

## How can I get involved?

There are a variety of ways for students to be involved in MCJC. They include:

-- Attending General Assemblies. Schools are encouraged to send their fully allotted delegate slate. Delegation numbers are based on the number of students enrolled in the member school (as specified in the MCJC Bylaws).

-- Serving as a MCJC staff member. MCJC staff applications are accepted in the spring of each school year for the upcoming year.

-- Representing your school at MCJC Executive Board meetings. Any interested student may attend the executive board meetings. MCJC values all student opinion, input, and help in planning general assemblies and discussing county issues.

-- Participating in Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) events. Every school receives information from MASC ([www.masconline.info](http://www.masconline.info)), the state-level, secondary student government organization. Montgomery County Public Schools actively supports the participation of school student governments in MASC events and the county-level student government. Transportation to state events is coordinated through the Student Affairs Office.

# What does MCJC do?

MCJC hosts six General Assemblies, where students from across the county meet together. The MCJC executive board, consisting of elected officers, appointed staff, and middle school student government presidents and/or other representatives from schools, meets on a regular basis.

-- Small group "breakout" sessions at general assemblies: breakouts allow students to meet in a smaller setting and discuss a variety of topics. MCJC represents middle school students and provides leadership in a variety of ways.

-- Speakers at general assemblies: invited speakers share their views and inform general assembly participants of current issues. Leaders in the fields of education, politics, etc., share their wisdom with students, as well as generating questions and opinions from the general assembly.

-- Legislation at general assemblies: delegates write legislation and take action on issues that affect students.

-- Lobbying events: lobbying activities are facilitated on the county and state levels. MCJC delegates testify at Board of Education meetings during the public testimony and participate in the Maryland Association of Student Councils legislative lobbying day.

-- Leadership Development: through various workshops (including breakout workshops at general assemblies), leadership skills are taught and reviewed.

-- MCJC strongly supports and participates in the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) conferences, legislative session, and convention.

## When do MCJC General Assemblies meet?

General Assemblies are convened six times a year at host middle schools around the county. Schools are required to register for a bus pick up about 15 days before the meeting. Due to space limits, only voting delegates plus a few observers from each school may attend. General

Assembly registration begins at 10:00am.

The meeting is 10:30am to 12:45pm.

**Delegates need to bring their own lunch or bring cash to purchase a lunch.**



The 2008-2009 General Assembly schedule is:

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Friday, November 21, 2008

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Friday, May 22, 2009

(See <http://www.mcjc.info> for the executive board meeting schedule. SGA presidents and other interested students are encouraged to attend.)

## How can I get more information?



School SGA presidents, SGA advisors, and MCJC staff are helpful contacts if you'd like to attend a General Assembly. Please don't hesitate to talk to the

SGA advisor at your school for more information or call the Student Affairs Office at 301-670-1419.

Student Affairs Coordinator:

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Student Affairs Office: 301-670-1419

- MCJC Advisor:

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MCJC's web site is regularly updated.

The URL is:

<http://www.mcjc.info>

**Mission Statement:** The mission of MCJC is to create a countywide representative body for all middle school students in Montgomery County, Maryland. This organization seeks to: voice a collective opinion of students on county affairs; promote communications between schools and MCJC; increase the effectiveness of the individual student councils by facilitating leadership workshops; and initiate and promote improvement and activities for middle school students. MCJC will encourage communication between members of the Executive Board and each middle school's Student Government Association (SGA), develop leadership skills, and put into action ideas from member schools.

### MCJC's goals:

- To have membership from all of the middle schools in Montgomery County Public Schools
- To encourage the active involvement of all member schools
- To regularly conduct leadership activities during MCJC General Assemblies.
- To encourage all MCPS middle schools to participate in Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) conference.
- To encourage effective communication between the MCJC Executive Board and member schools
- To encourage middle school MCJC representatives to report the activities of the SGA to MCJC.
- To take action on ideas, activities and legislation discussed and passed in the General Assembly.

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## Montgomery County Junior Councils

### What is MCJC?

Montgomery County Junior Councils (MCJC) is the middle school, county-level student government organization that represents the students of Montgomery County's thirty-eight middle schools. It provides a forum for students to express concerns and take a stand on important issues.

MCJC strives to facilitate communication between middle schools and provide an effective, enjoyable environment to bring about positive change for students.