

An informational publication provided by the School District of Jefferson

A district committed to quality education



The School District of Jefferson encompasses an area of 94 square miles, including the City of Jefferson and the townships of Aztalan, Farmington, Hebron, Jefferson, Oakland, Concord, Sullivan, and the Village of Sullivan. The School District operates five schools, including three elementary schools (PreK-5), one middle school (6-8) and one high school (9-12).

Overseeing the operations of the Jefferson School District is a nine-member board of education. Electors to the board serve a three-year term and are selected from four areas throughout the district.

The district serves an enrollment of 1,700+. Addressing the needs of district students are 10 administrators, 158 teachers, and 94 support staff. Students with disabilities and exceptional education needs are provided with a full continuum of special education and related services by 34 special education teachers, psychologists, and social workers. Students with exceptional talents have their needs addressed through the district's Challenge Program, directed by a teacher certified to teach gifted and talented students.

All new teachers are teamed with a mentor teacher who provides information, support, and guidance throughout the educator's first year in the district.

MISSION STATEMENT

The School District of Jefferson, in partnership with our community, provides an environment of excellence and opportunity for all students to achieve their dreams.

Teachers help update curriculum through a process which incorporates research, new materials, and feedback from students, parents, and employers.

Specialists provide diagnostic and remedial services in reading at all levels as well as regular instruction in art, music, and physical education for elementary students. The district offers a full range of special programming for students with limited English skills.

A community partnership



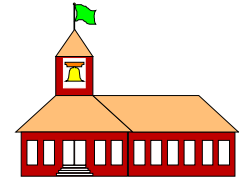
The Jefferson community is committed to the education of its children and, likewise, the district is committed to a partnership with its community.

An active Recreation Department is continually working to offer an array of recreational and cultural activities for all ages. The Jefferson Council for the Performing Arts brings a broad range of professional entertainment to the City, and also sponsors several local stage productions each year.

Setting a standard for



EXCELLENCE



The School District of Jefferson is committed to the development of challenging and engaging standards-based curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Our seven-year curriculum cycle has been carefully tailored to assure regular review and updating of K-12 course offerings. Systematic staff development activities provide staff with a variety of opportunities for dialogue with colleagues, K-12 curriculum alignment, curriculum writing, technology training and professional growth.

In general, our goal is to provide students with engaging learning opportunities which enhance knowledge, skill development, and problem-solving skills relevant to the world in which they will work and live.

Elementary Schools (PreK-5)

Preschool/Kindergarten: Annually, approximately 25 children attend preschool and 140 five-year olds attend kindergarten classes in the Jefferson Public Schools. Full-day and half-day kindergarten programs are provided. Careful screening is undertaken to assess student capabilities and to facilitate proper placement.

Grades 1-5: Three elementary schools—East, Sullivan, and West—offer self-contained classrooms, with some team teaching and mixed-aged groups available. A wide range of support is available from classroom teachers, reading, speech and language, and other staff.

- **Literacy:** The District is strongly committed to developing effective readers and provides a variety of Title 1, Early Reading Empowerment (ERE), and other reading services for students needing extra attention.

Jefferson Middle School (6-8)

Students attending Jefferson Middle School experience a curriculum that provides a strong foundation in language arts, math, science and social studies. Health and physical education are also emphasized.

Exploratory Courses: JMS students have excellent opportunities to expand their learning horizons in the following nine-week classes in grades 6-8: Art, Family and Consumer Education (FACE), and Technology Education. During the 2002-03 school year, Computer Applications will be offered to students in grades 7 and 8.

Students with musical interest have several options. Instrumental Music and Chorus are offered in grades 6-8. General Music is required in grade 7.

Space Colony Project: A unique instructionally innovative program offered at JMS is the Space Colony Project. This project provides middle-level students with hands-on space experience during four missions throughout the school year.

Home Base: An eight-minute period at the beginning of the day provides students with a “home base” where they feel accepted and valued. It is intended to help students organize for the day and hear announcements for upcoming events.

Jefferson High School (9-12)

Advanced Placement: AP is a worldwide program of college-level courses and exams which can earn students college credit. Jefferson High School offers Advanced Placement courses in biology, chemistry, macro-economics and European history.

School to Work: Juniors and/or seniors at Jefferson High School are offered numerous career-based opportunities including job shadowing, tours, and work experience.

Computer Labs: JHS has four computer labs available for large group instruction and individual use before, during, and after school.

Distance Learning: The district takes pride in technology advancements offering computer networks throughout the schools. Additionally, Jefferson is a consortium member of the Jefferson-Eastern Dane County Interactive Network (JEDI) which enables two-way interactive audio and video technology for instructional and staff development purposes.

Special Features

Gifted and Talented Program: The K-12 CHALLENGE Program identifies students with special talents in order to meet their needs on an individual basis. A flexible policy of acceleration provides a way for high ability students to move ahead. The CHALLENGE program also coordinates student participation in academic co-curricular programs and competitions such as Destination Imagination.

Web-based Learning: The district makes available web-based

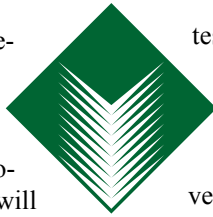
courses for students. These courses will be available beginning with the fall semester of the 2002-03 school year.

District Website: With the assistance of a webmaster, the district provides an up-to-date informational website located at www.jefferson.k12.wi.us. At our site, visitors will find a wide range of information on the district as well as its five schools and programs.

Summer School Program: The Jefferson School District's Summer School Program offers a wide variety of top quality courses designed to benefit each student. The program, which runs for a total of six weeks, offers courses to students in grades pre-kindergarten through 11.

Special Services: A full range of special education services are provided cooperatively by special education teachers, support staff, and classroom teachers. The district also offers English as a Second Language support.

Assessment: The District feels it is vital to assess student learning and the effectiveness of our curriculum in formal and informal ways. Yearly investments in full data access from state-mandated testing at grades 4, 8, and 10 allow the district to analyze individual student and class responses to every test item. The Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test is given in the third grade. Terra Nova tests have been given at grades 2 and 6 to familiarize students with testing formats similar to state-mandated



tests, and to assist teachers in addressing areas in which students need enrichment or support. Increasingly, classroom assessment reflects standards-based instruction. Teachers are encouraged to build standards-based assessment into their own appraisals of student learning and development.

Technology: Since the passage of the March 1997 referendum, the School District of Jefferson has completed implementation of \$2.15 million in technology improvements. Computer labs with Internet capabilities are available for a variety of instructional purposes in all five of our schools. A four-year technology training initiative is making job appropriate training available to certified and paraprofessional staff alike. Funds available through Technology Literacy Challenge Fund (TLCF) grant monies has allowed us to train a core group of trainers to facilitate technology integration across the district.

School Buildings: The Jefferson School District facilities are clean and well-maintained. The beautiful new Jefferson Middle School opened its doors to students in August 2000. Recent renovations have also been made to East and West Elementary schools.

Strategic Planning: In February 2000, a strategic plan was approved, mapping out the direction for the school district through the year 2005.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Sullivan Elementary School	920-675-1500
618 Bakertown Road Sullivan, WI 53178	
East Elementary School	920-675-1400
120 S. Sanborn Avenue Jefferson, WI 53549	
West Elementary School	920-675-1200
900 W. Milwaukee Street Jefferson, WI 53549	
Jefferson Middle School	920-675-1300
501 S. Taft Avenue Jefferson, WI 53549	
Jefferson High School	920-675-1100
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