

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Jefferson City School System Board of Education is honored to serve the students, staff, and community of Jefferson. As a Board, we are committed to providing educational opportunities and equitable experiences that support all students reaching their maximum potential. In keeping with the mission statement of the Jefferson City School System, *To Graduate Fully Functioning Adults*, we resolve to provide a highly qualified professional staff with a challenging, rigorous, and relevant curriculum in a safe and orderly environment. The work we do as a Board of Education is centered first and foremost on doing what is best for our students. We are truly grateful for your willingness to partner with us in support of teaching and learning.

Thank you to our students, staff, parents, and community members for sharing our vision for excellence. Jefferson is a special place that continues to attract many new families. The Board of Education is committed to providing state-of-the-art facilities and resources that promote the overall performance of students and staff. We recognize that strong, collaborative partnerships are essential to sustainable growth and continuous improvement. At Jefferson City Schools, we strive to never be satisfied with current levels of performance and keep the question of how we can get better at the forefront of our thinking.

We commend the students and staff for their hard work and dedication and are extremely proud of their accomplishments during the 2021-2022 school year. We look forward to the upcoming school year and sincerely appreciate the opportunity to work collaboratively with the entire community to build excellence in students each and every day. Together, we can accomplish amazing things for the benefit of our students and staff!

Sincerely,
JCS Board of Education



It is my privilege to share the 2021-2022 Annual Report, which provides key information on the educational progress of our school system. This document provides an overview of student achievement results, college and career readiness data, demographic and budgetary information, along with accomplishments and notable achievements within the academics, athletics, arts, and other extracurricular programs. The overall success of students is a direct result of the ongoing commitment of our families and staff. I am thankful for the strong collaborative partnerships between the school system and community, which help us to sustain the Jefferson City School System's strong reputation across the state of Georgia.

The visionary leadership of the Board of Education provides a solid foundation for the work that occurs in the school system and plays a major role in JCS consistently being ranked as one of the top-performing school systems at the local and state level. The 2021 graduation rate is 97.6%, as compared to Georgia's graduation rate of 83.7%. The school system ranks 8th in the state and is one of only 37 districts in the state of Georgia with a graduation rate higher than 95%.

Jefferson Elementary School and Jefferson Academy have been recognized as Title I Distinguished Schools, being among the top 5% in the state based on college and career ready performance index (CCRPI), and both schools are SSTAGE Award winners for promising practices in support of student learning. Jefferson Middle School has been named a National Blue Ribbon School based on exemplary high-performing results, being the only middle school in Georgia and one of 45 nationwide in 2021. Jefferson High School remains an Advanced Placement (AP) Honor School, based on student performance on Advanced Placement exams, and has earned national recognition from the U.S. News in the 2021 Best High Schools rankings as well as received the 2021 Great Schools Gold in College Success award.

The Jefferson City School System Board of Education was selected as the 2021 Governance Team of the Year by the Georgia School Boards Association. Additionally, the Board was once again named an Exemplary School Board, the highest tier of recognition based on standards of effective governance, and recognized as a Leading Edge Award winner for leading the way in ensuring students are competitive in an ever-changing global market.

As you review the information presented in this report, please know that our work would not be possible without your support. Thank you for partnering with us to provide the best educational services possible as we strive for excellence in all we do. It is certainly an honor to serve you, our students and staff, and the entire community. We are committed to upholding high expectations for each of our students, focusing on making Jefferson City Schools a place where everyone belongs!

Best,
Donna R. McMullan

ABOUT JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOLS



Four Schools



Jefferson Elementary School, Grades PreK-2

Jefferson Academy, Grades 3 - 5

Jefferson Middle School, Grades 6-8

Jefferson High School, Grades 9-12

Employees



90% Retention Rate

313 Certified Employees

154 Support Staff

467 Total Employees

Technology



- Upgraded technology in all classrooms with interactive panels
- Continued support of the 1:1 student device initiative through a conservative replacement cycle
- Installed outdoor internet access points to provide service in each of the main parking lots
- Continued professional learning provided by Digital Learning Specialist

