



# *Progress* **UPDATE**

# Jefferson Parish Schools

The largest and most diverse school district in the state.



## Our Students

..... Approximately 48,000 Students .....

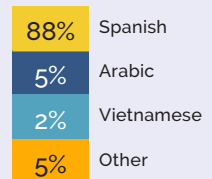


**83%**  
are economically  
disadvantaged

**19%**  
with  
exceptionalities

### 49 Different Languages Spoken

**20%**  
with limited  
English proficiency



## Our District

..... System of 81 Schools .....

|    |              |   |                                     |
|----|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 40 | Elementary   | 2 | STEM Magnets                        |
| 7  | Middle       | 2 | Arts Magnets                        |
| 7  | High         | 2 | International Baccalaureate Magnets |
| 1  | Virtual High | 2 | Spanish Immersion Magnets           |
| 4  | Combo        | 8 | Advanced Study Academies            |
| 6  | Charters     |   |                                     |

Louisiana's  
**largest**  
school system

America's  
**98<sup>th</sup>**  
largest  
school system

Employees  
Approximately  
**6,400**

Total Budget  
**\$675**  
million



# Our Progress

Two straight years of growth.



## 2022 Growth

Saw largest state report card growth in the last 10 years and outpaced the state's growth

**35** schools surpassed their pre-pandemic achievement numbers

**12 schools** grew a letter grade

**36%** of schools improved their SPS by five points or higher

### Collins Elementary

increased their SPS by 17.9 points and was one of the top 10 schools to show the highest SPS improvement



**40% of schools** are Top Gains Honorees, meaning they showed exceptional student growth

## Four of Louisiana's top 10 public schools are from Jefferson Parish



**#1**

Haynes Academy



**#2**

Patrick Taylor Academy



**#8**

Metairie Academy



**#9**

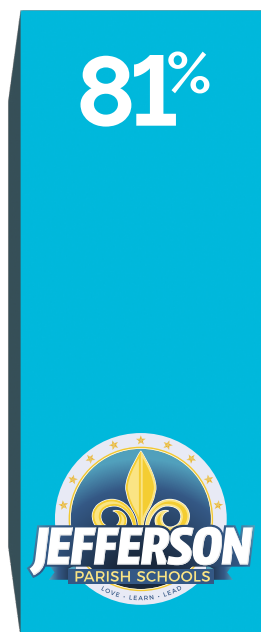
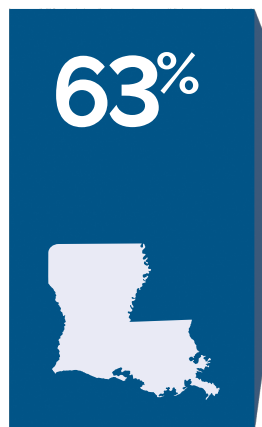
Thomas Jefferson Academy

Woodmere Elementary recognized as Louisiana Comeback Campus, the only school recognized in Jefferson

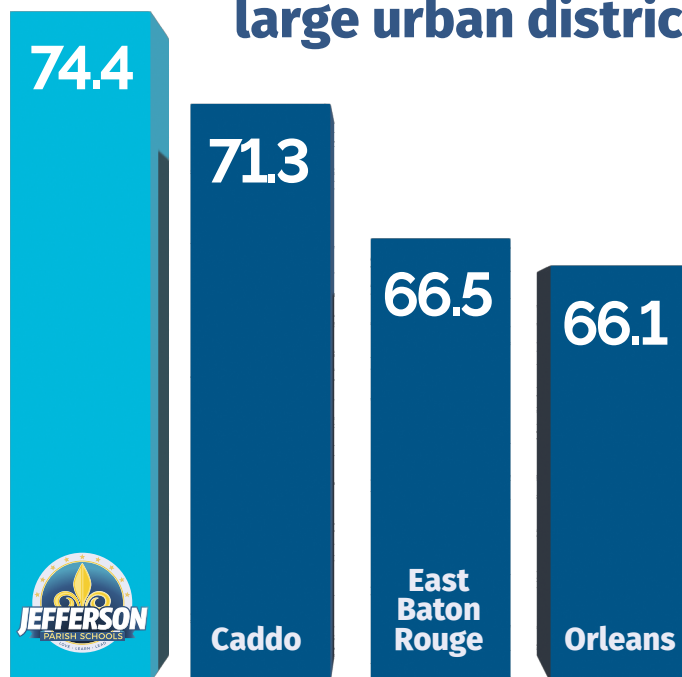


**14 schools** are Opportunity Honorees, meaning they performed in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile or above for students with disabilities, economically disadvantaged students, and/or English learners

**81% of schools increased SPS from 2021, outpacing the state average of 63%**



## Leading Louisiana in large urban districts



2022 District Performance Score

# Key Initiatives

Our district strategic plan has six priorities.

