

# BRONCO P.R.I.D.E.

## THE JTLSD QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

*November 2024*



### OUR GOALS THIS WEEK

We have had a great start to the 2024-2025 school year. It is hard to believe that the first Quarter has ended, and we are already into the month of November. While much has been accomplished in the classroom and throughout the JTLSD a great deal of work remains. We want you to know that we are laser focused on getting a little bit better every day, in every classroom, and in every way!



### PARENTS, PARENTS, PARENTS...

We Want Your Feedback!

We invite you to take part in our Family Survey to share your thoughts on our school programs, communication, and any areas for improvement. Your feedback will help shape the future of our school and ensure we're meeting the needs of our students and families. To participate, please visit your ClassTag where you'll find the link to the survey.



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## AGRICULTURE EDUCATION UPDATE

We are anticipating the completion of our Ag Ed construction project by the end of November.

There have been several delays due to very long lead times for equipment and materials. Our students have been busy preparing to move into the labs and begin learning and working in welding, construction, small engine repair and small animal care. We will be inviting the community for an official open house in January.





## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The goal for JTLSD students is to earn a diploma and graduate. Ohio graduation requirements now consist of three key components:

- 1) Course Completion – earn at least 20 credits,
- 2) Demonstrating Competency – pass end-of-course test in Algebra 1 and English Language Arts II
- 3) Demonstrating Readiness – earn two diploma seals.

**Course Completion** means students must have 4 credits of English Language Arts and Math, 3 credits of Science and Social Studies,  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit of Physical Education and Health and 5 elective credits, which must include two semesters of Fine Arts and  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit of Financial Literacy.

**Demonstrating Competency** means passing end-of-course tests and obtaining a competency score. If students do not obtain a competency score, then remediation is required prior to retaking the test(s). If students do not obtain a competency score on the retake there are alternative pathways for students to demonstrate competency.

**Demonstrating Readiness** means obtaining at least two of the 12 diploma seals. There are nine State defined seals: Citizenship, College-Ready, Honors Diploma, Industry-Recognized Credential, Military, Ohio Means Jobs-Readiness, Science, Technology, and Biliteracy. There are three locally (JTLSD) defined seals: Community Service, School Engagement, and Fine and Performing Arts. One of the seals earned must be a state-defined seal.

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## MARCH 24, 2025 – STATE TESTING

Our students will begin taking Ohio State Tests on March 24, 2025.

Our testing window will end on April 17. All 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking tests in English Language Arts and Math.

All 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will also take tests in Science.

High school students will take tests if they are taking any of these classes –Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, English Language Arts II, US Government and/or US History.





## AAA – ASSETS, ATTENDANCE, ACHIEVEMENT

I hope you have heard students, teachers, and/or administrators mention/reference the 42 Developmental Assets. Our Asset focus is on helping all our students grow up to be healthy, caring, and responsible.

We know that the more of the 42 Developmental Assets that our students have the more Thriving Indicators they will exhibit: Succeeds in School, Helps Others, Values Diversity, Maintains Good Health, Exhibits Leadership, Resists Danger, Delays Gratification, and Overcomes Adversity. Our gateway assets are #41 Self-Discipline and #42 Grit.

The JTLSD Brand is – Learning is our Product. It is also our most important process! We absolutely know, that without a doubt, you must be in school to Learn! Assets + Attendance + Achievement = Learning. JTLSD Learning means our students will compete, succeed, and excel in a complex, diverse, and changing future!

With Bronco Purpose, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence we will be the School District and Community of choice in Montgomery County!



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