

To Our Community

The Jamestown Public School District is a public school district serving 2,134 students within the K-12 setting and an additional 21 in Pre-K special education. The district operates five elementary schools that include kindergarten through grade 5, one middle school grades 6-8, and one high school grades 9-12, as well as Jamestown North, the district's alternative high school.

The community of Jamestown, according to the 2017 census data, has a population of 15,387. The limited ethnic diversity of the school population is reflective of the community at-large. The student population is 86.57% White, 4.01% Black/African American, 3.78% Hispanic or Latino, 1% American Indian, <1% in Asian, <1% Native Hawaiian with 4.15% categorizing themselves as Multi-Racial. The poverty level in the community of Jamestown is 17.6% as opposed to a state average of 14.4% with the poverty need of students also represented in the district's Free and Reduced percentage of 36%.

The Jamestown Public School District is accredited by AdvancED and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. In addition to academic programs, support services are available to all students and families in guidance, health, school psychology, occupational services, and social services. A full range of services are also provided to students age 3 to 21 who have been identified as intellectually disabled, emotionally disordered, speech/language impaired, hearing impaired, or learning disabled. The district operates the Transition House, which is a program designed to support and build independent living skills for applicable students ages 18-21.

The district takes great pride in all of the offerings made available to students, including curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular. These commitments have enabled students at JPS to become life-ready to make a successful transition from the high school experience to whatever next step is appropriate for each student. Additionally, a focus on providing challenging, but supported, pathways for each student has resulted in standardized test scores that meet or exceed state and/or national averages.

The focus of this strategic planning process has been to directly and transparently outline the future direction of the Jamestown Public School District. This plan is inclusive of goals, objectives, and progress monitoring measures as well as a plan to annually review. This allows the school board and administration to review and nimbly respond to changes to ensure relevancy and accountability.

Thank you for your support as we live our mission of “engaging students with challenging and innovative experiences to prepare them for future success”. This is truly a collaborative statement that requires the commitment and work of all stakeholders.

Dr. Robert Lech, Superintendent
Jamestown Public School District #1