

# THE BLUE JAY NATION



**"Proud Past, Bright Future"**

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## ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH NAMES JEFFERSON R-7 A WINNER OF THE GREATER ST. LOUIS TOP WORKPLACES 2021 AWARD



Jefferson R7 is a 2021 Top Workplace!  
6 Years Running

Festus, Missouri, June 20, 2021 - Jefferson R7 has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2021 honor by St. Louis Post-Dispatch Top Workplaces. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC. The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization: including alignment, execution, and connection, just to name a few.

"During this very challenging time, Top Workplaces has proven to be a beacon of light for organizations, as well as a sign of resiliency and strong business performance," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "When you give your employees a voice, you come together to navigate challenges and shape your path forward. Top Workplaces draw on real-time insights into what works best for their organization, so they can make informed decisions that have a positive impact on their people and their business."

"The District is excited to have been recognized for the sixth consecutive year for Top100 Work Places for the St. Louis Metro Area. It is safe to say the 2020-2021 school year will go down in history as one of the most challenging years ever experienced for all students, families, staff and community members. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our district for finding ways to overcome COVID-19 pandemic and still be recognized as a Top 100 Work Place resulting in huge educational opportunities for our students."

- Superintendent, Clint Johnston

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

## Standing On The Shoulders of Giants

Hello, Blue Jay Nation! Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. In the world of leadership, there is a statement that says "Each of us stand on the shoulders of the giants who have come before us." As I reflect on the start of this school year, I look back over the 70+ years of history that is involved with the development of our school district that each of us are a part of today.

I think about the challenges that were faced with the consolidation of Danby, Rush Island, Telegraph, and the Plattin one-room schools. I ponder the sacrifices that were made by these families and the financial commitment that was put forth to form the Jefferson R-VII K-8 School District that opened in the early 1950's.

I am sure it was an exciting time for the Community when our current Plattin building was opened for children to come to school in the fall of 1951.

In 2009, our school district once again experienced another round of challenges and opportunities when we opened our high school, moving from a K-8 to a K-12 learning institution. Each of you have probably heard questions asked similar to:

"Will the high school serve my children's needs?"

"Will the high school measure up to other high schools in Jefferson County?"

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As I reflect on these questions, I find that the answer to all three questions is a resounding "YES!" Further, I have learned from many of you that there have been varying levels of success and sacrifice over the 11 years of our K-12 educational institution's existence.

As we begin the current school year, it would be my hope that we use these lessons to help us grow together as a school and community to overcome future challenges and obstacles. Our proud past has built a foundation that prepares us for our future. We all know there is uncertainty in each of our lives because of the ongoing world-wide pandemic. It is our commitment to each and every family that we are going to continue to educate students, offer as normal of a daily routine as we are allowed, and nurture relationships to prepare each of our Blue Jays for their bright future that lies ahead.

I hope each of you will join me in this journey and become one of this year's giants who will shoulder those who come behind us. Have a great school year!!!



Superintendent  
Clint Johnston

## District COVID Information



### Jefferson R-VII Guidelines and Protocol:

Jefferson R-VII will recommend (but not require) masks for staff and students for the 2021-2022 school year as long as the infection rate for staff and students in a school building is less than 2.0%.

- Masks will be required on school buses. (This is a federal mandate – more information on the mandate can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/safety/mask-travel-guidance>.)
- Jefferson R-VII will encourage vaccination for anyone eligible to receive it.
- Jefferson R-VII will continue to social distance to the greatest extent possible, using 3 feet as the general standard as outlined by the CDC guidance.
- Jefferson R-VII will encourage students and staff who are high risk to wear masks, social distance, and get vaccinated when possible.
- DESE will no longer offer AMI-X days (Virtual Learning days due to COVID-19) for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Jefferson R-VII will no longer offer (8) COVID days to staff effective June 30, 2021.
- Jefferson R-VII will use seating charts in classrooms to assist in contact tracing.
- Jefferson R-VII will use a Risk Level Chart to determine if and when masks will need to be reinstated.
- Jefferson R-VII will offer full time virtual learning through the MO-CAP program only.
- Jefferson R-VII will follow quarantine directions from the Jefferson County Health Department to ensure the safety and health of students and staff.

### Daily Screening Guidance for Students

We have a culture of working or going to school when one is sick. We must work towards changing that culture and encourage everyone to stay home when they are feeling ill.

The Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education advise districts not to implement screening procedures that would force bottlenecks at building entry points, “creating unnecessary situations where students cannot maintain adequate physical distance from one another.”

Therefore, all families are required to self-assess their daily health situation prior to getting on the bus, attending school, or attending/participating in other extracurricular event(s) in order to determine if they are ill or are at risk of exposing others to COVID-19.

If students answer yes to any of the following questions, they should NOT come to school that day. Absences should be reported by calling your child’s building attendance number listed below.

Individuals are advised to contact a healthcare provider if they exhibit symptoms or answered YES to any screening question(s).

District Staff will also be watching for signs and symptoms of illness as students enter the building and classrooms.

### Action Per Risk Level

COVID RISK LEVEL		MITIGATIONS ENFORCED
GREEN	=/ .1.0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks encouraged, <b>not required</b> when social distancing of 3 foot or more cannot be achieved, including hallways (masks will be required on buses due to federal mandate)</li> <li>• Desks will be separated to maximum distance (facing the same direction, when possible, in all risk levels)</li> <li>• Hand washing and good hygiene expected (in all risk levels)</li> <li>• Lunch will be eaten using current social distancing practices in the cafeteria</li> <li>• There will be no self-serve in the cafeteria</li> <li>• Regular and Frequent cleaning of the buildings (in all risk levels)</li> <li>• Visitors welcome by appointment</li> <li>• Contact tracing will be conducted by school nurse in all risk levels</li> </ul>
YELLOW	1.01% to 2.0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks encouraged, <b>not required</b> when social distancing of 3 foot or more cannot be achieved, including hallways (masks will be required on buses due to federal mandate)</li> <li>• Visitors will not be allowed in the building</li> <li>• Lunch will be eaten using current social distancing practices in the cafeteria</li> <li>• There will be no self-serve in the cafeteria</li> <li>• Social Distancing will be encouraged at athletics and activities</li> <li>• Sharing of Objects will be discouraged</li> <li>• Contact tracing will be conducted by school nurse in all risk levels</li> </ul>
ORANGE	2.01% to 3.0%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks required when social distancing of 3 foot or more cannot be achieved, including hallways (masks will be required on buses due to federal mandate)</li> <li>• Visitors will not be allowed in the building</li> <li>• Lunch will be eaten using current social distancing practices in the cafeteria</li> <li>• Social distancing will be required at all athletics and activities</li> <li>• Sharing of objects will be discouraged</li> <li>• Contact tracing will be conducted by school nurse in all risk levels</li> </ul>
RED	>3.01 %	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks required when social distancing of 3 foot or more cannot be achieved, including hallways (masks will be required on buses due to federal mandate)</li> <li>• Visitors will not be allowed in the building</li> <li>• Lunch will be eaten using current social distancing practices in the cafeteria</li> <li>• Social distancing will be required at all athletics and activities</li> <li>• Sharing of objects will be discouraged</li> <li>• Contact tracing will be conducted by school nurse in all risk levels</li> </ul>

