal's Celebration, Attendance, and Welcome Committees	PTO	PTO Members (Technical Support from Prin./PI Spec)
Parent Compacts will be distributed to all parents	Copy will be placed in Student Handbook and in Beginning of Year Packet.	School	Parents/Teachers Principals
A Title I Annual Meeting will be held and all parents will be encouraged to attend	Example strategies to encourage participation: Provide involve parents in planning, family refreshments, advertise in newspaper, flyers, student performance, etc.	Title I	Principals/ PI Spec.
The school will participate in the system annual Parent Evaluation. Results will be used to plan for the following year.	Survey distributed in spring. Principals and parents advise contents of survey. Follow-up use by all groups. Results on file.	School System/ Title I	Principals/Teachers/PI Spec./Parents
Develop resources to support student achievement	Fundraising (PTO, Booster Clubs), Grant writing, Community contributions	PTO, parent organizations and committees	Principals
Building capacity through parent training	Parent Nights and Parent Resource Center.	School Title I Community Agencies	School Personnel and Parent Involvement Specialist Agency Members

We Welcome You to Jasper Middle School!

We are certainly pleased that you will become a part of the Jasper Middle School family. Our goal is to effectively address the academic and developmental needs of *each* student while inspiring all students to develop a desire to learn, to be self-reliant, and to be independent and responsible citizens. We strive to maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect, high expectations, and outstanding achievement. As students grow and mature, they must be increasingly responsible and accountable for their actions. We focus on each individual student as you would at your home.

We ask for your support in helping us provide the best possible school environment. Your administration, Principal Anita Walker & Assistant Principal, Duane Cronin welcome you to YOUR school. If we can be of service, please call on us---we are always here to help.

Anita Walker, Principal

A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT'S DAY

Each student at Jasper Middle School is part of a grade level of students and teachers. Each grade level will consist of several general education teachers, with the number of teachers determined by grade-level enrollment.

At some point in the day, all students travel as a grade level to "connections" classes. These classes consist of art, agricultural technology, computer technology, general music, band (year long course), chorus (year long course), math connect, ELA connect, physical education, and health. Students rotate connections classes every semester, thereby experiencing four connections classes by the end of the year. The exceptions to this is for students taking band or chorus which requires a year-long commitment or if math and/or ELA connect are needed for 2 semesters.

It is our hope and desire that all parents understand that middle school years can be challenging for students and parents alike. This necessitates a working relationship among the student, parents, and teacher. We are determined to make the process of maturation and growth positive and productive for all stakeholders.

We hope that each student has an opportunity to work hard and feel successful while at JMS. We are a staff that truly enjoys working with middle school students and understands their unique differences from all other stages of development.

GRADING SYSTEM

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

F = Below 70

NO PASS / NO PARTICIPATION: GR. 6-8

Students participating in competitive interscholastic activities shall pass three (3) academic subjects in the semester immediately preceding participation. For the purpose of eligibility, connections classes will be combined and counted as one (1) class. Competitive interscholastic activities are any school-sponsored programs involving competition between individuals or groups representing two or more schools. Cheerleading is included in this definition.

HOMEWORK

Homework is practice for the standard being taught. As such, it is a vital part of the middle school program. Homework reinforces skills and teaches responsibility and self-discipline. Homework may contribute to a student's grades. Completing and turning in all assignments is very important. Students and parents should expect homework. Advanced and high school credit courses usually require more work to be completed by the students at home. Silent lunch, break detention, after-school detention (ASD) and Saturday school (SS) will be used as a consequence for habitual missing homework assignments. In extreme cases, in-school suspension (ISS) may be assigned.

CONFERENCES

Parents requesting teacher conferences may do so by contacting the teacher through voicemail or email. Most conferences at Jasper Middle School include the entire team of academic teachers and the connection teacher if desired.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCES

Parents requesting administrative conferences with the principal and/or assistant principal may do so by calling the school setting up an appointment. The school administrators value their interaction and time with teachers, students, and parents collectively. Our goal is to be available for all of our stakeholders in order to promote communication among school staff, students, and parents. We realize that administrative parent conferences are a valuable communication tool at JMS. **In order to effectively devote our time and resources to your individual issues, we ask that parents call ahead to schedule an appointment when needing to meet with an administrator in person. This will allow us to devote our best use of resources and time to your issue.** If you believe your issue may be addressed over the telephone, please call us and we will return your call.

