# 2022-2023

# Jefferson County School District Dropout Prevention Plan



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#### Miss. Code Ann. § 37-13-80

State law requires each school district to develop and implement an annual dropout prevention plan and each high school with a graduation rate below 85% to develop a restructuring plan.

Jefferson County High School graduation rate is **96.1** %.

Jefferson County High School:

<b>V</b>	Does NOT have to complete a restructuring plan because the graduation rate is above 85%.
	Does have to complete a restructuring plan because the graduation rate is below 85%.

Policy and state law require that each district dropout prevention plan include at a minimum, strategies for:

- Reducing the retention rates in grades kindergarten, first and second.
- Targeting subgroups that need additional assistance to meet graduation requirements.
- Developing dropout recovery initiatives that focus on students age seventeen (17) through twenty-one (21), who dropped out of school (i.e., Mississippi Works).
- Addressing how students will transition to the home school district from the juvenile detention centers.

The Mississippi Board of Education adopted goals in its 2016-2020 Five Year Strategic Plan. Goal 2 is *Every Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career*. One specific objective set for addressing this goal was an Early Warning System be utilized to identify students in need of assistance to reach graduation so appropriate interventions could be provided to assist each student with reaching the goal of exiting high school ready for college and career. As a result, the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) developed the Early Warning System (EWS) as a guide to assist districts in their efforts to help students succeed academically and emerge from Mississippi high schools well prepared for college and careers. The EWS serves as a guide to districts and schools as they develop their district dropout prevention and school restructuring plans to graduate every student college and career ready.

Link to EWS: <a href="https://www.mdek12.org/ESE/Dropout-Prevention">https://www.mdek12.org/ESE/Dropout-Prevention</a>.

#### **Dropout Rate**

Although the Unites States Department of Education (USDE) does not require the reporting of a dropout rate by states, the MDE does report the number of students in the four-year adjusted cohort who dropped out at any time during the four-year timeframe. The USDE does collect completer and dropout annual counts (not associated with a cohort) from each state. So, it is possible to find Federally reported annual counts and/or rates for dropouts; however, it should be noted that Federal dropout rates are not calculated as a four-year cohort rate. The USDE calculates a "status dropout rate" which considers whether a person earns a diploma or GED by the age of 24. For the purposes of clarity and consistency, MDE reports all "rates" using the four-year adjusted cohort method.



## 4-Year Graduation Rates

Office of Accountability Paula Vanderford, Ph.D., Chief February 2022

Top 10 Districts with the Highest Graduation Rates

Rank	District	Graduation Rate
1	Mississippi School for Math and Science	100.0%
1	Mississippi School of the Arts	100.0%
2	Coffeeville School District	97.0%
3	Corinth School District	96.3%
3	Petal School District	96.3%
4	Jefferson County School District	96.1%
5	Bay St. Louis Waveland School District	95.7%
6	New Albany Public School District	95.2%
7	Enterprise School District	94.8%
8	George County School District	94.3%
9	South Tippah School District	94.1%
9	Leland School District	94.1%
10	Pearl Public School District	93.9%

#### Notes:

- · Ranking does not include suppressed data.
- The table excludes districts that have recently consolidated.

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#### Statement of Assurance

On behalf of the <u>Jefferson County School District</u>, I hereby submit a local Dropout Prevention Plan to provide goals, activities and services necessary to meet the overarching goals of the state dropout prevention plan: 1) Increasing the district graduation rate to 90% by 2024; 2) reduce the dropout rate by 5% by 2024; and 3) reducing the truancy rate by 10% by 2024.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this plan is in compliance with the appropriate federal and state laws and regulations.

I hereby certify that our school district will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation conducted by or for the Mississippi Department of Education.

I hereby certify that our school district will submit reports as requested by the Mississippi Department of Education.

I hereby certify that our school district has consulted with parents, community partners, business partners, teachers, school staff, building administrators, and others in the development of this local dropout prevention plan.

I hereby certify that our school district will prepare and submit an annual progress report on increasing the graduation rate, reducing the dropout rate and reducing the truancy rate.

I hereby certify that our school district will evaluate our district dropout prevention plan on an annual basis to determine appropriate changes needed for future school years.

I hereby certify that our District School Board has reviewed and approved this plan for submission to the Mississippi Department of Education.