### Jefferson R-VII COVID RISK Levels

<b>COVID RISK LEVEL: GREEN</b>  <b>1.0% and below</b> OF STUDENTS AND STAFF TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID IN A CALENDAR WEEK SUNDAY THRU SATURDAY BY BUILDING.	<b>COVID RISK LEVEL: YELLOW</b>  <b>1.01% to 2.0%</b> OF STUDENTS AND STAFF TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID IN A CALENDAR WEEK SUNDAY THRU SATURDAY BY BUILDING.
<b>COVID RISK LEVEL: ORANGE</b>  <b>2.01% to 3.0%</b> OF STUDENTS AND STAFF TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID IN A CALENDAR WEEK SUNDAY THRU SATURDAY BY BUILDING.	<b>COVID RISK LEVEL: RED</b>  <b>3.01% OR MORE</b> OF STUDENTS AND STAFF TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID IN A CALENDAR WEEK SUNDAY THRU SATURDAY BY BUILDING.

\*\* The Jefferson R-VII School District will make all COVID decisions on a building level in an effort to cause the least amount of disruption to students learning.

## District COVID Information

Help Keep Blue Jay Nation Safe



Before sending your child to school or practice, do not forget to ask the questions below:

- a. Do you have a temperature higher than 100.4\* Fahrenheit? (\*Jefferson R-VII protocol for temperatures is 100.0.)
- b. Do you have a household member, or have you been in close contact with someone, who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past two weeks?
- c. Do you have symptoms of lower respiratory illness such as a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?
- d. Have you experienced any chills or repeated shaking with chills?
- e. Have you experienced any muscle pain or headache (different than normal exercise-induced pain, your seasonal allergies, or other diagnosed condition)?
- f. Have you experienced any sore throat (different than your seasonal allergies or other diagnosed condition)?
- g. Have you experienced any recent loss of taste or smell?
- h. Have you experienced any recent diarrhea or vomiting?

If the answer is "YES" to any question, you must stay home and contact your doctor, if needed.

To Report A Student Absent From School:

Plattin Nurse 725-1176  
 Telegraph Nurse 933-6939  
 Danby Nurse 933-6956  
 Jefferson Nurse 933-6909

### Symptoms of COVID-19

• People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. The following are examples of symptoms:

- o Fever or chills
- o Cough
- o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- o Fatigue
- o Muscle or body aches
- o Headache
- o New loss of taste or smell
- o Sore throat
- o Congestion or runny nose
- o Nausea or vomiting
- o Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms and will be updated as more is learned about COVID-19.

## It is more than just a meal application...

During the 2021-2022 school year, breakfast and lunch meals will continue to be free for every student. However, it is still **very important** that you take the time to fill out a free/reduced price meal application and submit it to our school.

### The Jefferson R-VII School District NEEDS YOU!

Completing and submitting the form may help provide:

1. State & Federal funding for our school
2. Allow us to qualify for and receive more grants
3. You could also receive free meals until September 30, 2022, if meals are no longer free for the 2022-23 school year

**Here is yet another reason to fill out and submit the form....**  
 Your student(s) will get a **FREE** treat from their school cafeteria!

Please consider taking 10 minutes to fill out the application to help out our amazing district. Remember, we only need one application per household, not one for each student.

If you have any questions please call or email Erin Carrico at 636-933-6940 or [carricoe@jr7.k12.mo.us](mailto:carricoe@jr7.k12.mo.us)



**Proud Past!**



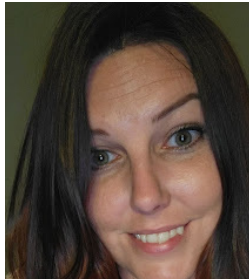
**Bright Future!**

## Jefferson R-VII Welcomes New Staff



**Lora Kerley - Reading Specialist Teacher - Plattin Primary**

Lora has her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Southeast Missouri State University. She earned her Master of Education in Classroom Teaching from Missouri Baptist University and did her Reading Specialist Certification through Southeast Missouri State University. She has twenty years of teaching experience, with fourteen of those years serving as a reading specialist.



**Jessica Watkins - Plattin Primary Administrative Assistant**

Jessica has an Associate of Arts degree in Psychology from Jefferson College. She has been a substitute for the district for the past two years.



**Camryn Henson - 5th Grade Teacher at Telegraph Intermediate School**

Camryn earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Southeast Missouri State University. She is also a 2017 Jefferson R-VII High School graduate. This is her first teaching experience.



**Emily Sutton - Telegraph Intermediate Administrative Assistant**

Emily is a graduate of St. Charles West High School. She is coming to us with eleven years of experience as an Assistant Director at Lakeside Children's Academy in West County.



**Michelle Bradley - Cook at Telegraph Intermediate**

Michelle studied Educational Business Management at Jefferson College. She has worked in the restaurant industry over the past 30 years.



**Tabitha Bonds - Paraprofessional at Telegraph Intermediate**

Tabitha has earned her Associates of Arts degree from Jefferson College. She has worked as a Paraprofessional for the last 5 years.



**Clair Tindall - Danby Middle School Health Services Aide**

Clair completed her certification as a Medical Assistant from Sanford-Brown College in Fenton. She has four years of experience as a medical assistant at Visiting Physician Association of St. Louis and St. Louis Women's Healthcare at Chesterfield. She also has some experience as a Phlebotomist at Ste. Genevieve Memorial Hospital.



**Jarrod Basler - Industrial Arts Teacher - Danby Middle School and Jefferson High School**

Jarrod has his Bachelor of Arts degree in Teaching from Southeast Missouri State University. He has also earned his Master of Arts degree in Learning Technology from the University of Missouri. He comes to us with a total of seven years of teaching experience between Richland R-I School District, Perryville School District, and Crystal City School District.



**Macy Moore - English Language Arts Teacher - Jefferson High School**

Macy has her Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Teaching from Missouri Baptist University. She has also taken graduate courses in the area of Literature. She has seven years of teaching experience at Potosi R-III School District.



**LeAnna Obermeyer - World Language / Virtual Teacher - Jefferson High School**

LeAnna has her Bachelor of Arts degree in Teaching from Webster University. She has spent the past seven years working as a librarian at Festus R-6 School District. She is also an owner of an engineering and construction company.



**Greg Ronzio - Maintenance**

Greg has an Associate of Arts in Carpentry from JCAP Carpenters' School in St. Louis. He has fifteen years of experience as a Union Carpenter for ICS and Niehaus Construction of St. Louis. He also has five years of experience as maintenance crew and carpenter at Grant's Farm in St. Louis.



**Clark McNelly - Transportation Bus Mechanic**

Clark is a graduate of Afton High School. He is coming to Jefferson R-VII with sixteen years of experience as a mechanic at United Rentals and PAC Freight. He also has over twenty years of experience as a driver and heavy equipment operator.

