

# JASPER CITY SCHOOLS

110 17<sup>th</sup> Street West P.O. Box 500 Jasper, Alabama 35502 205.384.6880 [www.jasper.k12.al.us](http://www.jasper.k12.al.us)

## 2010-2011 Highlights

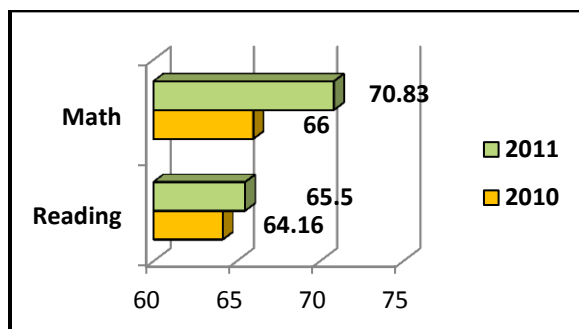


### Jasper Schools Still “Making the Mark” in Student Achievement

Measures of student learning across the Jasper City School District during the 2010-2011 year show that JCS students continue to “make the mark” in student achievement.

#### 2011 SAT10 Increases

- + 4.83 percentile points in math
- + 1.34 percentile points in reading



JCS students in grades 3-8 took the state-mandated *Stanford 10 Achievement Test (SAT10)* in Spring, 2011. The chart above shows that in math Jasper students scored a percentile of 70.83 in 2011, a 4.83 increase over the 2010 district performance. In reading, JCS students scored at a percentile of 65.5 in 2011, a 1.34 point increase over the 2010 district performance. Spring, 2011, marked Alabama’s final administration of the SAT10. (Continued on page 4)

### All the Ways We Learn in Jasper City Schools



Students throughout all JCS schools have many and varied opportunities to learn. T.R. Simmons Elementary School, through a collaborative effort with the Walker County Chamber of Commerce and the Excellence in Education Fund, launched Covey’s Leader in Me program in 2010-2011. Key faculty members received training in Covey’s “Seven Habits.” Students learned the habits and integrated them into daily life at TRS. This ongoing project ramped up the teaching of character education and earned TRS the title of a “Leader in Me” school. At left, TRS students explain one of the habits through speech and song. (Continued on page 6)



## 2010-2011 JCS Highlights Honor Roll

NAME	RECOGNITION
WHS 2011 Seniors	Earned \$1,985,000 in scholarships; 49% of class received an academic scholarship; 6% of class finished with GPA of 4.0 or above; 16 students received honors diploma
David Osula	Named <i>National Merit Commended Student</i> and <i>National Merit Achievement Scholar</i>
Le Nguyen, David Osula	Ranked #1 in 2011 Senior Class
MMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Participated in a week-long tour of Washington, DC
MMS Math Team	Thirty-nine students participated in statewide <i>Mathfest</i> competition
MPS, TRS, & WJS Technology Teams	Won ten 1 <sup>st</sup> place, three 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, four 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, and one 4 <sup>th</sup> place in district technology competition
Vicki Lyle	Won 3 <sup>rd</sup> place in <i>Anchor Club Advisor of the Year</i> international competition
WHS Anchor Club	Won state <i>Club of the Year</i> competition; won 3 <sup>rd</sup> place in international <i>Club of the Year</i> competition
WHS Athletics	11 of 13 teams made state playoffs
Will Trotter	Chosen for <i>Grammy Foundation Summer Program</i> (2 <sup>nd</sup> time)
Janet Mego, Beth Howell	Earned <i>National Board for Professional Teaching Standards</i> certification renewal
Stephanie Jones	Won CBS 42 <i>One Classroom at a Time</i> grant
Rita Pilling	Completed <i>JCS Prospective Administrator Training</i>
Memorial Park Elementary	Participated in <i>Alabama Best Practices Center Powerful Conversations Network</i>
WHS Band	Marched in 2011 Alabama Governor's Inauguration Parade and San Antonio, Texas Fiesta Flambeau Parade
Christy Robertson, along with FBLA Sponsor Kim Davis	Attended <i>FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference</i> in Washington, D.C.
T.R. Simmons Elementary	Launched <i>Covey's Leader in Me</i> school-wide program
Brayden Banks, Amanda Cuoma	2010-2011 DME "Head of the Class" Junior Achievement Awards