ATTENDANCE

There is a direct correlation between academic performance and student attendance. Chronic tardiness to school and truancy are not acceptable behaviors. Upon returning to school after being absent, students should bring a note from home explaining the absence. Students must attend at least one-half of the academic day to be counted present. Students checking in at or before 11:55 A.M. will be considered present. It is vitally important that parents make every effort to have their children attend school and avoid all absences that are not absolutely necessary. Unexcused tardies, early checkouts, and unexcused absences will result in consequences.

MAKE-UP WORK

Following a documented excused absence, a student will have **three (3) school days** to request make-up academic assignments from teachers. Teachers will have three (3) school days to provide the requested make-up assignments. Teachers may initiate the make-up assignments and may also require alternative assignments from students who have been absent.

TEXTBOOKS

Once textbooks, agendas, and instructional materials, paid for by public funds, are issued to a student, the responsibility for the return of these materials to the school for further use shall be the total responsibility of the student and his/her parents/guardians.

When textbooks, library books, or other instructional materials are not returned to the school in a form suitable for continued use, it shall be the responsibility of the student and his/her parents/guardians to reimburse Jasper Middle School for the **replacement cost** of the textbook, library book, or other instructional materials.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Students will not be called out of class for messages or phone calls unless there is a situation deemed an emergency by an administrator or counselor. It is the student's responsibility to listen to all morning and afternoon announcements.

Students are not permitted to use phones unless it is an emergency. Please make arrangements for rides and after school activities before sending your child to school. If transportation method changes during the day, please make every effort to call the school by 3:00 pm.

Deliveries to Students

Delivery of flowers, balloons, and/or food to students will not be permitted. Food from outside JMS may not be brought to students in the restaurant/fast food packaging unless a specific group or class has an activity that was pre-approved by school administration. Students may, however, bring their own lunch to school.

LOCKERS

Lockers are the property of the school and **CAN BE SEARCHED AT ANY TIME** without the student's knowledge and/or presence. Students are to share a locker with other students **only** if instructed to do so by a teacher. Students are encouraged to keep their locker locked and to protect their locker combination at all times. Students **should not** give out this combination to other students. (Students are not allowed to bring locks from home to place on their hall lockers.)

BOOK BAGS AND SUPPLIES

Students are permitted to carry book bags to school. Book bags must be able to fit into a locker. On the first day of school, students should bring the typical school supplies (paper, pencils, pens, etc.). Individual teachers will let their students know if any special supplies are required.

ARRIVAL

Students may enter the building at 7:30 A.M. and must report immediately to the lunchroom or gym. **Seventh and eighth grade students will be housed in the gym beginning at 7:30 A.M., and 6th grade students will be in the cafeteria.** Students report to class beginning at 7:55 A.M. Students must go directly to their locker and then class. Attendance will be taken at 8:10 A.M.

DISMISSAL

Students are dismissed at approximately 3:40 P.M. or as soon as buses arrive. **This is usually a little later during the first week of school.** Students attending after-school activities must remain in their last block classes until released for the activity. After-school detention students will go directly to ASD when walkers and riders are dismissed.

CHECKING OUT

If a student needs to be checked out during the school day, a parent or other adult listed in the school data-base must come to the front office to sign the student out. A valid ID may be required when picking up a student. **ONLY PERSONS LISTED IN THE STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHECK THE STUDENT OUT OF SCHOOL.** Every effort should be made not to check students out during the day.

CAFETERIA

Every effort is taken to make our cafeteria lunches tasty and nutritious. We encourage all students to eat in the cafeteria on a daily basis. Applications for free and reduced price lunches will be provided to all students. This form should be returned to the lunchroom manager as soon as possible. The cost for a basic lunch is \$2.20 (reduced-\$1.40), which includes milk. Fruit juices, Power Aid, and icecream can be purchased separately. Breakfast can be purchased for \$1.25(reduced-\$0.80).

Money (or checks) can be sent and applied to each child's account from which daily lunches will be deducted. No change will be given if checks are sent; money will be put into the student's lunch account. Students who forget their lunch money will be offered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Parents may create an online account for breakfast/lunch by going to www.mypaymentsplus.com. We encourage parents to come and eat with their child(ren). Parents may bring outside food for their child only.

STUDENT CLUBS

Students will be offered a variety of clubs to join and opportunities to try out for specific teams. Please refer to the Pickens County schools Student Code of Conduct for a detailed listing of clubs offered at Jasper Middle School.