### Staff Changes for 2021-2022 School Year

Name	Former Position	New Position
Alex Rouggy	PE Teacher	Director of Student Services
Matt Atley	Social Studies	PE Teacher
Robert Kuehnle	World Languages	Social Studies
Mackenzie Null	Preschool	Kindergarten
Gina Ricci	Kindergarten	Preschool
Belinda Scherle	Lead Cook-Telegraph	Evening Custodian Plattin
Jessica Sieben	Cook-Telegraph	Lead Cook-Telegraph
Randy Butcher	Day Custodian-Danby	Evening Custodian-Danby
Justin Moehle	Evening Custodian-Danby	Day Custodian-Danby
Megan Guffey	ELA Teacher-HS	Librarian-HS/Danby
Becky Wright	2nd Grade	1st Grade
Amanda Bey	1st Grade	2nd Grade

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## 2021-2022 School Supply Lists

### Kindergarten

Color plastic 2 pocket folders with prongs (1 each-red, blue, green, yellow)  
 2 - pink erasers  
 1 - pair of scissors, 5", blunt tip  
 2 - washable school glue (4oz)  
 8 - glue sticks  
 2 - boxes of crayons, 24ct  
 2 - packages of washable markers, 8ct  
 1 - dozen #2 wooden pencils (yellow)  
 1 - pack Post-It notes  
 1 - plastic pencil box  
 2 - 1 inch 3-ring binders (vinyl with clear view pocket)  
 1 - clipboard, letter size (hardboard)  
 2 - boxes of tissues, 200ct  
 3 - disinfecting wipes (35ct Lysol or Clorox)  
 1 - package of 4 black dry erase markers  
 1 - composition notebook (wide ruled)  
 1 - bottle of Germ X  
 1 - package of baby wipes  
 1 - box Zipper storage bags (gallon for boys, sandwich for girls)

### 1st Grade

Color plastic 2 pocket folders with prongs (1 each-red, blue, green, yellow)  
 1 - dozen #2 wooden pencils  
 2 - boxes of crayons, #24ct  
 6 - glue stick  
 1 - pair of scissors, 5", blunt tip  
 1 - plastic pencil box  
 2 - boxes of tissues, 200ct  
 1 - clipboard, letter size (hardboard)  
 3 - disinfecting wipes (35ct Lysol or Clorox)  
 2 - packages of washable markers, 8ct  
 1 - 1 inch 3 ring binder (with clear view pocket)  
 1 - package of dry erase markers - BLACK  
 1 - composition notebook (wide ruled)  
 1 - Antibacterial Hand Gel (pump bottle)  
 1 - pair of headphones (NO earbuds)  
 1 - box of Ziplock bags (Gallon-Girls, Sandwich-Boys)

### 2nd Grade

1 - box of crayons, 24ct  
 2 - #2 wooden pencils, 12ct  
 1 - pencil box  
 2 - packages of pencil cap erasers  
 1 - highlighter, yellow  
 1 - glue bottle  
 6 - glue sticks  
 1 - pair of scissors, 5" pointed  
 2 - packages of 4 dry erase markers, BLACK  
 3 - solid color folders  
 1 - clipboard, letter size (hardboard)  
 4 - single subject notebooks (wide ruled)  
 2 - boxes of tissues, 200ct  
 3 - disinfecting wipes (35ct Lysol or Clorox)  
 1 - box of Zipper storage bags (quart-boys/sandwich-girls)  
 1 - 1 inch 3 ring binder  
 1 - pair of headphones (NO earbuds)  
 1 - bottle of hand sanitizer

### 3rd Grade

2 dozen - #2 pencils (sharpened)  
 1 - box crayons (24 ct)  
 1 - pack pencil cap erasers (15 ct)  
 1 - 5" double thumb pointed scissors  
 2 - glue sticks  
 2 - dry erase markers  
 1 - plastic folders, 3 hole (no prongs)  
 1 - box of tissue  
 Durable Over the Ear Headphones  
 2 - pink erasers  
 1 - container of disinfecting wipes  
 1 - 1.5 inch binder  
 1 - box of Ziploc Bags (gallon-boys, sandwich-girls)  
 2 - highlighter  
 1 - bottle of hand sanitizer  
 1 - composition notebook  
 1 - Library/Lab Folder  
 Colored pencils  
 1 - glue bottle  
 1 - pencil box

### 4th Grade

4 - dry erase markers  
 2 - Packs of (24 count) Sharpened Pencils  
 1 - three prong plastic or laminated folder  
 1 - glue stick  
 Durable Over the Ear Headphones  
 1 - pair of scissors  
 1 - highlighter (no gel)  
 2 - disinfecting wipes  
 2 - large pink erasers  
 1 - 12pk colored pencils  
 1 - pencil pouch  
 1 - package of sticky notes  
 1 - GermX (boys)  
 2 - Box of Tissues (girls)  
 1 - Package 9" Paper Plates (girls)  
 1 - Package 9oz Paper Cups (boys)

### 5th Grade

1 - colored pencils (12 ct)  
 6 - folders with holes  
 2 dozen - #2 wooden pencils  
 1 - pencil pouch (no boxes)  
 4 - glue sticks  
 1 - glue bottle  
 2 - boxes of tissues  
 2 - 4 pack dry erase markers  
 2 - containers disinfecting wipes  
 4 - 1 subject spiral notebook  
 1 - pair of earbuds  
 1 - pump antibacterial hand gel  
 2 - highlighters  
 1 - pair of scissors  
 1 - 24 pack of pencil cap erasers  
 1 - box of gallon plastic bags (boys)  
 1 - box of sandwich plastic bags (girls)

### Mrs. Blake's Room

2 - pkg. index cards  
 1 - Box of Gallon Ziploc Bags  
 2 - Boxes of Sandwich Ziploc Bags  
 2 - 4 pk Dry Erase Markers  
 2 - boxes of tissues  
 2 - Clorox Wipes  
 4 - glue sticks  
 3 - folders  
 Loosel leaf paper  
 Germ-x  
 Headphones  
 Crayons  
 Pencils

### 6th Grade

Headphones or earbuds  
 Plain Clipboard  
 Pencils  
 Glue Stick  
 Scissors  
 Composition Notebook  
 Color Pencils (NO markers)  
 Dry erase marker  
 Highlighter  
*Suggested: Mouse for Chromebook, Kleenex, Disinfectant Wipes*

### 7th & 8th Grade Shop

Folder  
 Pencils/erasers  
 Ruler

### Art Class

*Suggested - Disinfectant Wipes*

### 6th - 8th Physical Education

Gym shorts  
 Tennis shoes

### 7th & 8th Grade Math

Pencils  
 Notebook paper  
 Notebook (spiral/one subject)  
 Scientific calculator (prefer TI30)  
 Black dry erase marker  
 Folder  
*Suggested for classroom use: Kleenex*

### 7th Grade Social Studies

Colored pencils  
 Fine-line Sharpie  
 Highlighter  
 Correcting pens  
 Dry erase marker  
 8-pack markers  
*Suggested for classroom use: Kleenex, Disinfecting wipes*

### 8th Grade Social Studies

Paper  
 Pens  
 Pencils  
 1 - box of colored pencils  
*Suggested for classroom use: Kleenex, Hand sanitizer*