Student Population

- 4,156 Total Enrollment
- 77.1% White
- 7.8% Black
- 8.7% Hispanic
- 4.3% Multiracial
- 2.2% English Learners
- 15.5% Gifted
- 12.3% Special Needs
- 17 Native Languages

Thank You

Readers' Choice

The Best of Jackson County

2022

"Best Public School System"

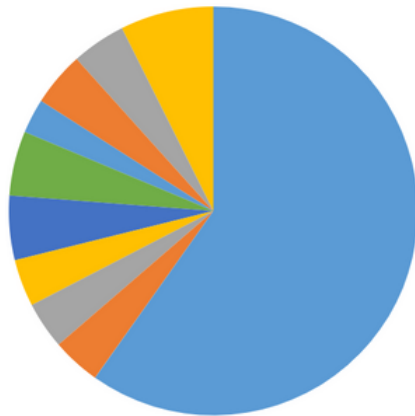
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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

JCS ranks in the lowest 1% on Georgia school systems for expenditures per student for the past four years, and student achievement remains among the highest in the state.



General Fund Expenditures

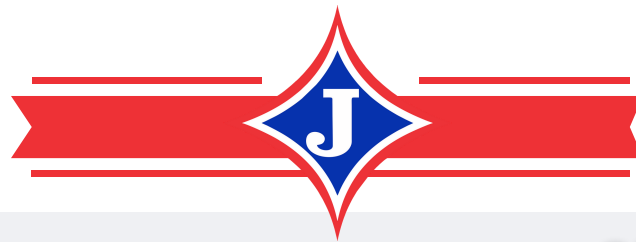


● Instruction ● Pupil Services ● Inst. Improv. ● Media ● School Admin ● M&O
● Transportation ● School Food Service ● Capital Projects ● Debt Service

General Fund Revenue

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State Funds	\$23,211,866
Local Funds	\$17,126,748
Federal Funds	\$4,146,972
CARES III **	\$1,615,444
SPLOST	\$5,428,525
Total Revenue	\$51,529,555



Millage Rate

One of the lowest in Northeast Georgia

Jefferson	14.657
Jackson	16.576
Commerce	17.078
Barrow	18.5
Oconee	16.5

SPLOST Projects

JCS uses a voter-approved Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (Ed SPLOST) to fund capital expenditures such as school renovation and construction, classroom technology, safety equipment, school buses, and debt reduction. The current Ed SPLOST was approved by the voters in 2021 and is providing for the following projects:

- classroom additions
- student/teacher technology devices
- early learning initiatives
- band equipment
- safety equipment
- buses

** - For more information, please visit the ESSER Funding Transparency webpage <https://www.georgiainsights.com/esser-budget.html>.

JEFFERSON SCHOOL SYSTEM FOUNDATION



The Jefferson City School System has received tremendous support from the Jefferson School System Foundation since 1983. The Foundation is for the benefit of the school system with scholarships, special grants, supplements, and other specific programs and projects. The Foundation partners with the North Georgia Community Foundation, which is recognized as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Provided schools with over \$12,000 in grants



Awarded \$19,000 in scholarships to 20 graduates in the Class of 2022



Reading Rally

The Foundation sponsored and fully funded a "Reading Rally" with Malcolm Mitchell and the Share the Magic Foundation for all JES students. As part of the Reading Rally, every student at Jefferson Elementary School received a copy of Malcolm Mitchell's book, *My Very Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World*.



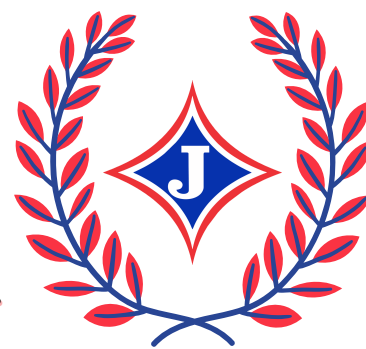
JHS CLASS OF 2022



Congratulations



- **68%** of the graduating class of 2022 earned HOPE eligibility.
- **30%** of the total HOPE qualifiers earned the ZELL Miller Scholarship.



