

*Making a difference, one student at a time...*



**THOMAS JEFFERSON  
ELEMENTARY –  
MIDDLE SCHOOL #232**

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Established:	1925
Grades:	PK - 8
Enrollment:	510
Teacher: Student:	24:1
MSDE Tier:	3
Hours:	8:00 am - 2:40 pm/ 2:50 pm
Uniform:	Yes



**An IB World  
School**



**A Maryland  
Green School**



**An Arts  
Everyday**



*Thomas Jefferson Elementary – Middle School (TJEMS) is a good school getting better every day! TJEMS offers a first rate curriculum framework that is designed to prepare all students to actively participate and compete globally. Every student is educated to be 21<sup>st</sup> century college and career ready. Additionally, all Thomas Jefferson students are encouraged to be critical and compassionate thinkers, lifelong learners and informed participants in local and world affairs.*

**Class Offerings:**

All students receive **Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Humanities** as core classes. Thomas Jefferson also offers instruction to every student in the following areas:

- Art
- Instrumental String Music
- Media/Technology
- Physical Education
- Spanish

**Professional Associations/Affiliations and Partnerships:**

- Alpha Phi Alpha, Rho Tau Lambda Chapter
- Experience Corps
- Hunting Ridge Community Association
- International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)
- John Hopkins University
- Morgan State University
- National and Maryland PTA
- Playworks
- University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)
- VH1- Save the Music Foundation

**Extra Curricular Activities/Programs:**

- Art Society
- Basketball (Middle School Girls and Boys)
- Boys to Men
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Dance
- Dramatic Reading
- Environmental/Gardening Club
- Girl Scouts
- Math Club/Math Olympics
- Maryland – Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA)
- National Academic League (NAL)
- National Honor Society (Elementary and Middle)
- Robotics
- Safety Patrols
- Season Women Ministries
- Science Club/Science Olympics
- Soccer (Middle School Girls)
- Stocks in the Future
- Student Government Association
- Spanish Club

**School-wide Activities and Events:**

- Arts Residencies
- Assemblies
- Book Fairs
- College/Career Days and Tours
- Concerts (Winter/Spring)
- Family Academic Nights (Math, Science and Reading/Literacy)
- Family Restaurant Nights
- Field Trips
- Fundraisers
- International Night
- School Dances
- Science Fair (Elementary and Middle)
- Spelling Bee
- Talent Shows

**Community Resources:**

- Food Bank
- Katherine's Closet
- Parent Empowerment Workshops and Classes

**Thomas Jefferson is committed to implementing a comprehensive instructional program that is focused on developing students that are intellectually engaged, 21<sup>st</sup> century college and career ready and are prepared to be outstanding global citizens.**

### ***The TJ curriculum...***

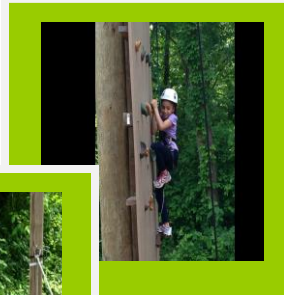
- builds and reinforces students' sense of identity and cultural awareness.
- fosters students' recognition and development of universal human values.
- stimulates curiosity and inquiry in order to foster a spirit of discovery and enjoyment of learning.
- equips students with the skills to learn and acquire knowledge, individually or collaboratively and to apply these skills and knowledge accordingly across a broad range of areas.

Thomas Jefferson became an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School for the Primary Years Program – PYP in 2007 and was reauthorized in 2010. TJEMS was the first IB elementary school within the Baltimore City Public School System and the second in the state of Maryland. Additionally, when the Middle Years Program – MYP is authorized in the Fall of 2013, TJEMS will be the only PYP and MYP school in the entire state of Maryland and only one of 41 in North America and the Caribbean.

Every TJEMS student is prepared to be risk takers, inquirers, effective communicators, principled and caring about themselves and the world around them.

One of the primary reasons the International Baccalaureate program was selected as an overarching school program focus for Thomas Jefferson was because the IB framework possesses a *“reform curriculum that focuses on critical thinking and purports to infuse an international outlook into all subjects. Research supports the conclusion that the IB curriculum introduces rigor and international mindedness in the classroom.”*

*Rice University Center for College Readiness.*



Thomas Jefferson Elementary Middle School has been a Maryland Green School\* since 2009. TJEMS participates in a variety of “Green” activities within the school such as recycling and composting. The campus boasts attractive playgrounds, interesting nature trails and eco-friendly gardens.

\*The Maryland Green School Awards Program is a framework for a holistic, integrated approach to authentic learning that incorporates local environmental issue investigation and professional development with environmental best management practices and community stewardship.



Arts Every Day is a private not-for-profit arts organization that partners with selective Baltimore City Public Schools to facilitate instruction that integrates content and skills from the arts - dance, music, theatre and the visual arts with a core academic subject.

Thomas Jefferson has been an Arts Every Day school since 2012. Our students have participated in a variety of activities that range from performing at the Walters Art Museum to participating in West African dance workshops in school.