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District Superintendent: <u>Dr. Adrian Hammitte</u>	
	(Signature)
School Board Chair: Dr. Jesse Harness	
	(Signature)

# **Copy of Board Agenda**

#### AGENDA JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

#### JCHS Auditorium August 16, 2022 5:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge to the Flag
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes: July 19, 2022 and August 3, 2022 (copies enclosed)
- **4.** Acknowledgement:
  - 4.1 Advance Degree: Travalyn Smith-AA, Debra Turner-Master, Shaerrecca Short-AA, LaKeshia S. Short-AA, Tiffany Houze-AAA and Darleen A. Grayson-AA

#### 5. Report

- 5.1 Attorney's Report
- 5.2 Superintendent Report

#### 5.3 Principal's/Director's Report

- 5.3a Ms. Shameka Woods, JCES Principal
- 5.3b Ms. Cashoney Carter, JCUES Principal
- 5.3c Ms. LeTina Guice, JCJHS Principal
- 5.3d Mr. David Day, JCHS Principal

#### 6. Old Business: Discussion/Action

6.1 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the JCUES Principal Request to Attend the Innovative Schools Summit in San Antonio, TX, December 1-4, 2022

#### 7. New Business: Discussion/Action

- 7.1 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the 2021-2022 Audit Proposal
- 7.2 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Budget Synopsis for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 7.3 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Engagement Letter with Kimberly Alford, CPA for Financial Statement GASB/Bank Reconciliations for the Year Ended June 30, 2021
- 7.4 Request of the Superintendent to Employ and Approve Salaries for Certified and Non-Certified Staff for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 7.5 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Supplement for Bus Monitor for Students with Disabilities for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 7.6 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Salary Adjustment for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 7.7 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Closing Entry
- 7.8 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Resolution Ratifying Issuance of the District's Revenue Shortfall Promissory Note and The Execution of Documents in Connection Therewith
- 7.9 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Letter of Resignation from Jacqueline Smith, as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher effective August 1, 2022
- 7.10 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Night Classes at the Career and Technical Center for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 7.11 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Signing Bonus for Health Science Instructor for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 7.12 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Employee Supplements for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 7.13 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Fayette Bobcats Football Little League to Use Two School Buses and the JCHS Football Field for the 2022-2023 School Year

- 7.14 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the STEM and the Arts! Fall 2022 Enrichment Personnel for Year 3-August 22, 2022 November 30, 2022
- 7.15 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the ARP Learn More After School Program Personnel for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 7.16 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Proposal for Professional Development Services for the 2022-2023 School Year
- 8. Consent Agenda (No discussion; motion; second; vote) (copies enclosed) (Board Policy BCBL)
  - 8.1 Request of the Superintendent to Approve Disposal of Fixed Assets Items
  - 8.2 Request of the Superintendent to School Releases for the 2022-2023 School Year: Ambria Scott; Shari Bradley; Shelia & Kenny Kaho; Nathaniel Simmon and Genieve Wallace
  - 8.3 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Letter of Resignation from April Gaines as Computer Lab Instructor, JCUES, effective July 29, 2022
  - 8.4 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Professional Personnel Time Schedule (Length of Work Day)
  - 8.5 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Jefferson County School District and Jefferson County Solid Waste Department for One Year from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023
  - 8.6 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the JCSD Dropout Prevention Plan for the 2022-2023 School Year
  - 8.7 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Workers Compensation/Occupational Injuries (*Risk Management*) (Board Policy GBRHD)
  - 8.8 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Family Medical Leave Report for April 2022 (*Risk Management*)
  - 8.9 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Human Resources Monthly Update Report
  - 8.10 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Contract with GoFan.com to Potentially Sell Athletic Tickets
  - 8.11 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Jefferson County Upper Elementary School Fundraisers for the 2022-2023 School Year
  - 8.12 Request of the Superintendent to Approve the Letter of Resignation from Alexi Johnson as Teacher Assistant, effective July 25, 2022
- 9. Financial (copies enclosed)
  - 9.1 Claim Docket (Board Policy DIB/DCH)
  - 9.2 Budget Report (Board Policy DIB/DCH)
    - 9.2A Cash Flow Report-District Maintenance Fund #1120
    - 9.2B Cash Balance/Statement of Fund Balance Report
    - 9.2C Budget Status Report
    - 9.2D Bank Reconciliation
- 10. Public Comments (limited 2-5 minutes) (Board Policy BCAF)
- 11. Adjournment

## **District Vision/Mission/Goals**

#### **OUR VISION**

The Jefferson County School District will be a premier educational institution, a source of pride and creativity, and the cornerstone of academic excellence producing life-long learners who are college and career ready.

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Jefferson County School District will provide an educational climate and rigorous instructional programs that prepare all students for higher learning and careers in a twenty-first-century workforce.

#### **GOALS**

Goal 1: The District and each school will obtain a C rating or higher on the state's accountability model.

Goal 2: The District will foster a friendly, collaborative, and supportive culture for students, staff, parents and stakeholders.

Goal 3: The District will recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and administrators.

Goal 4: The District will increase parental and community engagement.

Goal 5: The District will utilize its resources efficiently and effectively to remain financially stable.

