

James Weldon Johnson:

- Dedicated Magnet School
- Designed to prepare students for success in high school and college



Students attending James Weldon Johnson College Preparatory Middle School have program continuity to Darnell-Cookman School of the Medical Arts, Paxon School for Advanced Studies and Stanton College Preparatory School.

Vision

At James Weldon Johnson College Preparatory Middle School, we are empowering students to compete in a global society through the acquisition of indispensable knowledge, higher order conceptual thinking and an appreciation of a culturally diverse world.

Students at James Weldon Johnson consistently score exceptionally high on standardized Math, Reading and Science tests. In fact, James Weldon Johnson students' scores are among the highest in Duval County.

As a dedicated Gifted and Academically Talented College Preparatory Magnet School in Duval County, any upcoming 6th grade student from one of 84 different elementary schools is eligible to apply for the magnet program. We also have limited seating for 7th and 8th grade students. Students are selected by the lottery system with preference given based on various factors such as sibling and military preference. The staff population consists of 65 full-time instructors and 4 school-based administrators. Our student/teacher ratio is less than 20:1.

James Weldon Johnson

(June 17, 1871 - June 26, 1938) was an American author, politician, diplomat, critic, journalist, poet, anthologist, educator, lawyer, songwriter, early civil rights activist, and prominent figure in the Harlem Renaissance. Johnson is best remembered for his writing, which includes novels, poems, and collections of folklore. He was also one of the first African-American professors at New York University. Later in life, he was a professor of creative literature and writing at Fisk University.

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Duval County's first College Preparatory Middle School



A Clear Path to Academic Excellence

Advanced classes and rigorous course work equip gifted and academically talented students with the core knowledge they need to excel. In addition, students are offered physical education/health classes and a range of electives, including:

- Art (2- and 3-dimensional)
- Band
- Dance
- Drama
- Journalism/Media Production
- Creative Writing

High School Credit

- Honors Algebra I
- Honors Geometry
- French 1
- Spanish 1
- Honors Earth/Space Science



Along the way, students are encouraged to participate in the total school experience, including extracurricular activities and sports.

- Baseball
- Dance Club
- Soccer
- Swimming/diving
- Volleyball
- NJHS
- Scholar Bowl
- Environmental Club
- Forensics (speech)
- Cheerleading
- Football
- Softball
- Track
- Drama Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Math Club
- Chess Club

Accolades and Recognition

Score highlights include:

- Reading and Writing – 1st in state
- Math and Science – 2nd in state

James Weldon Johnson has earned honors for a number of its **academic and extracurricular programs**, including:

- 2008 No Child Left Behind – A National Blue Ribbon School
- 2008 – 2009 Undefeated Football team
- “PTA of the Year” for four consecutive years
- All-Sports Trophy for 12 of the last 13 years
- National Art and Literature Awards
- First-place District Spelling Bee winner
- Second-place State Science Fair winner, consistently sends award-winning projects to State Science Fair
- Award-winning students in the State History Fair, attending the national level for six consecutive years
- Consistently places in top slots in the Mu Alpha Theta Math Competition

The Team Concept

Each grade level is comprised of three teams: one for Gifted students, and the other two for Academically Talented students. These students rotate among the core academic classes, physical education/health, and an elective. Each grade level has its own Professional Learning Community Administrator, who oversees the day-to-day operations of each grade level and provides instructional leadership and professional development.

As part of its commitment to preparing students for higher learning, James Weldon Johnson offers a distinct college-readiness path:

6th Grade – Introducing Jacksonville colleges and careers

7th Grade – School hosts state colleges

8th Grade – Out-of-State College Tour



Directions to James Weldon Johnson

Take I-95 to the Kings Rd. Exit. Proceed west on Kings Rd. (main post office on your left, John E. Ford Elementary School on your right). Take Kings Rd. to Spires St. (through the Edward Waters College District). At the intersection of Kings Rd. and Spires, turn right. Athletic field and parking to your right. Main entrance on 9th Street.

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To learn more about our school, we invite you to call (904) 630-6640.