### 7th & 8th Grade Science

Pencils/pens  
 Graph paper  
 Calculator  
 Composition notebook  
 Glue stick  
 Colored pencils (8-12 count)  
 Dry erase marker  
 8 pack of markers  
*Suggested: Kleenex, Disinfectant Wipes*

### 7th & 8th Grade English

Pencils/erasers  
 Highlighter  
 Colored pencils (optional)  
 Markers (fine and thick)  
 3 pronged folder with pockets  
 Dry erase marker  
 Loose wide-ruled paper  
*Suggested: Kleenex, Disinfectant Wipes*

### Mrs. Graham's Class

2 - 1 inch 3 ring binder  
 1 - colored pencils  
 1 - composition notebook  
*Suggested: Kleenex, Disinfectant Wipes, Hand Sanitizer*

### ECP Class

Box of markers / paper plates (3rd grade)  
 Box of markers / Clorox wipes (4th grade)  
 1 - Ziploc bags box / 1 - glue bottle or 3 glue sticks (5th grade)  
 1 - package of straws / 1 - glue bottle (6th grade)  
 1 - hot glue sticks (regular or mini) (7th & 8th grades)

## A WORD FROM OUR ADMINISTRATORS

## Jefferson High School



David Haug

As our staff has made preparations for the upcoming school year, the general consensus is that we are looking forward to having our students back in the building.

Our summer school concluded with a strong showing from our students in their recovery from credit. Mrs. Runzi, Mrs. Rhodes, Ms. Baumgartner, Ms. Wallace, and Ms. Barton were a HUGE help this summer in working with our students.

Our staff will continue to work with our students and families on their Individual Career and College (ICAP) plans to prepare our students for their future. Along with My Story, our students will spend time preparing for their future endeavors after high school whether it is a college track or technical training. Our students have many opportunities and options within a small school.

We are looking forward to our student leadership working with our staff to create memories from their high school experiences. The students will re-evaluate our homecoming weeks, game experiences, and time during advisory to engage as many students as possible to the high school experience.

## Danby-Rush Tower Middle



Cindy Holdinghausen

On behalf of the staff at Danby-Rush Tower Middle School, we would like to welcome all of our students back for the 2021-2022 school year! We are very proud of our success-

es and look forward to another exciting and productive school year as we focus on academic excellence for all students while recognizing students of character through our continued Game Changer Service Learning projects.

There are many new and exciting changes going on throughout the district and within the buildings. Some of the updates for the Middle School include repainting of the gymnasium, 70"

TV monitors in every classroom, and an updated Biology Lab. We have also added new staff members to our team: Jarrod Basler, Shop Teacher, and Megan Guffey, MS/HS Librarian.

At the Middle School, we strive to focus on the future and what students will need to know and do in order to succeed in their future world. We work as a team to diligently identify what must happen in our classrooms now, to prepare students for success. Our teachers understand that students themselves are changing with having technology in hand from birth. Therefore, meeting students' needs as their environment changes is a high priority. In order to meet the needs of all students, instructional practice must be rigorous and relevant. Learning tasks must be tied to the real world and student interests so that students gain skills and insights valuable to future careers.

We invite you to become an active participant in our school community through volunteering, joining the PTO, Boosters, or attending and supporting school events. Education is a partnership between the school, students, parents/guardians, and community. All children are more successful when we work as a team to achieve educational goals.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on August 18th and, as always, if you have any questions, please contact us at 636-937-9188.

## Telegraph Intermediate



Daliana Watson

Blue Jays, are you ready to return to school? I am ready for our Blue Jays to come back to the nest!

This past year we worked hard under a "not so normal" situation. I am so impressed with the tenacity and effort of each and every student, staff member and parent this past year. It was a year to remember with all the changes and protocols. We are planning to move towards more normal routines while having safety measures in place. Our goal at Jefferson R-VII is to focus on the students feeling safe and welcomed, while receiving the best education. We will once again focus on the essentials of learning and make it a priority to give your child our best each and every day. Telegraph Intermediate will continue

to be a place of excellence in learning. Students will set goals for the year, and we will SOAR to reach them by the end of the year. I encourage you to continue to communicate with us on ways we can help your child be on or above their goal when they leave us in the spring.

We welcome many new faces to Telegraph Intermediate starting with our new group of third graders, our new group of three years olds in preschool, and a few new staff members as well.

Please welcome Gina Ricci from Plattin Primary as she becomes one of our Preschool teachers at Telegraph. Miss Ricci has many years of experience and will be bringing new ideas along with bridging curriculum for our four year old classroom to Kindergarten. We also welcome Miss Camyrn Henson as a new fifth grade teacher. Miss Henson is a Jefferson R-VII Alumni who is returning to R-7 Nation. Both of our new staff members bring an energy and passion I am sure we will feel radiating outside their classroom doors!

Last, but certainly not least, the first face and smile each person will see when walking through the doors of the Telegraph Office will be new as well, Ms. Emily Sutton. Ms. Sutton takes the seat of administrative assistant. Please welcome all of our staff as you come in for Open House or when you drop off items for your children.

The 2021 Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 18th, from 10am-6pm. It will take on a new look this year as we will host it for a longer period of time throughout the day, allowing for social distancing. Though the teachers will be busy working to prepare for the school year, they will be available to answer any questions you may have. Open House is a chance to see the physical classroom where your child will be learning and to drop off supplies so they do not have to carry them in on the first day of school.

I always look forward to the start of a new year, and this year is no exception. Though I have been in education for seventeen years, I am just as nervous and excited for the first day of school as the kindergartners! My goal is to have your child here at school everyday as we have a lot to accomplish in 168 days, and I do not want them to miss any of the warm welcomes, class meetings, and fun Fridays.

Though summer has flown by, I hope you were able to get outside, just be a kid and enjoy the break with family and friends! As with every August, we are ready to put the sunblock aside and get inside to learn! I can not wait to greet you on August 23, 2021!

## Plattin Primary



Tina Basler

This morning was spent reviewing class lists...combining them to make sure they are just right! It is one of the joys of summer! We look to make sure that everyone has

a friend in the classroom, that they are with the teacher who will work best with their strengths and needs, and that all classrooms are balanced. It is exciting to look forward to the day when the students will find out who their classroom teachers are and what new friends they will have in their classrooms. We look forward to sharing this information out with our parents and students soon. You can expect postcards and letters to be sent home from the classroom teacher between August 11-August 17. Our Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 18 between the hours of 10am-1pm and 2pm-6pm (teachers will take lunch between 1-2pm). Parents and students are welcome to stop by at a time that is convenient for them. Students will have an opportunity to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers and drop off their school supplies. We look forward to seeing all of you back in our buildings again!

We are excited to announce the addition of three new staff members to Plattin Primary! Mrs. Jessica Watkins will be taking over the role as building secretary as Miss Janet starts her retirement. Mrs. Lora Kerley is coming to us with 20 years of experience, and she will work with our Kindergarten Title I Reading students. She is filling the void of Mrs. Blaha as she enjoys her retirement. Miss Mackenzie Null has traded places with Miss Gina Ricci. Miss Null will be starting her first year as a Kindergarten teacher and Miss Ricci will be working at Telegraph with our PRE-K students. We hope you join us in wishing these ladies a great first year at Plattin!

