



# JACKSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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## Support for International Students

### Academic Support

International Students meet with the school academic counselor to schedule their courses. International Students are enrolled in a typical course schedule according to their equivalent grade level in their home country.

**English as a Second Language (ESL) Course** is offered daily during the normal school day and provides:

- Individualized, level-appropriate instruction
- Face to face instruction
- Academic Support

**Foundations Course** is offered to all newly enrolled international students during their first year of study. This course meets three times each week and provides an overview of the Bible as well as help navigating academic, social, and cultural concerns.

### Online Component of English Language Study

Jackson Christian provides International Students an online study program to further enhance their English proficiency. This course is included in tuition and can be taken during the normal school day or as an after school option.

### Faculty Support

Teachers work with individual students as well as with the ESL teacher so that each student achieves at his/her greatest potential in the classroom.

### Social & Cultural Support

#### JCS School Family Placement

The Jackson Christian School environment is family oriented. The school places significant value on providing an American family experience. We also realize that being part of a family can help students overcome homesickness. Jackson Christian endeavors to work with exchange companies to place International Students in the homes of Jackson Christian School families whenever possible.

### International Student Club

The International Club includes American and all International Students enrolled in Jackson Christian School. Club members participate in monthly activities together so that students have the opportunity to develop friendships and learn about different cultures from their international peers. Group activities include athletic events, concerts and other performances, museums, bowling, international meals, visits to Spring Arbor University, and more.

### Student Ambassador Program

International students are paired with an American student in their grade. Student Ambassadors help students adjust on the first day of school and beyond. Student Ambassadors include International Students in social activities at school and after school. Student Ambassadors can assist with academics as well as cultural and language barriers. Friendships are often formed through the Student Ambassador Program.

### Athletic Passes

All International Students are provided with an Athletic Pass which allows them to attend all school-sponsored, on-campus sporting events free of charge.

### Participation in Athletics

Jackson Christian School welcomes International Student participation in athletics as part of the complete Jackson Christian School experience. Eligibility may vary depending on when the student begins school and whether or not their agency is listed with CSIET, per MHSAA regulations. Some teams require try-outs in order to participate. For more information, please check out the Athletics portion of our website and/or email our Athletic Director, Bob Stanton, at [bstanton@jacksonchristianschool.org](mailto:bstanton@jacksonchristianschool.org).

- Sports Offered: 9

Participation Rate: 80%

Boys	Girls	Both
Baseball	Cheerleading	Basketball
Golf	Volleyball	Cross Country
Wrestling		Soccer
		Track

## Stories of the School

### History

Founded in 1972, Jackson Christian School was founded through community initiatives, and to this day is governed by an independent Board of Directors. In its 40+ year history, Jackson Christian School has demonstrated consistent improvement, as well as upgrades to its physical facilities.

### Location

Jackson Christian School is located in the city of Jackson, Michigan, the county seat of Jackson County. Founded in 1829, Jackson is recognized as the birthplace of the Republican Party, one of the two major political parties in United States politics. In addition, it is located within 50 minutes of Ann Arbor and the state capital of Lansing, the homes to University of Michigan and Michigan State University, two of the most renowned universities in the United States. Jackson is also located on the Chicago-Detroit rail line, allowing residents to take public transportation to both of these major cities.

### Teaching Philosophy

Jackson Christian School educates all students to possess wisdom, knowledge, and a biblical worldview, resulting in a lifestyle of high character, leadership, service, stewardship, and worship.

### Modern Facility

Jackson Christian School features two different campuses for its elementary and middle/high schools. The middle and high school sits on a 10 acre campus in southwest Jackson, a fertile area with numerous lakes, as well as the town country club. The school features SmartBoards in classrooms, and is in the process of creating a full technology park to provide hands-on scientific experience for students. The school's commitment to technology can also be seen in the campus-wide WiFi, as well as the interactive participation technology available for honors math students.

### Teacher Profile

Lisa Griffis teaches English at Jackson Christian, from Grade 6 to Grade 12, in addition to teaching Dual Enrollment courses in conjunction with nearby Baker College, where she also serves as Professor, teaching Speech Communication. Having received Bachelor's degrees in Speech, Mathematics and Education from Cornerstone University and Calvin College, as well as a Masters in Theater and Speech from Eastern Michigan University, Lisa also received the Jackson County Teacher of the Year award in 2011.

### Awards and Honors

Eight students from the schools quiz team have won academic scholarships from Michigan State University for their Quiz Tournament Achievements in 2010/11, 2011/12, & 2012/13.

Since 1984, the school has received a "Superior" rating from the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association, the highest possible rating.

### Student Profile

Lucy Jeong, Class of 2014 – Originally from Korea, Lucy studied at JCS for six years and graduated with honors. While at JCS, Lucy was a part of the track team as well as the honors choir. She is currently studying marketing at Michigan State University.

Kennedy Wilson, Class of 2013 – Received a perfect score of 36 on the ACT in his first time taking it, with little preparation. His teammates on Quiz Bowl describe having him as a teammate "like having Michael Jordan on your basketball team."

### Notable Alumni

Aaron Lindstrom '92 – Since graduating from Jackson Christian, Aaron has obtained his B.A. from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and his J.D from University of Chicago Law School, where he served as articles editor for the Chicago Journal of International Law and the national symposium board editor for The Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy. Currently, Aaron is the state of Michigan's Solicitor General, representing the state of Michigan in cases going before the Supreme Court.

### Accreditation

Jackson Christian School is accredited by AdvanceEd (North Central Association of Colleges and Universities) and Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).