## PRIORITY

# 1

Provide safe, healthy, and modern schools

## Conducted Tabletop Drills

with schools and district staff

### Smart Start

Launched Smart Start initiative to **help high school students** make the most of opportunities and **give students their own dedicated first day of school**

Purchased metal detectors for all middle and high schools to add an **added layer of safety**



Launched Digital Timekeeping System to make our schools and systems **more safe, efficient, and modern**

## PRIORITY

# 2

Hire, grow, and keep the best teachers

Created partnership with

### Call Me Mister

program to **increase diverse teacher workforce**

Offering a

### tiered retention stipend

to address staff shortages, using \$31 million of ESSER funds



Launched a new in-house teacher certification program to increase our **teacher pipeline**



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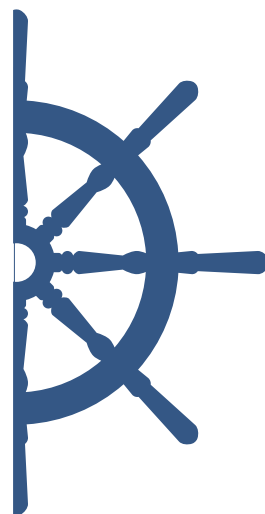
# 3

**Hire, grow,  
and keep the  
best leaders**

Launched inaugural cohort of  
**Aspiring Leaders  
Academy**



Partner with  
National Institute for Excellence in  
Teaching (NIET) to implement  
**Early Literacy  
Leadership  
Collaborative**  
to help train educators on  
the Science of Reading