***"The highest result of education is tolerance."***

*~Helen Keller*



## 2010-2011 SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed technology and software to enable students and staff to access JCS intranet via web portals anytime, anywhere
- Launched new district web site
- Maintained three months of operating reserves (General/Capital Funds) to protect programs offered in Jasper City Schools
- Secured private gifts through *Excellence in Education Fund* to install wireless technology at WHS, MMS, and WJS
- Purchased two mobile laptop carts for every school in the Jasper City Schools
- Raised test scores on all state assessments from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Automated all board meeting functions for the Jasper City Board of Education
- Saved \$100,000 in energy usage fees by conservation efforts of staff in the Jasper City Schools
- Implemented local benchmark assessment of student achievement in grades 3-8 two times during the school year
- Spanish lessons provided in JCS elementary schools through money from *Excellence in Education Fund*

## 2010-2011 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Pictured left to right are Dr. Jean Lollar, JCS assistant superintendent, along with *JCS 2010-2011 Teachers of the Year* Teresa Kitchens, Walker High School; Brenda Stepp, Maddox Middle School; Meagan Fields, Memorial Park Elementary; Dion Nelson, T.R. Simmons Elementary; Melanie Turner, West Jasper Elementary. Kitchens was also selected *Jasper City Secondary Teacher of the Year*. Turner was also selected *Jasper City Elementary Teacher of the Year*.



***“Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource.”***

*~John F. Kennedy*

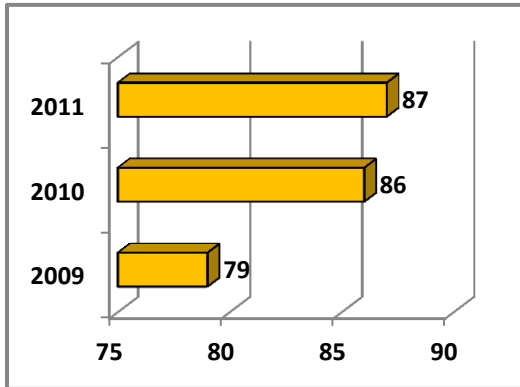
# Jasper City Schools Assessment Review

(Continued from page 1)

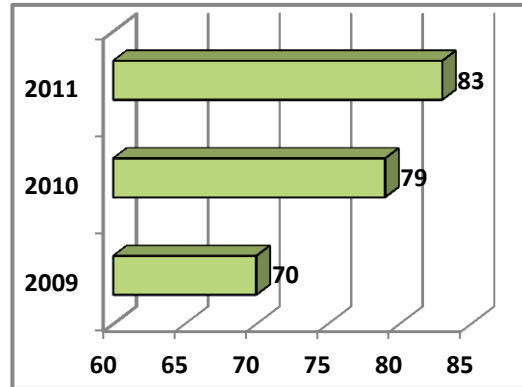
(For complete assessment reports for all JCS grades and schools, visit [www.jasper.k12.al.us](http://www.jasper.k12.al.us) and click on *Assessment & Accountability*.)

**Alabama Science Assessment (ASA)** - The following chart shows the change in percent of students scoring proficient on the Alabama Science Assessment from in 2009, 2010, and 2011. Fifth and seventh graders take this assessment annually. JCS students have continually made gains since the introduction of the Alabama Science Assessment.

