

Joe Walker Middle School STEALTH Academy SPARC 2022



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Principal's Message

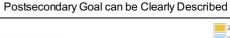
The goal of Joe Walker Middle School STEALTH Academy (JWMS) is to provide a safe and positive environment promoting academic success in Science, Technology, Engineering, And Learning Through Humanities. Through the collaborative efforts of the Student Support Team (SST), school staff, students, parents, and community partners, STEALTH education creates critical thinkers and develops the next generation of career and college ready innovators who will to make a positive impact in the world. The SST will work on our goals of student achievement as well as career and college readiness by using high-level engagement strategies school-wide and by providing experiences, such as field trips and career day to support and enrich the curriculum as indicated in our Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). In keeping with our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) goal of providing access to a high-quality instructional program to all students, all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students have the opportunity to enroll in advanced, honors and STEAM courses, including Project Lead The Way (engineering) courses, all in an effort to prepare our students for high school and college.

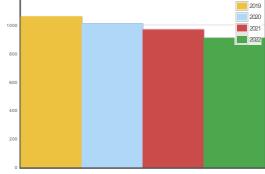
Career and College Readiness Student Outcomes

The SST at JWMS is committed to preparing all students for high school, college and career. We believe that evaluating student outcomes is important in identifying student needs and assessing program effectiveness in preparing our students to not only graduate but to become career and college ready. The following graphs include the number of students who completed a career exploration lesson on post-secondary options and the students who earned Honor Roll recognition.

Career Readiness

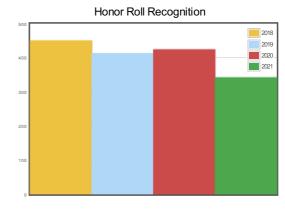
Every year students complete a career exploration lesson on post-secondary options in which they learn about the four college systems, including the California State University, University of California, private and community college systems. The lesson also includes information about trade and technical schools. A posttest revealed that 86% of students were able to identify the 4 college systems, 82% of students could explain the function of a trade or technical school, and 57% of students increased awareness about the A-G requirements. The chart shows the number of students that have completed the career exploration lesson in 2019, 1060 students, in 2020, 1010 students, in 2021, 968 students and 909 students in 2022.





College Readiness

At JWMS we are committed to ensuring that all students will be prepared to reach high levels of academic achievement as delineated by district, state, and national standards. All students have access to rigorous high school preparatory academic courses as well as a wide variety of elective options that encourage critical thinking, increase twenty-first century literacy and inspire creativity and collaboration. The chart to the right shows the number of students who have received honor roll, principal's list, or 4.0 recognition for the first semester, 450 in 2018, 413 in 2019, 424 in 2020, and 342 in 2021. The SST encourages and supports student academic achievement by providing academic counseling, monitoring, coordinating tutoring opportunities, and facilitating open communication between parents/guardians and staff.





21st Century Skills

As part of the STEALTH education that we strive to provide to our all of our students, the SST creates opportunities and programs to encourage critical thinking, increase 21st century literacy skills, inspire creativity and promote collaboration. Our elective classes such as VEX Robotics, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), Design and Modeling, Visual Arts, Culinary and Consumer Science, Woodshop and Computer Science give our students the opportunity to proactively research and assess the most suitable post-secondary options for their career interests. Members of the SST facilitate leadership groups such as WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) and ASB (Associated Student Body) that help develop collaboration, communication, and responsibility.

Additional Achievements:

- 2019 Recognized as an AVID highly certified site
- 2018 WASC (Western Association of School and Colleges) Three-Year Accreditation
- 2017 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Golden Bell Award-Technology

Career and College Readiness School Site Programs and Community Partnerships

With the collaboration of our community partners and school site programs, our SST is able to provide innovative and engaging opportunities and programs. These school site programs and community partnerships are important elements in our efforts to help our students become career and college ready. One of those community partnerships is with West Antelope Valley Educational Foundation (WAVE), they help provide the financial support needed to foster growth towards college and career readiness through programs like VEX Robotics, California Junior Scholastic Federation, AVID, Drama Club and Concert Band.

School Site Programs

- Project Lead the Way: Award-winning robotics team, VEX Robotics.
- Maker Space: Students complete hands-on activities using industry-standard products.
- WEB: Orientation program that welcomes and supports 6th and 7th graders throughout the year.
- ASB: Represents the interests of JWMS student body, promotes leadership, planning, and teamwork.
- AVID: Prepares students for college, career readiness, and supports personal success.
- Additional Student Support and Tutoring: Teachers and trained tutors provide support to students.

Community Partnerships

- WAVE Foundation: Provides financial support for innovative student led projects.
- Children's Center of the Antelope Valley: School-based mental health services and parent outreach.
- Antelope Valley High School District: Provide informative presentations to our parents.
- Flight Test Museum: Provide informative and educational presentations to our students.
- City of Lancaster: Provided financial support through the Great Summer Vax Challenge Award.

Student Support Team

JWMS's SST is comprised of a highly qualified group of professionals that have high regard for the academic progress and development of all students as well as their emotional and social well-being. Our SST collaborates to provide an equitable student support system to prepare all students to become college and career ready by providing many opportunities for learning both within the classroom and outside of the classroom. They value the partnerships established with parents, business owners and the community to enhance and support a school program which ensures equitable access to the curriculum. Our SST members belong to the following professional organizations: Association of School Administrators, American School Counselor Association, California Association, California Teachers Association, California School Nurse Association, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and California School Employees Association.

Position	Years	Qualifications
Principal	1	BA, TC, MA, ASC
Vice Principal	1	BS, MA, MA, TC, ASC
School Counselor	15	BA, TC, MS, PPS
School Psychologist	5	BS, MS, BCBA
School Nurse	41	RCSN, BSN, PHN
AVID Teacher	21	BA, TC, MA

Position	Years	Qualifications
Health Clerk	17	LVN
School Secretary	1	District Training
Campus Climate Assistants	1	District Training
ASB Teacher	7	BA, TC, MA
WEB Coordinator	7	BC, TC, MA
WEB Coordinator	5	BA, TC, M.Ed

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