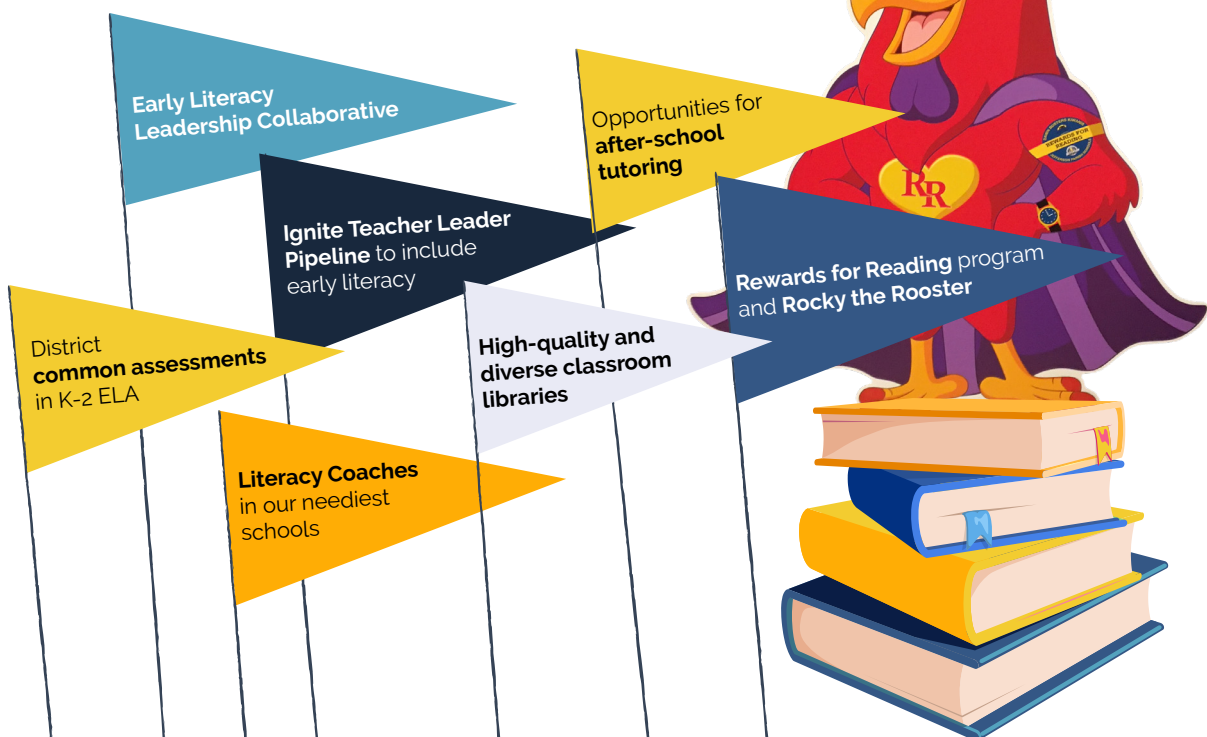
**Implement  
Operation  
Lead,**

a comprehensive principal  
leadership program to  
invest, develop, and build  
school level leaders

## PRIORITY

# 4

**Use a robust  
curriculum  
with aligned  
assignments**



# Key Initiatives

## PRIORITY

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Prioritize access, equity and opportunity

Mission to Mastery helps accelerate student learning and make up any gaps due to lost learning



Created Star Academy, a new innovative school-within-a-school acceleration program for overaged middle school students

Created a Teen Wellness Council

to get students' feedback on how we can improve social emotional supports

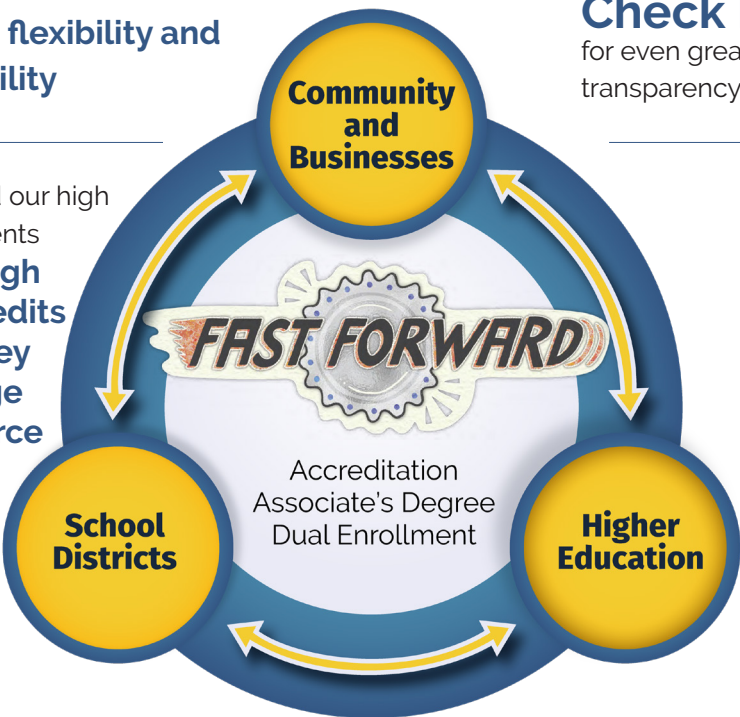


Jefferson Virtual High School, a standalone virtual high school to offer students increased flexibility and responsibility



Launched JP Schools Check Portal for even greater financial transparency and accountability

Fast Forward our high school students beyond high school credits so that they are college or workforce ready



## PRIORITY

# 6

Partner with stakeholders



Ready Start Network and Jefferson Parish Government to provide additional seats for infants to three year olds



Jefferson Community Foundation to provide a conduit for donations to Ready Start Network



Baptist Community Ministries to increase early childhood education opportunities



Kiwanis Dawnbusters to incentivize reading for students



Partner with National Institute for School Leadership (NISL) as part of Operation Lead to grow a pipeline of leaders



Ochsner Health to offer special JP Schools employee rate to Ochsner Fitness Center



Children's Hospital ThriveKids Student Wellness Program to optimize students' health



American Heart Association to provide free CPR kids and heart healthy resources to families and employees



The University of New Orleans (UNO) to offer automatic admission for all graduates who meet enrollment criteria through a new Instant Admit program



Grambling University to implement the *Call Me Mister* program to increase the pool of qualified teachers from a diverse background



Partner with business and postsecondary institutions as part of Fast Forward grant to increase the number of associate degrees earned by our high schools students



While this is a non-exhaustive list of our partnerships, we appreciate the support and efforts of all our partners to help provide the education our students deserve.





**Dr. James Gray**  
Superintendent

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