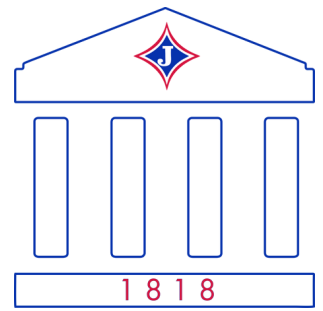
The Class of 2022 has committed to the following colleges and universities:

ABRAHAM BALDWIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE
ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
BERRY COLLEGE
BRENAU UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA
COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY
COLUMBUS TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COVENANT COLLEGE
EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE
EMMANUEL COLLEGE
GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY
GEORGIA GWINNETT COLLEGE
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
GWINNETT TECHNICAL COLLEGE
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
MERCER UNIVERSITY
MIDDLE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
OGEECHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY
PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY
POINT UNIVERSITY
SHORTER UNIVERSITY
THOMAS UNIVERSITY



TOCCOA FALLS COLLEGE
TRUETT MCCONNELL UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA
UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA
VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
YOUNG HARRIS COLLEGE
BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN COLLEGE
CLEVELAND STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COLLEGE OF THE DESERT
ERSKINE COLLEGE
HARDING UNIVERSITY
JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
LEAVELL COLLEGE
SAMDOR UNIVERSITY
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
UNC CHARLOTTE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
VIRGINIA TECH
WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Teacher OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Ms. Sara Massey, Jefferson City School System's Teacher of the Year! Ms. Massey's heart-felt desire to teach is contagious, and she leaves a permanent impression on the hearts of the students she serves.

Sara Massey
Jefferson High School
JCS Teacher of the Year

The Jefferson City School System has premier teachers who demonstrate a strong commitment to excellence and are passionate about positively changing the lives of their students. We congratulate each of the 2021-2022 Teachers of the Year.

2021-2022 Teachers of the Year

Sara Massey, JHS
Jennifer Bray, JMS
Rachel Beatty, JA
Myranda Sayne, JES



JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Legacy in Educational Excellence



- #1 Best Public Elementary School (Grades PreK-2) in Jackson County according to Niche.com
- Title I Distinguished School
- 2 additional Georgia PreK classes added
- Consistent implementation of PreK-2 rigorous, research-based curriculum, including Eureka Math, Jan Richardson Model of Guided Reading, and Foundations



Ms. Annette Beckwith
Principal

706-367-8242

415 Hoschton Street
Jefferson, GA 30549

JEFFERSON ACADEMY

Legacy in Educational Excellence



- #1 Best Public Elementary School (Grades 3-5) in Jackson County according to Niche.com
- SSTAGE Star Award Winner for promising practices in support of student learning
- Title I Distinguished School
- Implementation of a new 5th-grade band program with over 50 participants



Mr. Chris Whitworth
Principal

706-367-2300

99 Dragon Drive
Jefferson, GA 30549

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Legacy in Educational Excellence



- #1 Best Public Middle School in Jackson County according to Niche.com
- Named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School
- Academic Team tied for 2nd place at the Regional PAGE Academic Bowl
- Outdoor classroom dedicated to Angie Murrell
- Award-winning fine arts program
- National Parks Exploration in Florida



Ms. Carol Ann Knight
Principal



706-367-2882



100 Dragon Drive
Jefferson, GA 30549

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Legacy in Educational Excellence



97.6%
Graduation
Rate



- #1 Best Public High School in Jackson County according to Niche.com
- 2022 U.S. News & World Report National Best School
- AP Honor School in the following categories: AP School of Distinction, AP STEM, and AP STEM Achievement
- WWII Europe Trip and National Parks Exploration in Hawaii
- FBLA Silver Chapter of the Year
- FFA Gold Emblem Chapter
- 3 Governor's Honors Program finalists
- Award-winning fine arts programs



Mr. Rob McFerrin
Principal

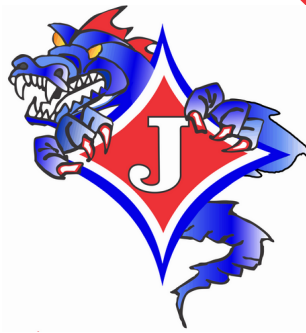
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ATHLETIC ACCOLADES