#### **CORE BELIEFS**

- 1. All students should graduate college and career ready.
- 2. All students should have a safe, clean and secure environment that is free of bullying and that creates opportunities for learning.
- 3. Student engagement is critical to student success.
- 4. Partnerships with all stakeholders are vital to student success.
- 5. JCSD should be fiscally sound and maximize resources for student success.
- 6. JCSD should identify, recruit, retain and develop the best employees.

# Step 1: Build your team

# **District Team Members**

#### District Team Members:

Member should include the school's leadership, counselors, and a district administrator, as well as, an administrator from the career and technical center, elementary and/or middle school(s) in the high school's feeder pattern to be a part of the planning team. Research indicates, a student's decision to drop out of school is a gradual process that starts well before high school. Therefore, it is important to identify at-risk students and provide supports that lead to increasingly successful engagement in school as early as possible.

Team Member	Position
Dr. Terri McGruder	Director of Professional Learning,
	MTSS, and Assessment
Mr. David Day	High School Principal
Mr. Marcus Walton	High Assistant Principal
Dr. LaRondrial Barnes	CTC Director
Ms. LeTina Guice	Feeder Pattern Principal
Dr. Courtney Mitchell	High School Counselor
Dr. Cartrell Hammitte	SPED Director
Mr. Curtis Smith	School and Community Engagement
	Coordinator

# Step 2: Analyze Data

**District Name:** 

Jefferson County School District **Dropout Rate:** 3.9% Tru

**Graduation Rate: 96.1%** 

Truancy Rate: 8.1 %

		Upper		
	Elementary	Elementary	Junior High	High School
	School	School	School	
		School Data		
<b>Number of Schools</b>	1	1	1	1
Cumulative				
Enrollment	433	161	182	281
Counselor/Student				
Ratio	1:433	1:161	1:182	2:281
<b>SPED Enrollment</b>	45	24	32	36

	Districtwide Student Demog	graphic Data
	Number	Percentage
Female	508	48.10%
Male	549	51.9%
Black	1043	98.67%
White	14	1.33%
Other		
Dis	trictwide Staff Demographic (Teac	
	Number	Percentage
Female	111	67%
Male	55	33%
Black	157	95%
White	9	5%

	<b> </b>	nts proficient and above	% of students proficient and above
Grade Leve	el Lang	guage Arts	Math
Grade 3		22.1	23.5
Grade 4		16.5	15.2
Grade 5		15.5	4.8
Grade 6		24.7	35.1
Grade 7		22.2	20.0
Grade 8		7.7	13.2
	chool Subject Area Tes	ts – Percent (%) Pr	oficient or above
Algebra I	US History	Biology I	English II
66.7%	48.5%	58.1%	14.8%
	Number of Students Re	 eceiving Free/Reduce	ed Meals
		100%	
Number of students Unexcused Absence			ents with 12 or More
152		76	

## Step 3: Goal Setting

When setting goals, the School Restructuring Planning Team should utilize the S.M.A.R.T. framework so that objectives set will be actionable and realistic.

- S is the goal **specific**? (What will it do? Who will carry it out?)
- M is the goal **measurable**? (How will the team know it has been achieved?)
- A is the goal **achievable**?
- R is the goal **relevant** to performance expectations?
- T is the goal **time bound**? (How often will this task be done? By when will this goal be accomplished?)
  Source: Kekahio & Baker, 2013.

Strong, well-written goals help to create focus, establish a sense of urgency, and communicate to stakeholders the intent of the plan.

Goal 1	Reducino	the rete	ention rate	s in grades kindergarte	empl	and socoad		
Focus Are			Behavio					
S	Specific	Da Harris Marie San Co.	S – is the g	oal <b>specific?</b> t do? Who will carry it out? done? What do you need to	) What	be utilized thr implementation remediation a Who: Elem. Pr interventionis Computer lab Task: Adaptive delivered digit books	on of I-Ready for nd intervention. rincipal, K-2 teachers, ts, AmeriCorps tutors, facilitators e i-Ready instruction cally or by using Ready	
M	Measur	able	the team k	goal measurable? (How now it has been achieve ss monitor? How will you utcomes?)	d? How	Measured when students engage 100 minutes weekly evidenced by 8% decrease in intensive support students – by grade		
A	Achievable		A – is the goal <b>achievable</b> ? (By when? What could get in the way of task completion? How will you overcome them?)			Achievable: by Spring 2021 Barriers: Fidelity of implementation Overcome by: Training and monitoring with evidence of student feedback		
R	Relevar	nt	R – is the goal <b>relevant</b> to performance expectations?		This goal is relevant to performance expectations of increasing ELA and math proficiency.			
Т	Time Bo	ound	(How ofter	oal <b>time bound</b> ? In will this task be when will this goal lished?)			be completed weekly. be accomplished in	
Timeline		Action	n	Resources	- Remark of the Author of the	on(s)	Person(s)	
August 202	22	Renew Subscr	I-Ready iption	Needed/Source Funding/Federal Programs	*Fede	oonsible eral erams Director	Involved *Principal	
August 2022 I		Establish intervention roster		*Pretest Scores *Previous year benchmark data	*School Leadership Team		*Principal *Counselor	
inte		Create interve schedu	District Reopening Plan *S		1	*School Leadership Team		
August 2022		schedule Assign interventionists/ tutors to identified students		Master Schedule *Prin			*Interventionists *AmeriCorps Tutors	