**Fifth Grade**

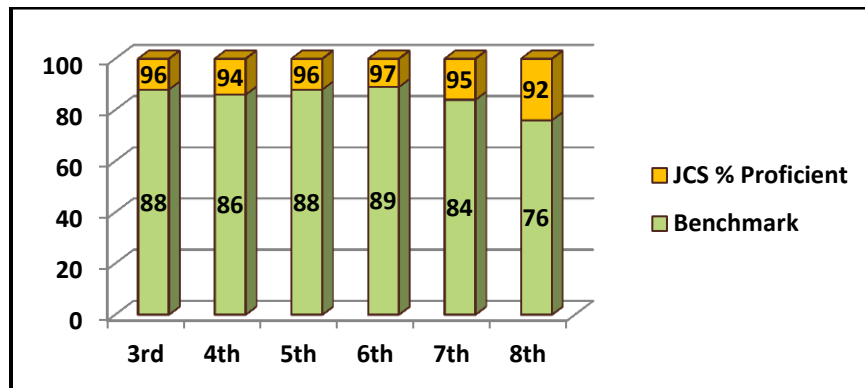


**Seventh Grade**



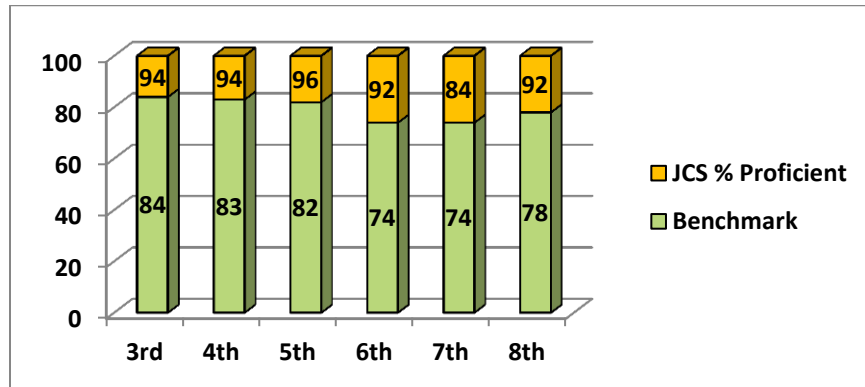
**Alabama Reading and Math Test (ARMT)** - On the *Alabama Reading and Math Test (ARMT)*, JCS students exceeded all 2011 state benchmarks. In the following chart, the top portion of each bar shows the percentage of JCS students scoring proficient in ARMT reading, while the lower portion of each bar indicates the 2011 state benchmark in reading for each grade.

**ARMT READING**

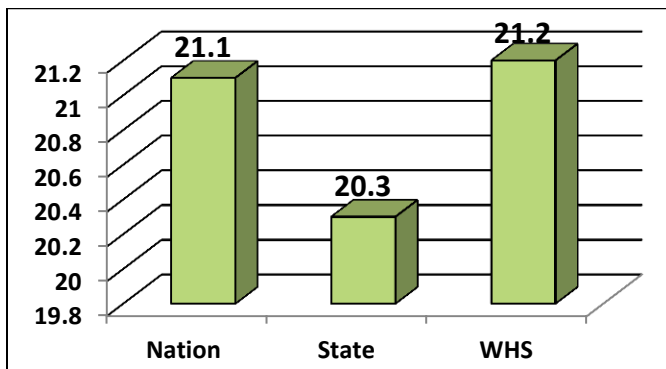
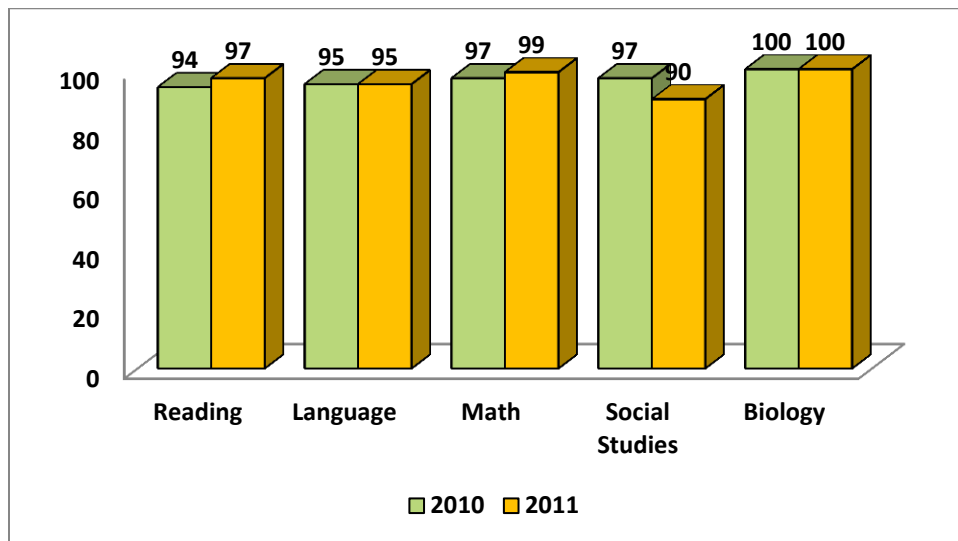


In the following chart, the top portion of each bar shows the percentage of JCS students scoring proficient in *ARMT* math, while the lower portion of each bar indicates the 2011 state benchmark in math for each grade.

### ARMT MATH



**Alabama High School Graduation Examination (AHSGE)** - The percentage of twelfth graders passing each section of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE) is shown in the following chart. The AHSGE includes five subject-area tests students must pass to receive a high school diploma. The exam covers required high school core content. Once a student passes a subject-area test, the student does not have to repeat that test. No later than the spring of tenth grade, students have an opportunity to attempt all five tests.