VISITORS

JMS welcomes visitors to our school! Please come by and have lunch with your child or volunteer in some capacity. Anyone visiting the school must report to the front office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass.

NURSE

Our nurse is on campus from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. to dispense student medications, assist with first aid in the event of an injury, and call parents in the event of illness. The school nurse will send a student home if he/she has a temperature equal to or greater than 100 degrees, or if he/she has been vomiting or other infectious symptoms exist. Strict county guidelines are enforced regarding the proper handling of medication. Should your child need medication during school hours, feel free to call the school nurse during her work hours.

MEDICATION

When at all possible, we encourage you to schedule your child's medication so that it may be given at home under your direct supervision. However, we realize that this is not always possible.

Prescription medicine is given with written parental request if it is in the original prescription bottle with a prescription label accompanied by a specific time line for administration.

Over-the-counter medication is given with written parental request if it is in the original container and accompanied by the name of the medication and a specific time line for its administration.

ANY TYPE OF MEDICATION brought to school must be immediately taken to the school nurse or front office secretary. Students are NOT to be in possession of any form of medication during the school day except as provided by state law. Please refer to the Pickens County Code of Conduct regarding more information concerning medications.

JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

Students participate in the JMS counseling program as a routine part of the curriculum. The counseling program at JMS is comprehensive in scope, preventative in design, and developmental in nature. We concentrate on three areas: academic, career and personal/social. All students receive benefits from the counseling program through classroom guidance sessions, support groups, and individual counseling sessions. We also consult with staff and parents and community leaders.

FIELD TRIPS / SCHOOL EVENTS

Field trips and school events are part of the instructional process and are considered a privilege. Individual students or groups of students whose behavior is not acceptable or who have had numerous discipline actions will lose the privilege of attending field trips and school events. Also, the school administration reserves the right to refuse students' participation in these events as a form of discipline for misbehavior or other criteria deemed appropriate by the school administration.

Students will not be allowed to participate if they are assigned either OSS or more than one stay of ISS or failing a subject. Students may not be allowed to attend the field due to an AST. In certain school-wide, grade-level, or club sponsored field trips, including, but not limited to, Savannah, St. Simons Island, and Chattanooga; additional discipline criteria will be in effect. *NOTE: These guidelines are minimum requirements. Each grade-level may impose more restrictions as necessary.*

RETENTION AND PROMOTION

To be promoted to the next grade level, students in grades 6-8 must pass year-long language arts, reading, and math classes, and may not fail more than one other core academic class (e.g. science, social studies, or **averaged final grade**

from each connections class). A student's final grade in each connection class (e.g. art, band, chorus, etc.) will be averaged to equate one core academic class.

Students who do not meet these promotion criteria will be required to successfully complete a program of studies for credit recovery. If the student does not successfully complete credit recovery, the decision to promote or retain the student will be made by a school placement committee.

Eighth grade students are also required to pass the language arts, and math portions of the Georgia Milestones to be promoted to ninth grade. Eighth grade students who do not pass these tests will be required to retake the previously failed portion(s) (i.e. reading and/or math) of the Georgia Milestones. Any eighth grade student who does not pass the required reading and math portions of the Georgia Milestones after two attempts will be referred to a placement committee to determine whether the student is promoted to the ninth grade or retained in the eighth. Please note there have been waivers provided by the state for this rule the last two years.

JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL RULES

All policies and discipline procedures outlined in the *Pickens County Student Code of Conduct* will be followed. It is the responsibility of each student to read the offenses and dispositions outlined in the county handbook. Policies may be amended as Jasper Middle School and/or the Pickens County Board of Education deems necessary. Below are a few rules/procedures which might not be specifically addressed in the Pickens County Student Code of Conduct..

1. Proper respect for others, their belongings, the school building, and school property is required at all times.
2. The dress code will be enforced.
3. Students must not act in a manner that interferes with the learning environment or the teacher's ability to conduct class.
4. Students may not buy or sell any items or solicit any money while at school.
5. Gambling is not permitted.
6. Students must have pass when not being in the classroom.
7. Students are expected to walk (not run) in the hallways, the cafeteria, and other parts of the building. Students are to remain quiet when walking as a group in the hallways as not to disturb the learning process.
8. Use of cell phones, iPods, and other electronic devices are not permitted during school hours except for instructional purposes guided by the classroom teacher. Phones will be confiscated when used at inappropriate times. The first time the parent will be asked to pick the phone up at the end of the day. Subsequent times will result in the phone being confiscated for 30 days to possibly the remainder of the school year.
9. Each student is expected to be in school on time, properly prepared (paper, pencil, homework, etc.), and ready to learn.
10. Any items that are found must be turned in to a teacher or the office. Do not keep something that is not yours. Each student is responsible for keeping up with his/her belongings.
11. **Silence** must be maintained during fire drills, tornado drills, and all other emergency situations for safety reasons, including daily announcements.
12. It is the responsibility of students and parents to make sure students have a ride home after school or any school activity (on or off campus).
13. No food or drink in gym or classrooms except water that is in a transparent bottle.

