



WELCOME TO THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

OVERVIEW

August 24, 2021 marks the beginning of a new school year filled with opportunities, excitement and a renewed enthusiasm for the work we all have ahead of us. Please know that during the summer the staff at Junction K-8 has made time to recover from a challenging 2020-2021 year, as well as spent many hours attending a variety of professional development conferences and institutes to prepare for this year. We are anxious to welcome our students back to our classrooms and to once again hear the laughter and joy of students learning, exploring and socializing. While much has changed from the 2020-2021 school year, there are still concerns we have to address while continuing to provide a safe, caring, rigorous and supportive learning environment. Please make some time to read the following procedures/protocols. It has been organized in an effort to provide important information in a quick and meaningful manner.

BELL SCHEDULES

Please note that the first two days of school we will be following an early release day (Wednesday schedule) on Tuesday, August 24th as well as Wednesday, August 25th.

Junction TK-5 Bell Schedule 2021-2022

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri.	8:25	School Begins	Wed. Minimum Day	8:25	School Begins
	9:30-9:50	Kinder Recess		9:30-9:50	Kinder Recess
	9:55-10:10	1-3th Recess		9:55-10:10	1-3th Recess
	10:15-10:30	4-5 th Recess		10:15-10:30	4-5 th Recess
	11:00-11:45	Kinder Lunch		11:00-11:45	Kinder Lunch
	11:15-12:00	1 st -3 rd Lunch		12:05-12:50	1 st -3 rd Lunch (Lunch First)
	12:05-12:50	4 th &5 th Lunch		12:05-12:50	4 th &5 th Lunch (Play First)
	1:30	Kinder Release		1:30	K-5th Release
	2:50	1 st -5th Release			

Junction 6th-8th Bell Schedule 2021-2022

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri.	7:30-8:21	Period 0	Wed. Minimum Day	7:40-8:21	Period 0
	8:25-9:21	Period 1		8:25-9:11	Period 1
	9:25-10:16	Period 2		9:15-9:56	Period 2
	10:20-11:11	Period 3		10:00-10:41	Period 3
	11:11-11:46	Lunch 4A		10:41-11:16	Lunch 4A
	11:15-12:06	Period 4A		10:45-11:26	Period 4A
	11:50-12:41	Period 4B		11:20-12:01	Period 4B
	12:06-12:41	Lunch 4B		11:26-12:01	Lunch 4B
	12:45-1:36	Period 5		12:05-12:46	Period 5
	1:40-2:31	Period 6		12:50-1:31	Period 6

OFFICE - The office will be open M-F from 7:30am to 4:00pm unless otherwise noted.

- If possible, we request that parent questions and concerns be handled by telephone or video chat.
- Appointments can be made as a way to help keep staff and the community safe.
- Please call 606-4720 for questions or to request an appointment.
- If you need to pick up your child from school before scheduled dismissal, please contact Junction's office prior to your arrival to make arrangements.

PARKING

On campus parking will be very limited. The front parking lot is for JUNCTION STAFF ONLY, except for disabled spaces which require a legal disabled placard . All required permits are enforced in this lot.

There is very limited parking available in the side, small lot. However, please understand that there are designated spots for ESS - please do not park there. The small lot usually has visitor parking and staff parking, but due to the large numbers of students to drop off and pick up, we will just use the lot for that purpose, as well as overflow staff parking. Please plan to find parking on neighboring streets.

While dropping off your student we cannot have any cars "park" or "wait" in the drop off area or in the parking lot. Junction's large parking lot has always been a staff-only parking lot for a staff of over 100, so the parking rules have not changed.

We realize pick up and drop off will be challenging for a bit, and we appreciate your patience and safety for all.

REPORTING ABSENCES:

Attendance will be taken each day for all students. In addition, for each period at the middle school level. Not being present for attendance will require a cleared absence by a parent or guardian

If your child will not be engaged in their daily scheduled learning due to illness or otherwise, please call Junction's attendance line at 925-606-4720.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

Breakfast: Breakfast will be served every morning. Students will need to walk in the MPR door, with their mask on, grab breakfast and sit at the MPR tables to eat (can take mask off). When done, students will then need to walk to their classroom line-up spot.

The MPR door will open at:

- 7:15 - 7:25am for ONLY ZERO Period students.
- 7:30 - 8:15am for all other students.
- Students must finish and leave to their classroom line-up spots by 8:20am each morning. Food cannot be consumed in the classroom.

Lunch: Lunch will be provided each day for any student wanting a lunch. At this point, Child Nutrition services will be offering one choice per day. The menu will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

We Need Your Help!

A state waiver has made it possible for our district to provide ALL students free meals through the end of the 2021-22 school year, regardless of their family's income level. While this may seem to make the need for free & reduced lunch applications unnecessary, in actuality, qualifying applications also provide additional funding for educational programs and classroom materials that are vitally important to our schools, teachers,

and students. Additionally, qualifying applications may mean your student qualifies for reduced fees on the SAT, Advanced Placement exams, college applications, reduced priced home internet and more!

Please take 3 minutes to fill out this [alternate income form](#) as soon as possible to ensure that the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District continues to receive the funding it needs to keep educational and child nutrition programs thriving for all students!

SCHOOL DAY PREPARATIONS

Mask up!

- Students and staff are encouraged to wear their own cloth face masks from home. If a student or staff member forgets their own, a disposable surgical-type mask will be provided.
- Bandanas and “thin gaiters” are not protective against Covid 19. It is recommended a cloth or disposable mask be worn at all times on campus.
- Check to make sure you have your face mask before leaving for school.
- Per Alameda County Public Health Guidelines, cloth face masks are required for staff and students over the age of 2, preschool through grade 12, and must be worn except when outside, or when eating or drinking, with the exception of students who are not able to wear them due to special circumstances such as a developmental or health diagnosis that would limit their ability to wear a face covering.