FALL SPORTS

- Competition Cheerleading - Region Champions, State Champions
- Boys Cross Country - Region Runner-Up, 3rd in State
- Girls Cross Country - Region Champions, State Runner-Up
- Football - Region Runner-Up, State Playoffs
- Softball - Sweet 16
- Volleyball - Region Champions, Elite 8



WINTER SPORTS

- Boys Basketball - Region Champions, Elite 8
- Girls Basketball - Region Champions, Elite 8
- Girls Swim & Dive - 4th in the State
- Wrestling - Region Champions, Duals State Runner-Up & Traditional State Runner-Up



SPRING SPORTS

- Baseball - State Playoffs
- Bass Fishing - 8th in the State
- Boys Golf - 5th in the State
- Girls Golf - 6th in State
- Boys Soccer - Sweet 16
- Girls Soccer - State Runner-Up
- Slow Pitch Softball - Area Champions
- Boys Tennis - Final Four
- Girls Tennis - State Playoffs
- Boys Track & Field - Region Champions, 3rd in State
- Girls Track & Field - Region Champions, State Runner-Up

A total of 29 students have signed letters of intent to continue their athletic and academic careers at the college level.

AIR FORCE JROTC



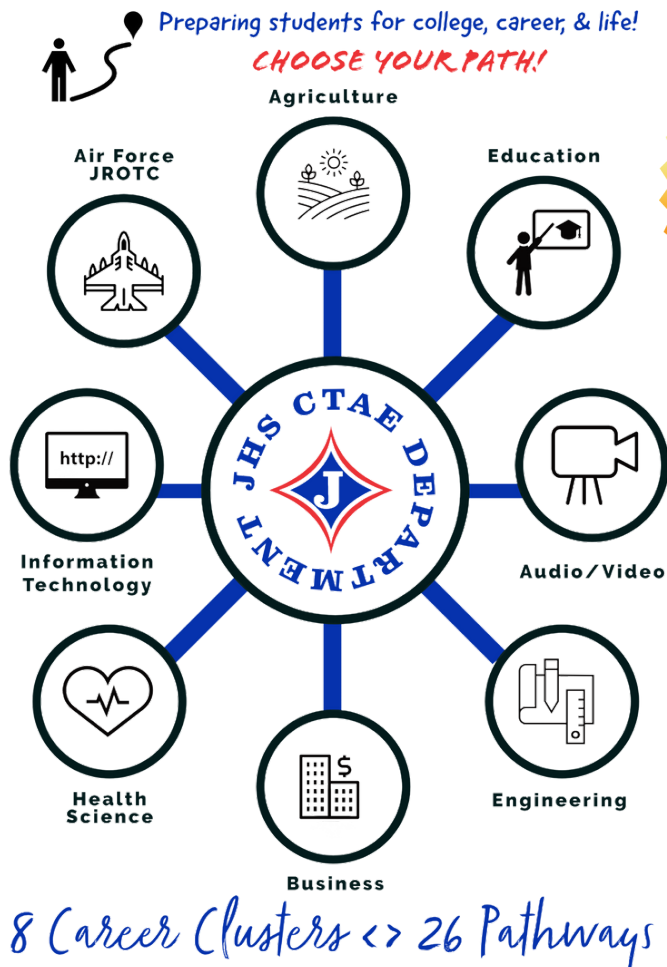
Jefferson High School's AFJROTC Drill Team won the Southeast Regional Drill Competition on November 6th, placing first in the Armed and Unarmed Divisions. The team competed in the National Championship competition in Dayton, Ohio, on March 18th and 19th against 26 teams from across the nation, winning several National Championship titles in the Armed Exhibition and the Armed Color Guard Team divisions. In addition, they were runners-up in the Armed and Unarmed Drill Team divisions.

*National
Champions*



Natalie Wortham and Marcos Santana were presented with the "Top Performer Award" by the AFJROTC Regional Director.

SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE

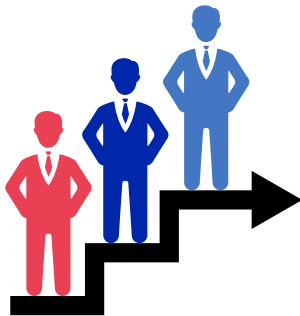


303
CTAE Pathways
Completed

2,192
CTAE Students
6-12



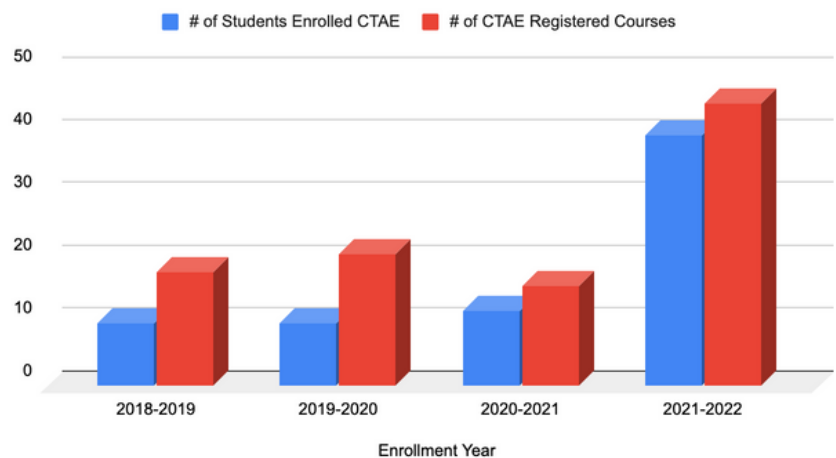
100% of CTAE pathway concentrators at JHS entered a post-program track in the workforce, military, or post-secondary education.



BY THE NUMBERS

- 8 Career Clusters
- 26 Career Pathways
- 1 School-Based Enterprise
- 18 Middle & High School Teachers
- 5 CTAE Student Organizations
- 211 Industry Credentials

JHS Students Enrolled in CTAE Dual Enrollment Courses



100%
Graduation
Rate of CTAE
Completers



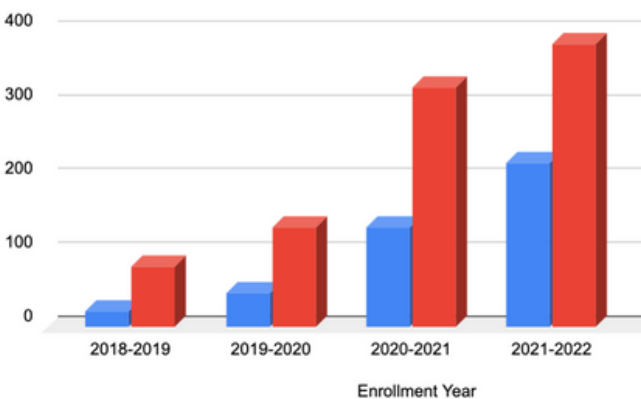
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC results exceed RESA and state averages for all subject area tests.

JHS Student Participation in Dual Enrollment

■ Number of Students Enrolled ■ Number of Registered Courses



Work-Based Learning

Over **120**
WBL Students



Over **100**
Business Partners



Over **\$375,000**
Total Wages Earned

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Transportation

- 1300 +** Bus Riders
- 16** Regular Routes
- 2** Special Needs Routes
- 1** Rutland Route

School Nutrition

- 434,667** Total Lunches Served
- 219,911** Total Breakfasts Served
- 1,221** Average Daily Breakfasts
- 2,415** Average Daily Lunches

2022 RETIREES

Jefferson City Schools recognized twelve retirees for the 2021-2022 school year. We wish these incredible individuals a happy retirement and best wishes in their future endeavors.



Carol Aaron
Central Office



Carol McDonald
JES



Ellen Deremer
JA



Susi Hayes
JA



Debbie Lance
JA

*Congratulations
to our
2022 Retirees*



Jill Missler
JA



Terry Wood
JMS



Fran Doolittle
JHS



David Fouche
JHS



Tommy Knight
JHS



Major Magnusson
JHS



Ken Ray
JHS

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION



Community partners are vital to the success of our school system and its operations. Without the support of our community partners, JCS would not be able to provide the level of educational excellence that we strive to provide. The contributions they make to our school system make a positive impact on the education of our students.



Thank You

for another great school year!



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