The first day of school will be here before we know it. Please continue to check the district homepage [www.jr7.k12.mo.us](http://www.jr7.k12.mo.us) for all of the latest communication, and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have. Take some time to enjoy the final few weeks and stay safe. Thank you for trusting us with your children. We are so excited to meet them, learn with them and play with them. Don't forget to attend Open House on August 18. See you soon!

## Fall 2021 Sports Schedules



Buy Season Passes for all home games from the High School Athletic Office starting August 1st.

### Fall 2021 Schedules

Varsity Football						Girls Volleyball					
Fri	20-Aug	Jamboree	V	H	6:00	Tue	24-Aug	Jamboree	V	A	5:00
Fri	27-Aug	Fredericktown	V	H	7:00	Sat	28-Aug	Jefferson JV Tourney	JV	H	8:00
Fri	3-Sep	Cuba	V	A	7:00	Tue	31-Aug	Seckman	JV/V	A	4:30
Fri	10-Sep	Herculaneum *	V	H	7:00	Thu	2-Sep	Ste. Genevieve	JV/V	A	4:30
Fri	17-Sep	St. Pius *	V	A	7:00	Tue	7-Sep	Kingston	JV/V	H	5:30
Fri	24-Sep	Bayless *	V	H	7:00	Thu	9-Sep	Valle Catholic	JV/V	H	5:30
Fri	1-Oct	Valle Catholic	V	A	7:00	Fri	10-Sep	SEMO Tourney	V	A	
Fri	8-Oct	Grandview * (homecoming)	V	H	7:00	Tue	14-Sep	North County	JV/V	H	4:15
Fri	15-Oct	Chaffee	V	H	7:00	Thu	16-Sep	St. Vincent *	JV/V	H	5:30
Fri	22-Oct	St. Vincent *	V	A	7:00	Sat	18-Sep	Seckman Tourney	V	A	
	29-Oct	Round 1, District				Sat	18-Sep	Valle Catholic Tourney	JV	A	
	5-Nov	Round 2, District				Mon	20-Sep	West County	JV/V	H	5:30
Junior Varsity Football						Tue	21-Sep	Park Hills Central	JV/V	A	4:30
Mon	30-Aug	Fredericktown	JV	H	6:00	Thu	23-Sep	Arcadia Valley	JV/V	A	5:30
Tue	7-Sep	Cuba	JV	H	6:00	Tue	28-Sep	Crystal City *	JV/V	A	5:30
Mon	13-Sep	Herculaneum	JV	H	6:00	Thu	30-Sep	Festus *	JV/V	A	4:15
Mon	20-Sep	St. Pius	JV	A	6:00		10/1-10/2	Quad State Tourney(Paducah)	V	A	
Mon	27-Sep	Bayless	JV	H	6:00	Tue	5-Oct	St. Pius *	JV/V	H	5:30
Mon	4-Oct	Valle Catholic	JV	A	6:00	Thu	7-Oct	Herculaneum *	JV/V	H	4:15
Mon	11-Oct	Grandview	JV	H	6:00	Mon	11-Oct	Hillsboro *	JV/V	A	4:15
Mon	18-Oct	Wright City	JV	H	6:00	Thu	14-Oct	Grandview *	JV/V	A	5:30
Mon	25-Oct	St. Vincent	JV	A	6:00	Mon	18-Oct	Saxony Lutheran	JV/V	H	5:30
Girls Softball							25-Oct	Districts			
Sat	21-Aug	Jamboree	V	A	9:00	Cross Country					
Mon	30-Aug	Fredericktown	JV/V	A	4:30	HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL					
Tue	31-Aug	Northwest	JV/V	H	4:15	Sat	28-Aug	Jackson	HS	A	TBA
Wed	1-Sep	Farmington	JV/V	A	4:30	Wed	1-Sep	St. Vincent	HS	A	TBA
Tue	7-Sep	Windsor *	JV/V	H	4:30	Sat	11-Sep	Forest Park	HS/MS	A	TBA
Wed	8-Sep	Chaffee	JV/V	H	4:30	Tue	21-Sep	Oak Ridge	HS/MS	A	TBA
Thu	9-Sep	Herculaneum *	JV/V	A	4:30	Sat	2-Oct	Hillsboro	HS/MS	A	TBA
Sat	11-Sep	St. Pius Round Robin	V	A		Tue	5-Oct	Jefferson	MS	H	4:00
Mon	13-Sep	St. Clair	JV/V	H	4:30	Thu	7-Oct	Woodland (Jackson)	HS/MS	A	TBA
Thu	16-Sep	Perryville *	JV/V	A	4:30	Sat	16-Oct	Conference	HS/MS	A	TBA
Sat	18-Sep	Festus Tourney	V	A	9:00	Fri	22-Oct	Clayton	HS	A	TBA
Mon	20-Sep	Kelly	JV/V	A	4:30	Sat	23-Oct	Herky	MS	A	TBA
Tue	21-Sep	St. Pius *	JV/V	H	4:00	Sat	30-Oct	Districts	HS	A	TBA
Thu	23-Sep	Cape Central	JV/V	H	4:30	Sat	6-Nov	State	HS	A	TBA
Sat	25-Sep	Russellville Tourney	V	A		Middle School Volleyball					
Mon	27-Sep	Hillsboro *	JV/V	A	4:30	Thu	16-Sep	Windsor *	7/8	H	5:00
Tue	28-Sep	Cuba	JV/V	H	4:30	Sat	18-Sep	Ste. Gen 8th Tourney	8	A	TBA
Wed	29-Sep	Saxony Lutheran	JV/V	H	4:30	Mon	20-Sep	Sunrise *	7/8	A	5:00
Thu	30-Sep	Festus *	JV/V	H	4:30	Tue	21-Sep	Perryville *	7/8	H	5:00
Tue	5-Oct	Desoto *	JV/V	A	4:30	Thu	23-Sep	Farmington	7/8	H	5:00
Thu	7-Oct	North County	JV/V	A	4:30	Mon	27-Sep	Crystal City *	7/8	A	5:00
	11-Oct	Districts				Thu	30-Sep	Grandview *	7/8	H	5:00
Middle School Football						Sat	2-Oct	Jefferson 7th Tourney	7	H	9:00
Thu	16-Sep	Perryville *	7/8	A	5:00	Mon	4-Oct	Festus *	7/8	A	5:00
Thu	23-Sep	Crystal City *	7/8	A	5:00	Thu	7-Oct	Hillsboro *	7/8	H	5:00
Thu	30-Sep	Grandview *	7/8	H	5:00	Mon	11-Oct	Herculaneum *	7/8	A	5:00
Thu	7-Oct	North County	7/8	A	5:00	Thu	14-Oct	Desoto *	7/8	A	5:00
Thu	14-Oct	Fredericktown	7/8	H	4:00	Mon	18-Oct	JCAA Tourney 7th Grade	7	H	TBA
Thu	21-Oct	Herculaneum *	7/8	H	5:00	Tue	19-Oct	JCAA Tourney 8th Grade	8	H	TBA

\*Denotes a Conference Game

## Proposed 2020-2021 Bus Routes

Stop times are approximate. All routes are subject to change as needed.