PBIS

Jasper Middle School is working harder to implement PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support). We want to reward the students who are acting appropriately and encourage those who are not to do so. We will be using **Dragon Dollars** as an incentive. Students may purchase various items using their Dragon Dollars. Below is a list of incentives. Please realize this is a work in progress and some incentives will be added while others might be removed until we determine which the best are.

- Locker passes
- Sit with a friend at lunch
- Go to the front of the lunch line
- Free ice cream
- Athletic event and dance tickets

- Get out free cards (silent lunch, break detention)
- Popcorn
- Lunch brought in
- Computer time in media center
- Ticket to game room---we still need more games and parent volunteers to make this happen

Students will be able to earn an opportunity to go to the PBIS celebration each nine week period by having good behavior. Students who have had no office referrals resulting in Saturday school, ISS or OSS or more than 5 entries in Educator's Handbook for the nine week period will earn participation in the celebration.

BUS RULES AND CONDUCT

Maintaining proper conduct on the school bus is vitally important to the safety of all who ride the school bus. Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Responsibility for conduct on the bus will be the joint responsibility of the student, the parent, the bus driver, and school officials. Jasper Middle School students must observe the following rules of conduct. **Please review the Pickens County Student Code of Conduct regarding Bus Discipline and School Bus rules.**

SPECIAL BUS PERMISSION

Students will only be allowed to ride school system transportation to their permanent designated bus stop. No other changes will be accepted per school system policy. Questions may be directed to the Pickens County Schools Transportation Department.

WALKING TO/FROM SCHOOL

Walking to and from school is permitted **only** with a signed parent permission form. Forms can be obtained from the main office. The school system and its assigns may not be held responsible or liable for student safety while walking to or from school.

DRESS CODE

We are aware that Jasper Middle School students desire to show good taste and personal pride in their grooming and dress habits. Appropriate dress for all students is important if we are to have the proper educational atmosphere at school. Students who do not wear appropriate clothes to school will need to change or be sent to ISS. Please refer to the Pickens County Schools Student Code of Conduct for specifics regarding what is acceptable and what is not.

JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

The media center's purpose is to encourage lifelong learning and a love of reading for pleasure in the JMS community by providing exceptional print and non-print resources that support the school's curriculum and general interests. We support the school's mission by providing information access and assistance to students and staff as needed.

Students are welcomed in the JMS Media Center during the school day. Small groups and individuals are required to have a pass from a teacher. The media specialist and media assistant are available to help with locating and using books and information for assignments or pleasure reading.

Books may be checked out for two weeks at a time and renewed as needed. Students are responsible for taking care of the books they check out from the Media Center and returning them on time and in good condition. If students have overdue books, checkout privileges will be suspended until overdue materials are returned. If materials are lost or damaged, the student is responsible to pay current replacement cost. While in the media center, students are expected to maintain a respectful environment for working on assignments and reading. For more information and links to important Internet sites, please visit the media center web site at <http://jaspermidmedia.weebly.com>

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

In the event of severe weather conditions or mechanical breakdowns, school may be closed or starting time delayed. The same may also necessitate early dismissal. School closing, delayed starting time, or early dismissal will be announced over radio stations WYYZ=1490 AM, WLJA 101.1 FM, and TV channels 2, 5, & 11. The information can also be

accessed via the county website (pickenscountyschools.org). If parent phone contact information is up-to-date with the school, you will be notified by automated phone message of any school closings.

Attendance

For Jasper Middle School students to get the best results from their academic endeavors, they should make every effort to be present in class every day. There are times when missing class cannot be avoided, thus it is imperative that all parents familiarize themselves with school board policy regarding school attendance. Please refer to the Pickens County Schools Student Code of Conduct regarding specific items related to Attendance Policies and Procedures.