

**Jefferson Middle School: A STEAM  
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# **STUDENT HANDBOOK 2023-2024**

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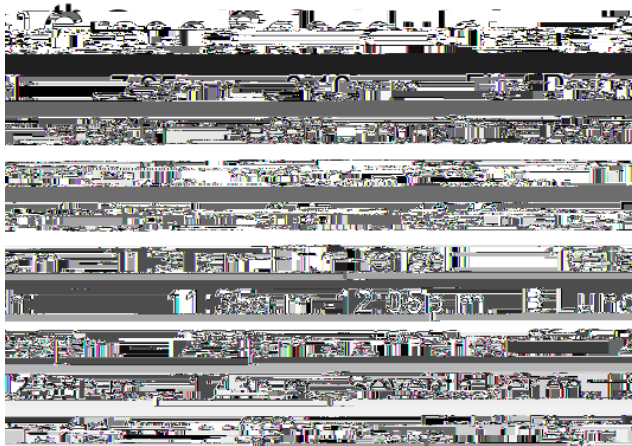
**MAIN OFFICE**

**Jacob Adams –  
Dr. Kurtis Jensen  
Jodi**

# THE DAILY SCHEDULE

Building Opens 7:00 a.m. – All Students Report to 1<sup>st</sup> Hour Class

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule:



# DAILY BUILDING PROCEDURES & POLICIES

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

214-3214

Excused Absence

[REDACTED]



UNIT

DELIVERIE

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## **ACTIVITY BUS**

*Students should listen carefully to announcements to know when the bus begins running and when it is canceled.*

## **CARE OF FACILITIES**

## **LOST AND FOUND**



## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

**It is imperative that students' parents and guardians collaborate with us to create safe boundaries while teaching students how to effectively use technology for their world.**

### **School Issued Devices**

#### **Personal Devices**

**out of sight and silenced (in pocket or backpack) during all class time**

**Before School:**

**During Classes:**

**Passing Time:**



**GRADE REPORTING DATES**

<i>Semester 1</i>	<i>Semester 2</i>
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## **EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES & SCHOOL PRI**

**CYCLONE CHEERS**  
of





**ROBERT BURTON AWARD**

**Helpful Tips from AVID!**

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# STEPS TO TAKING AN EXAM

1. Circle any words that ask you to do

2. If you are unsure of the content of the test, ask the instructor for help.

3. Read the question carefully and underline the key words.

4. Write your answer in the space provided.

5. Check to be sure your answer is complete.

6. Check for capitalization and end punctuation.

HE SHOULD STOP BEAN  
WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE  
AT THE QUESTION

THE ANSWER  
ITS CORRECT

# Science Terms to Know



## General Science Vocabulary

1. **Abiotic** - non-living factors in an ecosystem, such as temperature, light, and water.

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