Expect the evening routes to be up to 25 minutes late the first couple of days after school starts.

All bus routes will be reviewed after the first two weeks of school, then adjusted based on riders.



### Bus #1: Hwy AA – Burley Road (Wilderness Acres) – Hwy TT – Waggoner Road – Deer Ridge – Greenland – Barnes Meadows – Hawthorne Hills – Shannon Valley – Greystone Estates

6:35 Leave Bus Shed	2:30 Jefferson HS
6:40 Hwy AA	2:40 Danby
6:47 Burley Road (Wilderness Acres)	2:50 Telegraph
6:53 Deer Ridge	3:00 Plattin Primary
6:56 Waggoner Rd	3:15 Hwy AA
6:57 Greenland	3:20 Burley Road (Wilderness Acres)
6:58 Hawthorne Hills	3:28 Waggoner Rd.
7:00 Hwy AA West	3:30 Deer Ridge
7:03 Shannon Valley	3:35 Hawthorne Hills
7:05 Crestview Est.	3:40 Hwy AA West.
7:07 Greystone Est.	3:43 Shannon Valley
7:11 Jefferson HS	3:45 Crestview Est.
7:16 Danby	3:47 Greystone Est.
7:20 Telegraph	
7:25 Plattin Primary	

### Bus #6: Oakland Woods – Twin Gables – Kids Korner pm

6:50 Oakland Woods	2:30 Jefferson HS
7:00 Twin Gables	2:40 Danby
7:15 Jefferson HS	2:50 Telegraph
7:20 Danby	3:05 Plattin Primary
7:25 Telegraph	3:10 Oakland Woods
7:30 Plattin Primary	3:15 Twin Gables
	3:20 Plattin/Kids Korner to Telegraph

### Bus #8: Hwy 61– Drury Road - Hwy TT – Penny Lane – Hwy T – Southwoods – Single T – Kessler – Danby Rd. – Hwy DD – Kentch Rd. – Dry Fork – Primo Rd. – Danby Hills

6:25 Leave Bus Shed	2:30 Jefferson HS
6:30 Drury Road	2:40 Danby
6:34 Hwy TT (Penny Lane)	2:50 Telegraph
6:35 Hwy T	3:00 Plattin Primary
6:45 Hwy DD, Kentch, Dry Fork	3:15 Drury Road
6:50 Southwoods	3:22 Hwy TT (Penny Ln.) to Hwy T
6:58 Single T	3:26 Hwy DD, Dry Fork
7:00 Hwy TT south (Kessler)	3:32 Kentch
7:02 Danby Road	3:34 Southwoods
7:05 Primo Rd./ Danby Hills	3:40 Single T
7:15 Jefferson HS	3:46 Hwy TT south (Kessler)
7:20 Danby	3:48 Danby Road
7:25 Telegraph	3:52 Primo Rd./Danby Hills
7:30 Plattin Primary	

### Bus #9: Hwy 61 – Spring Bluff – Lakeside Manor – Howe Crossing – New Castle – Hwy 61 south to Twin Gables– Hwy 61 north - Timberwolf – Gansner Rd. – Crystal Villa

6:30 Leave Bus Shed	2:30 Jefferson HS
6:32 North Hwy 61 to Spring Bluff	2:40 Danby
6:43 Lakeside Manor	2:50 Telegraph
6:45 Howe Crossing/New Castle	3:00 Plattin Primary
6:54 So. 61 west side to Gansner	3:06 Hwy 61 to Springbluff
6:56 North Hwy 61	3:10 Lakeside Manor
7:00 Timberwolf	3:15 Howe Crossing
7:03 Jefferson HS	3:20 South on Hwy 61
7:15 Danby	3:28 Timberwolf
7:20 Telegraph	3:35 Black Hills/Gansner Rd.
7:25 Plattin Primary	3:37 North Hwy 61/Crystal Villa

### Bus #10: Calverton Hts./Madsen – Harness Road (Bridle Wood) – Plattin School Road – Huskey Road – Charter Church Road – Plattin View - Windy Hill - Hwy T – Hwy TT

6:17 Leave Bus Shed	
6:27 Harness Road	2:30 Jefferson HS
6:35 Plattin School Road	2:40 Danby
6:40 Huskey Road	2:50 Telegraph
6:45 Charter Church	3:00 Plattin Primary
6:50 Plattin View	3:15 Calverton Hts./Madsen Ln.
6:51 Windy Hill Road	3:20 Hwy TT to Harness
6:55 North on Hwy T to Hwy TT	3:25 Plattin School Road
7:00 Calverton/Madsen	3:30 Huskey Road
7:15 Jefferson HS	3:35 Charter Church
7:20 Danby	3:39 Plattin View
7:25 Telegraph	3:42 Windy Hill
7:30 Plattin Primary	3:45 North on Hwy T

### Bus #11: Outer Road/Stonebridge - Selma Village- Cole Road

6:38 Leave Bus Shed	2:40 Danby
6:40 Stonebridge	2:50 Telegraph
6:42 Outer Road	3:00 Plattin Primary
6:45 Selma Village	3:07 Stonebridge
6:50 Cole Road	3:10 Outer Road
6:55 Jefferson HS	3:15 Selma Village
6:57 Danby	3:20 Cole Road
7:05 Telegraph	
7:10 Plattin Primary	

### Bus #12 –

#### Boyce Lane – Huntington Trails – Rock n Horse – Plattin Rd.

6:25 Leave Bus Shed	2:30 Jefferson HS
6:35 Boyce Lane/ Huntington Trails	2:40 Danby
6:42 Rock n Horse	2:50 Telegraph
6:50 Plattin Rd	3:00 Plattin Primary
7:12 Jefferson HS	3:15 Boyce Lane/Huntington Trails
7:15 Danby	3:25 Rock n Horse
7:20 Telegraph	3:32 Plattin Road
7:25 Plattin Primary	

### Bus #15: Hwy 61 - Weaver to Big Hollow Road – Rouggy-Kiepe Road - Johnson Road - Dubois Creek Road – Gansner Farms Southern Heritage – Canepa Rd./Wimbledon (PM only)

6:30 Leave Bus Shed	2:30 Jefferson HS
6:32 Weaver/Big Hollow Road	2:40 Danby
6:35 Rouggy-Kiepe Road	2:50 Telegraph
6:37 South on Hwy 61, picking up the west side from Gansner Farms to Hwy TT (county line)	3:00 Plattin Primary
6:40 North on Hwy 61 to Southern Heritage	3:18 Canepa/Wimbledon
6:50 Johnson Road to Rush Island Plant	3:20 Weaver/Big Hollow Road
6:54 Dubois Creek Road	3:23 Rouggy-Kiepe Road
7:00 Hwy 61 north	3:26 Hwy 61 South
7:05 Jefferson HS	3:29 Southern Heritage
7:10 Danby	3:35 Johnson Road
7:15 Telegraph	3:39 Dubois Creek Road
	3:45 Hwy 61 north to Gansner Farms

### Bus #16: Hwy TT south of Oakland Woods - Oakbriar Meadows – Hwy TT to Hwy T(Autumn Ridge) Plattin School Rd. – Huskey Rd. (turn around) – Benson Rd. - Hwy T to Hwy TT – Prestige –Hwy TT to Plattin Primary

