# JASPER CITY SCHOOLS



# HIGH STANDARDS. HIGH EXPECTATIONS. HIGH PERFORMANCE.

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# It's a "New Day" in the Jasper City

Schools. With construction underway on a long-awaited new Walker High School, the growth of industry and retail establishments in the city, and a renewed sense of optimism among city leaders and residents, the Jasper City School System continues to be among the many positive factors that make Jasper, Alabama an even greater place to live and work. The district's rich tradition of academic excellence, progressive leadership, dedicated educators, and strong local support continue as the Jasper City Schools set high standards of learning for students, communicate high expectations for students, and achieve high performance by both students and staff.

## **Our Location**

♦ Jasper, Alabama, located approximately 35 miles from Birmingham, has a population of 14,111 people. The city is a retail center for a five-county area.

# **Our School System**

- ♦ Includes one high school, one middle school, three elementary schools, and one special purpose school
- ♦ System holds district accreditation from AdvancED, the parent organization of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, Council on Accreditation and School Improvement ( SACS-CASI)
- ♦ Among the highest-achieving systems in Alabama
- ♦ Serves approximately 2700 students

## **Our Mission**

The mission of the Jasper City Schools, a system characterized by academic excellence and superior achievement, is to support 21<sup>st</sup> century learning in an environment which provides student opportunities for success.

# **School & Program Highlights**

- Excellence in Education Fund administered through partnership with Walker Area Community Foundation
- Advanced placement (AP) and advanced (college prep) diploma endorsements offered; advanced placement and/or honors courses in English, math, science, and social studies
- ♦ JCS 1:1 iPad Initiative
- ◆ Technology-rich schools (21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms)
- ♦ Programs for 4-year-old children
- **♦** Programs for gifted students
- **♦** Special education programs
- Band, choral, visual arts, and dramatic arts classes
- Career-technical programs, including a new Industrial Maintenance program offered through collaboration with Bevill State Community College and the Walker County Industrial Development Board
- ♦ Student transportation
- Alabama Reading Initiative in all elementary schools
- Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative in all schools
- ◆ Dual enrollment program with Bevill State Community College
- Wide range of sports and extracurricular activities
- ACT scores above state and national averages (21.5)
- After-school and summer programs funded through 21<sup>st</sup> Century CCLC Grant
- Stephen Covey programs in all schools ("Leader in Me" and "Highly Effective Teens")
- ♦ CLAS Banner School designation awarded to all schools

# Award-Winning Schools & Programs

Maddox Middle School selected for Elite 8 in Alabama Middle Grades Leadership Academy

Memorial Park Elementary - received Exemplary Reading Award from International Reading Association

T.R. Simmons Elementary - named an Exceeding the Challenge School by SDE; received Exemplary Reading Award from International Reading Association

Walker High School - business/marketing program named to "top ten" status by SDE; Anchor Club named 2008, 2009, and 2012 International Club of the Year; 2014 seniors awarded over 3 million dollars in scholarships; awarded a College Access Challenge Grant, an Alabama Access for Higher Education Grant, and an A+ College Ready Grant

West Jasper Elementary - won Laura Bush Foundation Grant for library resource expansion; received Dispelling the Myth Award from Education Trust; received National School Change Award from AASA and Fordham University; designated a Torchbearer School and a Meeting the Challenge School by SDE

# **Central Office Administrators**

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Grades PK - 8

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