Don't forget your Chromebook!

All students will be issued an LVJUSD Chromebook to use on a daily basis. K-2nd grade will typically not be needing to take home the Chromebook on a daily basis and they will be stored in the classroom.

3rd-8th graders will typically take their LVJUSD Chromebook home and back to school on a daily basis. Please have your student bring their fully charged computer with them to school each day.

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL

DROP-OFF PROCEDURES

Junction will have one-way traffic flow in both parking lots. Please understand, in an effort to keep everyone safe, only right hand turns will be allowed out of both parking lots.

Elementary School

By car: We ask that parents who drop their elementary children off do so in the side parking lot drive-thru. Students need to be prepared by already having their mask on and materials ready to exit the car safely. Elementary students will line up with their class on the front lawn. PLEASE NOTE: You may only turn right out of the parking lot.

Walk-up: We ask that parents drop their elementary students off at the front lawn where students will line up with their homeroom class. Parents will not be able to wait with their students. Supervision will begin at 8:10am.

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Middle School

By car: We ask that parents who drop their middle school children off do so in the front parking lot drive-thru. Students need to be prepared by already having their mask on and materials ready to exit the car safely. Middle School students will line up with their class on the black top. PLEASE NOTE: You may only turn right out of the parking lot.

Walk-up: We ask that parents drop their middle school students off at the gate entrance by the black top where students will line up with their first class of the day. Parents will not be able to wait with their students. Supervision will begin at 8:10am.

Families with Middle and Elementary students

By car: Families who have both elementary and middle school students can drop off students in the front parking lot. Middle schoolers will then need to enter through the black top gate to line up with their first class of the day, and elementary students will need to line up on the front lawn with their homeroom.

STUDENT LINE-UP

All students will need to line up in their designated area, following all safety guidelines.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Kindergarten: Kindergarteners and ONE parent will be able to enter the side gate (in the small parking lot) to line up for kindergarten (at least for the first couple of weeks of school). The gate will open at 8:20am. Signs will be posted of where to line up. The playground will not be open before or after school, so students and their parent must stay lined up, with masks on, and in line. Parents must exit the same gate immediately after students have entered their classroom, as parents will not be allowed to enter the classroom.

1st-5th grade: Please find the sign that includes your classroom number and name of your homeroom teacher out by the front lawn. Please line up with your mask on. Parents will be asked to drop students off, and will not be able to stand with students. Junction will provide supervision as of 8:10am each morning. Teachers will escort students to their classrooms by 8:25am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Please find the sign that includes your first class of the day classroom number and teacher on the black top along the side of the buildings.

You will need to enter the gate by the blacktop. Please line up with your mask on. If parents bring students to school, students may be dropped off in the main parking lot, but parents will not be able to stand with students. Junction will provide supervision by 8:10 each morning. Teachers will escort students to their classroom by 8:30am.

Students with a zero period will line up with their

zero period teacher upon coming to school. When released from zero period, students need to go back out to the black top area and line up with their next class.

Arriving late to school

If a student arrives after 8:30am, they will need to check in at the front of the school at the “late check-in table”. If students arrive later than 8:45am, they must check in at the office.

LEAVING SCHOOL

Kindergarten: Parents of kindergarteners can line up at the side gate from the small, side parking lot. Students will be lined up in the same area where they were dropped off in the morning. Teachers will release students to parents from that area.

1st-5th grade: At the end of the school day, teachers will escort students to the same lines they lined up in the morning, in the front of the school. Students who are walking home, can leave immediately. Students who are being picked up by car, need to make arrangements with their parents as to which parking lot they will be picked up from so that students can wait in the correct area. We do ask for elementary students to be picked up from the side lot.

Middle School: Middle School students will exit from the black top gate in the main parking lot. Students are released and will need to either leave school immediately, or wait in the designated waiting area for parent pick up (either main lot drive thru or side lot drive thru) Please make arrangements with your student as to where you expect to pick them up.

Families with Middle and Elementary students

If a parent needs to pick up both a Middle and Elementary student via car, the front parking lot drive thru can be used.

ELEMENTARY RECESS

- Elementary students will have recess each day. Teachers will provide the recess schedule to parents through their classroom communication

PE CLASS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

- We encourage students to wear comfortable clothes and shoes that you can be active in for PE.
- Students will dress out for PE, in uniforms. Uniforms may be purchased through PTA. Students may also wear a white Tee shirt, black gym style shorts, or grey or black sweatpants (no leggings). Light-colored sweatshirts may be worn (no zippers and no graphics).
- Students will wear masks inside in the gym but are not required outside on the field or blacktop
- They will “gel in and gel out”
- Students will be provided with individual lockers as well as locks to secure their personal items.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

We are following all state and local guidelines to ensure a safe environment for students and staff.

Gel in/gel out:

- Students will sanitize when entering and exiting any room.

Handwashing:

- We will encourage regular hand-washing throughout the day.

Classrooms:

- Classrooms have hand sanitizer for student and staff use.
- Classrooms will be sanitized each day according to state, county and district guidelines.

Restrooms:

- Restrooms will only admit 1-2 persons at a time. The size of the restroom determines the max limit.
- Students will wait outside on a circle until the restroom is able to be occupied

UPDATES

As information changes and policies are updated, we will inform all students, parents and staff via email. Please be sure to update and maintain current contact information.

We also invite you to visit our Junction K-8 [Website](#) for updated and important information.