6:21 Leave Bus shed	2:30 Jefferson HS
6:25 South of Oakland Woods on Hwy TT	2:40 Danby
6:30 Oakbriar Meadows	2:50 Telegraph
6:33 Pick up TT to T	3:00 Plattin Primary
6:36 Autumn Ridge	3:10 Hwy TT south of Oakland Woods
6:40 Plattin School Rd. to Huskey (turn around)	3:18 Oakbriar Meadows
6:42 Benson Rd.	3:20 Hwy TT to T
6:45 North on Hwy T to TT to R-7 School Rd.	3:25 Autumn Ridge
7:10 Jefferson HS	3:27 Plattin School Rd. to Huskey (turn around)
7:13 Danby	3:30 Benson Road
7:17 Telegraph	3:40 North Hwy T to TT to Plattin Primary
7:22 Plattin Primary	3:52 North Hwy TT to Hwy 61

### Bus #18: Hwy 61 – Manderly Court – Airport Road/ Calvary Church Rd. – VFW/ Buck Knob (River Hills) – American Legion/England Drive - Hwy 67 (Hundred Oaks) – Hwy CC - Fox Farm Road – Canepa Rd./Wimbledon (AM)

6:25 Leave Bus Shed	2:30 Jefferson HS
6:31 Hwy CC	2:40 Danby
6:33 Hwy 67/Hundred Oaks	2:50 Telegraph
6:42 VFW/Buck Knob/ River Hills	3:00 Plattin Primary
6:46 England Dr.	3:17 Manderly Court/Hwy 61
6:50 Calvary Church Rd.	3:20 Fox Farm Road
6:53 Fox Farm Road	3:22 Calvary Church Rd.
6:55 Manderly	3:27 VFW Buck Knob/River Hills
7:00 Canepa/Wimbledon	3:35 American Legion/England Drive
7:10 Jefferson HS	3:41 Hwy CC
7:15 Danby	3:46 Hwy 67/Hundred Oaks
7:20 Telegraph	
7:25 Plattin Primary	



## Upcoming Events

### Blue Jays Homecoming 2021

Jefferson High School is celebrating the 2021 Fall Homecoming on Friday, October 8th. Jefferson R-VII School District would like to invite you to come and celebrate with us. There will be a parade, coronation of a king and queen, football game, and dance. The theme for Homecoming, as selected by the Student Council, is "Games."

Spirit week activities will include dress-up spirit days for the District and a high school pep rally preceding the homecoming parade. The homecoming parade will be Friday, October 8, 2021 at 1:30pm and will run on Blue Jay Way. Any graduating class interested in an entry in the parade should email or call Alex Rouggy, Activities Director, at Jefferson High School at rouglya@jr7.k12.mo.us or 636-933-6910. The Jefferson High School Student Council has planned a wonderful week of spirit activities concluding with the crowning of a King and Queen (6:30pm) prior to the football game (7:00pm). Student Council will also have special food made for the concession stand and will open at 6pm, we encourage everyone to come to the game early and enjoy the food.

More information is available on our website: <http://www.jr7.k12.mo.us/>

**JEFFERSON**

**GAME ON**

**HOMECOMING**

**OCTOBER 4-8 2021**

- OCTOBER 1**: Pep rallies in the afternoon
- OCTOBER 3**: Bonfire at Jefferson HS 8:00pm
- OCTOBER 4**: Monday Class Color Day
- OCTOBER 5**: Tuesday Board Game Day
- OCTOBER 6**: Wednesday Lifetime / Recreational Sports Day
- OCTOBER 7**: Thursday Electronic Game Day
- OCTOBER 8**: Homecoming Parade 1:30pm
- OCTOBER 8**: Pep Rally for HS Students 8:15-9am
- OCTOBER 8**: Homecoming Court Presentation 6:30pm
- OCTOBER 8**: Football Game vs. Grandview 7:00pm
- OCTOBER 9**: Homecoming Dance 7:30-10:30pm

**GO MAKE MEMORIES**

**BLUE JAYS**

**PINK WEEK**

Sept. 20th - 24th

Game vs. Bayless

**Jefferson R-VII Blue Jays**

**ON SALE NOW**

**2021-2022 ALL SPORTS SEASON PASS**

The Family sports passes are \$80 for an entire family. Individual Passes are \$40. Senior Citizens will have free admission to any Jefferson Home Contest. Contact the Athletic Department at the High School for more information.

**NON-TRANSFERABLE. THIS PASS IS GOOD FOR ALL HOME FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS. EXCLUDES DISTRICTS OR STATE TOURNAMENTS**

**BLUE JAYS**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

GIFT THE GIVE OF LIFE

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15th**  
7:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
at the Performing Arts Center
- MONDAY, MARCH 28th**  
7:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
at the High School
- MONDAY, JUNE 13th**  
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
at the Performing Arts Center

PUBLIC RELEASE

Jefferson R-VII School District announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local education officials have adopted the following family-size income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$16,588	\$1,383	\$319	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$454
2	22,412	1,868	431	31,894	2,658	614
3	28,236	2,353	543	40,182	3,349	773
4	34,060	2,839	655	48,470	4,040	933
5	39,884	3,324	767	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	45,708	3,809	879	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	51,532	4,295	991	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	57,356	4,780	1,103	81,622	6,802	1,570
Each add'l member	+ 5,824	+ 486	+ 112	+ 8,288	+ 691	+ 160

- Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income at any time during the school year.
  - Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.
  - If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.
  - Households will be notified of their children's eligibility status for free or reduced price meals. If any children were not listed on the eligibility notice for families receiving SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to those children.
  - If any child(ren) was not listed on the eligibility notice, the household should contact the LEA or school to have free meal benefits extended to that child(ren).
- Under the provisions of the policy, the **Erin Carrico, Determining Official** will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to **Tina Basler, Hearing Official**. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

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**2021-2022 Missouri School Immunization Requirements**

- All students must present documentation of up-to-date immunization status, including month, day, and year of each immunization before attending school.
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) allows a 4-day grace period. Students in all grade levels may receive immunizations up to four days before the due date.
- Required immunizations should be administered according to the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Schedule, including all spacing, (<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>).
- To remain in school, students "in progress" must have an Immunization In Progress form (Imm.P.14) on file. In progress means that a child has begun the vaccine series and has an appointment for the next dose. This appointment must be kept and an updated record provided to the school. If the appointment is not kept, the child is no longer in progress and is noncompliant. (i.e., Hep B vaccine series was started but the child is not yet eligible to receive the next dose in the series.)
- Religious (Imm.P.11A) and Medical (Imm.P.12) exemptions are allowed. The appropriate exemption card must be on file. Unimmunized children are subject to exclusion from school when outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases occur.