**American College Test (ACT)** - ACT's annual release of assessment data for schools across the nation shows the average ACT composite score of students in the 2011 Walker High School graduating class was 21.2, which surpassed the national average of 21.1 and the state average of 20.3. WHS results continued a consistent trend since 2000, when all WHS average scores have been within a 1.0 range, from 20.6 to 21.6.

## All the Ways We Learn in Jasper City Schools

(Continued from page 1)



At **Maddox Middle School**, the *Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP)* recognized 61 seventh graders who scored in the 95th percentile on the math or reading subtest of the *2011 SAT10*. These students can now take the ACT college entrance exam as seventh graders. The Duke program seeks to identify academically talented seventh graders based on standardized test scores and invites students to take the ACT or the SAT college entrance exam as seventh graders, which allows students greater insight into their future academic potential.

At **Memorial Park Elementary**, eligible fifth graders are inducted into the MPS chapter of the *National Elementary School Honor Society*. To be eligible, students must make grades no lower than an A during their entire fourth grade year. Students in the *National Elementary School Honor Society* perform many service activities, including mentoring students at North Highlands School.



Students at **North Highlands School** collected supplies to assist victims of the April 27, 2011, tornadoes. As “pick-up partners,” they provided community leadership and learned through serving.



**West Jasper Elementary** students in grades 4 and 5 helped JCS elementary art teacher Justin Lyle paint Smokey and Sleepy, two members of the Walker County Arts Alliance's *50-Mule Team Public Art Project*. The mules are now on permanent display in the courtyard at the school. Dr. Jan Westerman's *Pulmonary and Sleep Associates* and *Rest of Your Life Sleep Evaluation Center* sponsored the project.

Twenty-eight eligible **Walker High School** students participated in *Walker Workshop*, a flexible scheduling opportunity to take one class online during the second semester of the 2010-2011 year. Students were able to use a block of time several days a week to job shadow at a local business, volunteer in a community program, or take a college course. Anna Barrera, a 2011 senior, said, "I appreciate it because it gave me the opportunity to look into careers that I might want to pursue."



**"If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of ten years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people."**

**~Confucius**



## Fiscal Conservation Preserves JCS Programs

The annual report for the year ending 2010-2011 showed an ending balance of just over two-and-a-half months of operating reserve in the general fund. The school district has experienced four years of reduced funding from state and federal revenue sources. Proration has been declared by the governor in each of these years. It has taken a great deal of fiscal oversight to maintain an operating reserve at the reported level. The board members and staff of the Jasper City Schools are to be commended for this accomplishment, thereby allowing the students of the district to receive a consistent level of education void of great programmatic reductions.

<b>JASPER CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL FUND FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31</b>			
	2011		2010
<b>REVENUES</b>			
State Revenues	\$ 12,760,209	\$	12,350,199
Federal Revenues	1,027,805		713,675
Local Revenues	7,363,235		6,775,340
Other Sources	<u>403,584</u>		<u>277,180</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>21,554,833</u></b>		<b><u>20,116,394</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instructional Services	13,414,892		13,157,672
Instructional Support Services	4,027,422		3,942,527
Operation and Maintenance	1,381,122		1,285,890
Auxiliary Service	638,920		671,429
General Administrative Services	1,058,226		984,617
Capital Outlay	0		0
Debt Service	0		0
Other Expenditures	<u>936,507</u>		<u>874,300</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b><u>21,457,089</u></b>		<b><u>20,916,435</u></b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>97,744</b>		<b>(800,041)</b>
<b>Unappropriated Surplus &amp; Reserves January 1</b>	<b><u>4,839,471</u></b>		<b><u>5,639,512</u></b>
<b>UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS &amp; RESERVES, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ <u>4,937,215</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>4,839,471</u></b>

Questions or comments about this publication may be directed to Dr. Martha LaCroix, Director of Accountability Programs & Support Services, Jasper City Schools, P.O. Box 500, Jasper, AL 35502, [mlacroix@jasper.k12.al.us](mailto:mlacroix@jasper.k12.al.us)

It is the official policy of the Jasper City School System that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment. Inquiries, complaints or concerns regarding compliance with federal regulations may be directed to Dr. Jean Lollar, Assistant Superintendent responsible for all Federal Program Titles (I, II, IX, X), or Betty Odom, Director of Special Education and Section 504 Coordinator, at 110 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper, AL 35501. Phone (205) 384-6880.

