Jackson & Ione
Junior High Schools
Collaboratively Supporting All Students
Introductions

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The Junior High School experience is a critical part to the academic, social emotional, and personal growth for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the county. Our job is to provide a positive and engaging program and culture that allows students to continue to develop their skills and knowledge as students and members of society so they are prepared for success in high school and beyond.

Jackson Junior High School and Ione Junior High School are very excited to continue to build our programs through working collaboratively and constructively together so that we can provide the best possible experience for all junior high students in Amador County.

It is an honor to share our work with the Board and community today and highlight some of the great things happening at both schools to support student learning and growth!
Co Teaching

Much of the great work we are doing between schools is aligning instructional and intervention programs.

JJHS began its co-teaching initiative last year and we are pleased that IJHS is joining us to incorporate this critical support in their school program as well.

Research shows that regular access to core standards-based curriculum and instruction will significantly increase the academic performance and achievement of students with disabilities.

A co-teaching model integrates two teachers, one being a special education teacher, in a general education classroom to provide grade level standards based instruction to all students, including students with disabilities, and meet their diverse learning needs in a general education setting.

We are seeing tremendous success with this initiative. Although we were unable to implement state testing this past year to measure our success, we did observe an increase in student engagement, higher gpa’s, and improved grades in core classes among our students with disabilities.

We look forward to continuing this great work to support all students in our Junior High Schools!
Intervention & MTSS

- Cohort ELA Classes
- Co-taught Math Classes
- Professional Development Opportunities for teachers to hone their skills for meeting the needs of ALL students.
  - IJH & JJH Math training w/ SCOE
- IReady
- Tutorial Check-ins
  - SEL lessons
  - AVID skills development
- Teacher Collaboration Time
A district wide team was sent to San Joaquin County for training around English Language Development.

Kara Edwards and Heather Minton worked together to train Ione and Jackson Junior High Schools.

- ELD Standards and Frameworks.
- Designated vs. Integrated ELD time.
- Instructional strategies to support English Language Development.
AVID

Both junior high schools in ACUSD have continued to build schoolwide AVID programs, and more than 300 students have participated in the AVID elective over the course of the past three years.

AVID has not only contributed to the academic success of our students, it has begun to change the culture of each school.

AVID Video