Vaccines Required for School Attendance	Dose Required by Grade												
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DTaP/DTP/DT <sup>1</sup>	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+	4+
Tdap <sup>2</sup>										1	1	1	1
MCV <sup>3</sup> (Meningococcal Conjugate)										1	1	1	2
IPV (Polio) <sup>4</sup>	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
MMR <sup>5</sup>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hepatitis B <sup>6</sup>	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+
Varicella <sup>7</sup>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1

- Last dose on or after the fourth birthday and the last dose of pediatric pertussis before the seventh birthday. **Maximum needed:** six doses.
- 8-12 Grades:** Tdap, which contains pertussis vaccine, is required.
- Grade 8-11:** One dose of MCV is required. Dose must be given after 10 years of age. **Grade 12:** Two doses of MCV are required unless the first dose was administered to a student who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose is required. At least one dose must be given after 16 years of age.
- Kindergarten-11 Grade:** Last dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday. The interval between the next-to-last and last dose should be at least six months. **Grade 12:** Last dose on or after the fourth birthday. Any combination of four doses of IPV and OPV constitutes a complete series. **Maximum needed:** four doses.
- First dose must be given on or after twelve months of age.
- There must be at least four weeks between dose one and two; at least 8 weeks between dose two and three; at least 16 weeks between doses one and three and final dose must be given no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
- First dose must be given on or after twelve months of age. **Kindergarten-11 Grade:** As satisfactory evidence of disease, a licensed health care provider may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease. **Grades 12:** As satisfactory evidence of disease, a parent/guardian or MD or DO may sign and place on file with the school a written statement documenting the month and year of previous varicella (chickenpox) disease.

Public Notice

All responsible public agencies are required to locate, evaluate, and identify children with disabilities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of the severity of the disability, including children attending private schools, children who live outside the district but are attending a private school within the district, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, children who are wards of the state, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade. The Jefferson County R-VII School District assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment and deafness, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairments, specific learning disabilities, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness and young child with a developmental delay.

The Jefferson County R-VII School District assures that it will provide information and referral services necessary to assist the State in the implementation of early intervention services for infants and toddlers eligible for the Missouri First Steps program.

The Jefferson County R-VII School District assures that personally identifiable information collected, used, or maintained by the agency for the purposes of identification, evaluation, placement or provision of FAPE of children with disabilities may be inspected and/or reviewed by their parents/guardians. Parents/guardians may request amendment to the educational record if the parent/guardian believes the record is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the privacy or other rights of their child. Parents have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education concerning alleged failures by the district to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The Jefferson County R-VII School District has developed a Local Compliance Plan for the implementation of State Regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This plan contains the agency's policies and procedures regarding storage, disclosure to third parties, retention and destruction of personally identifiable information and the agency's assurances that services are provided in compliance with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA). This plan may be reviewed at the district's administrative office.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

Under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Institutions

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

These rights are outlined below:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the Jefferson R-VII School District to amend records that they believe are inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parents or eligible students of the decision and advise them of their rights to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is the person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Jefferson R-VII School District to comply with the requirements FERPA.

The name and address of the Office that administers SHERPA are:  
 Family Policy Compliance Office  
 U.S. Department of Education  
 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20202-4605



Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) - Complaint Procedures

Below you will find the updated Complaint Procedures as outlined by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs that are administered by DESE. In the attached procedures, you will find that complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department. Your local LEA is Tina Basler and she may be reached at 636-937-7940. DESE personnel may be reached at 573-751-4212. It is a requirement that we disseminate this information annually to our parents. Thank you, Tina Basler, Federal Programs Coordinator.

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)  
COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs<sup>1</sup> that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)<sup>2</sup>.

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1. What is a complaint?

For these purposes, a complaint is a written allegation that a local education agency (LEA) or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) has violated a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESSA.

2. Who may file a complaint?

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

3. How can a complaint be filed?

Complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department.

4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated?

Complaints filed with the LEA are to be investigated and attempted to be resolved according to the locally developed and adopted procedures.

5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)?

A complaint not resolved at the local level may be appealed to the Department.

6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department?

A complaint filed with the Department must be a written, signed statement that includes:

1. A statement that a requirement that applies to an ESSA program has been violated by the LEA or the Department, and
2. The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated.

7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated?

The investigation and complaint resolution proceedings will be completed within a time limit of forty-five calendar days. That time limit can be extended by the agreement of all parties.

The following activities will occur in the investigation:

1. **Record.** A written record of the investigation will be kept.
2. **Notification of LEA.** The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
3. **Resolution at LEA.** The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
4. **Report by LEA.** Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.
5. **Verification.** Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).
6. **Appeal.** The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently?

In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint).

9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?

The Department will initiate an investigation within ten days, which will be concluded within thirty days from the day of the appeal. This investigation may be continued beyond the thirty day limit at the discretion of the Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department will communicate the decision and reasons for the decision to the complainant and the LEA. Recommendations and details of the decision are to be implemented within fifteen days of the decision being delivered to the LEA.

10. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?

The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the United States Department of Education.

504 Public Notice

The Jefferson County R-VII School District, as a recipient of federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Education and operates a public elementary or secondary education program and/or activity, is required to undertake to identify and locate every qualified person residing in the District who is not receiving a public education; and take appropriate steps to notify disabled persons and their parents or guardians of the District's duty.

The Jefferson County R-VII School District assures that it will provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to each qualified disabled person in the District's jurisdiction regardless of the nature or severity of the person's disability. For purposes of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the provision of an appropriate education is the provision of regular or special and related aids and services that (i) are designed to meet individual educational needs of disabled persons as adequately as the needs of nondisabled persons are met and (ii) are based on adherence to procedures that satisfy the requirements of the 504 federal regulations.

The Jefferson County R-VII School District has developed a 504/Title II Procedures Manual for the implementation of federal regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Subpart D. This Procedures Manual may be reviewed by appointment at the Special Services Office, Jefferson County

R-VII School District, 1250 Dooling Hollow Road, Festus, MO 63028, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**Title I.A. - Parents' Right to Know**

Our district is required to inform you of certain information that you, according to Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), have the right to know.

Upon your request, our district will provide to you, in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject matter in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request, districts must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I.A.
- Timely notice your student has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

The Jefferson R-VII School District utilizes Title I.A. money in the Platin Primary Building. If you wish to request any information listed above, please provide your requests in writing with attention: Mrs. Tina Basler, Principal. A written response will be provided to you as soon as possible.

**Open House Information**

Danby-Rush Tower - Wednesday, August 18th, from 6pm-7pm

Jefferson High School - Wednesday, September 8th, from 6pm to 7:30pm



**First Day of School**

Monday, August 23, 2021

Plattin-7:50am Telegraph-7:40am

Danby-7:30am Jefferson-7:25am

**Speed Limit Change on Dooling Hollow**

The Jefferson County Department of Public Works and Highway have passed a speed limit change on Dooling Hollow. Please be advised that the speed limit will be reduced to 25 miles per hour on Dooling Hollow between Highway 61 and Blue Jay Way between the hours of 6:30 am – 4:30 pm. Signs have been changed, and the speed limit will now be enforceable due to school safety concerns. The District is excited to see these advancements taking place for the safety of our community! If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact Central Office.



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The Jefferson R-VII Board of Education meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Jefferson High School Performing Arts Center (PAC). All open session board meetings are live-streamed at <https://team1sports.com/bluejaynation/>

Visitors are welcome!

Jefferson High School  
7 Blue Jay Way  
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Plattin Primary  
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