



BRAGGING POINTS for JACKSONVILLE ISD

2010-11 ACADEMIC RATINGS and TESTING:

- West Side Elementary and Fred Douglass Elementary, 2 out of only 26 campuses nominated in the state for National Blue Ribbon Schools (from over 8300 campuses in Texas), were officially named as National Blue Ribbon Schools in Washington D.C. by the Department of Education in November of 2010
- 2 “Exemplary” Campuses: West Side Elementary (4 straight years) and Fred Douglass Elementary (3 straight years)
- 2 “Recognized” Campuses: Joe Wright Elementary and Nichols Intermediate
- 3 “Acceptable” Campuses: East Side Elementary, Jacksonville Middle School, and High School
- Met or beat the state in 159 (79%) of the different areas tested
- 5 Campuses received “Gold Performance Acknowledgements” from T.E.A. for academic achievement (JMS, Nichols, East Side, West Side, and Joe Wright)
- 4 “Title One Distinguished Performance Schools”: based on 3 year results of achievement testing, West Side (3 straight years), Fred Douglass (two straight years), Joe Wright (2 straight years), and Nichols Intermediate
- Principal of West Side Elementary, Sandi Jones, 1 out of only 10 winners nation-wide of the prestigious Terrel H. Bell Award for outstanding leadership in education.

FACILITIES/NEW CONSTRUCTION:

- Bond Construction - \$49,865,000 Bond passed November 2010 authorizing JISD to proceed with:
 - building 2 new elementary campuses:
 - East Side Elementary (Ground breaking ceremony Monday, Aug. 15, 6:30 pm)
 - Joe Wright Elementary (Ground breaking ceremony Monday, Aug. 16, 6:30 pm)
 - renovations/additions to Fred Douglass Elementary School by
 - building new cafeteria & renovate the cafeteria to classrooms
 - enlarging the library
 - renovations/additions to Jacksonville High School by
 - building new cafeteria and repurposing the current cafeteria area for band use; converting the existing band area to choir/classrooms as needed
 - adding academic wing with eight science labs; building hallways to connect the main building, new cafeteria, and repurposed cafeteria building; new front entry near the administrative office to increase security

TEACHING STAFF: JISD ranks above both state and region for highly qualified teachers

PROGRAMS:

- Pre-Kindergarten (half-day)
- Head Start
- Accelerated Reader (Grades PK-9)
- Applied Learning Community (East Side Elementary - Grades K-1)
- Gifted and Talented (Grades K-12)
- Dual Language , One Way and Two Way
- Bilingual/Dual/ESL/Newcomers
- Special Education
- Extended Day Program
- Guided Reading
- Tutorials
- Academic UIL (Grades 5-12)
- Counseling and Guidance (Grades PK-12)
- Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, Dual Enrollment (Grades 9-12)
- Career and Technical Certification (Grades 8-12)
- Character Education (Grades PK-12)
- SAT/ACT Preparation
- Academic UIL (Grades 5-12)
- Summer School Program
- Credit Recovery (Grades 9-12)
- Duke University Talent Identification Search (Grade 7)
- Content Mastery
- Music Programs (Grades PK-12)
- Athletic Program (Grades 7-12)



BAND/CHOIR:

- JHS Band has a consistent successful program having won 28 UIL Sweepstakes Awards
- JISD Bands have the highest number of students enrolled in the history of the program:
 - JHS Band has 196 students enrolled for 2011-12
 - JMS Band has 216 students enrolled for 2011-12
 - Nichols Band has 219 students enrolled for 2011-12

ATHLETICS:

- The JISD Athletic program offers football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, golf, cross-country, track, and powerlifting
- increased participation in all sports
- 1 student in Regional Track Meet
- football, tennis, and soccer continued beyond district play
- JHS Fightin' Indians were recorded in the Guinness World Book of Records for having played the longest high school football game against the Nacogdoches Dragons on October 29, 2010
- Boys' and Girls' Basketball (Girls undefeated in District play for 2010 season) competed in the Regional Quarter Finals of the State Tournament

FINANCE:

- received "Superior" Rating (highest rank possible) for eighth time in a row on Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (state-wide rating system for school business operations)
- one of only 43 districts in the state to receive a 5-Star Rating on the State Comptroller FAST Report
- received Gold Leadership Circle Award Certificate for the second straight year – voluntary program honoring financial transparency

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

- newly revitalized Education Foundation with an active Board of Directors has been busy making a difference in the futures of Jacksonville students. \$1,000 Salutatorian Scholarships have been awarded with plans for more active participation in the success of our students.
- Crisis Center – long standing relationship
- Job Shadowing Day (partnership between JHS and Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce)
- Adopt-A-School Program in conjunction with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
- member of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
- JISD represented by members in Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, and Rotary Club
- Successful East Texas Certification Center at JHS Career and Tech:
 - 267 students certified in 13 different career areas through Jacksonville High School Career and Technical Education Certification program
 - JHS student competed on the international level as one of five of 72,000 U.S. students in Microsoft Excel at the final round of the Worldwide Competition on Microsoft Office