August 2022	Create	District Zoom	*Technology	*Principal
	Intervention	account	Director	*Classroom
	Breakout Rooms	account.	Director	Teachers

				<b>Goal Planning T</b>				
Goal 2: II	EP Subgro	oup witl	n additional	assistance to meet gr	raduati	ion requirem	ents.	
Focus Area	: 🗆 Atten	dance	⋉ Behavio	r 🗆 Course Perforn	nance	□ Other		
S	Specific			do? Who will carry it out? one? What do you need to		The IEP subgroup will receive comprehensive counseling/behave modification services. Who: SPED Director, IEP teacher, Behavior Modification staff, Counselor, Principal, MTSS Coordinator		
M	the team ki will progres		the team kn	oal measurable? (How will low it has been achieved? How s monitor? How will you tcomes?)		This goal will be achieved when there is a decrease in office discipline referrals, time off task and suspensions. Progress monitoring will be conducted by School Status discipline reports. outcomes will be measured by office discipline referrals, behaviscreeners and teacher behavior		
	Achieval	ole	A – is the goal achievable? (By when? What could get in the way of task completion? How will you overcome them?)  R – is the goal relevant to performance expectations?			summaries.  Achievable: By Spring 2021 Barriers: Effective behavior logs, fidelity of implementation Overcome by: Staff PD on behavior logs and monitoring This goal is relevant to the performance expectation of increasing student achievement for the subgroup.		
A								
R	Relevant	t						
T	Time Bo	und	(How often	al time bound? will this task be nen will this goal shed?)		This task will be completed we and as dictated by student IEP. goal will be accomplished by N 2021.		
Timeline		Action	n	Resources		on(s)	Person(s)	
				Needed/Source		onsible	Involved	
July 2022			ehavior cation Staff	Funding/SPED Budget	*SPE	D Director	*Business	
August 202	2		student	No Funding	*Com	nselor	Manager *Behavior	
			ine data	Needed	204	Modification		
August 202	2 -	Condu	ct Social	No Funding			*SPED Director	
Ongoing		Emotio Staff	onal PD for	Needed	Modi	fication dinator	*Behavior Modification Staff *SPED Teachers	
September	2022	Select 1	Behavior	Identified	*SPE	D Director	*Behavior	

	Modification Program	Behavior Modification Program/SPED Budget		Modification Staff
August 2022 - Ongoing	Provide comprehensive counseling/ behavior modification services	Identified Behavior Modification Program/SPED Budget	*SPED Director	*Behavior Modification Staff

	who dropped out ea:   Attendance	□ Behavior		□ Other
S	Specific	i à	? Who will carry it out? What e? What do you need to	Task: Cultivate partnerships with outside agencies to assist with receiving a diploma, career and technical skills or a GED Who: HS Principal, CTC Director, Guidance Counselor, Community College/4 year university collaborations  Task: Track students after not returning to school to engage and enroll students appropriately aged students to complete GEDs and gair career skills  Need: Counseling and correct/current contact information to locate and motivate previous dropouts.
M	Measurable	the team know	I measurable? (How will v it has been achieved? How nonitor? How will you omes?)	This goal will be achieved when students receive GEDs or high school diplomas. This will be progress monitored student enrollment and diploma receipt. The outcomes will be tracked each semester.
A	Achievable	What could ge	achievable? (By when? et in the way of task dow will you overcome	This goal is achievable at the end of each available semester.  Barrier: Inaccurate contact information,  Overcome by: Using multiple communication platforms to reach students to include social media and print avenues

R	Relevant  Time Bound		R – is the goal <b>relevant</b> to performance expectations?			This goal is relevant to ensuring that students that previously dropped out are college and career ready.	
T			T – is the goal <b>time bound</b> ? (How often will this task be done? By when will this goal be accomplished?)			This task will be done each semester. This goal will be accomplished each December and May.	
Timeline A		Action		Resources Needed/Source	Person(s) Responsible		Person(s) Involved
August 2022 - Ongoing		Create roster of previous dropout students		*Student Names	*Guidance Counselor		*Principal *Asst. Principal
September 2022		Determine available GED programs		*Community College/University Contact Persons	*Guidance Counselor		*Principal *CTC Director
August 2022 - Ongoing		Create student contact list		No Funding Needed	*Parent Liaison		*Principal *Guidance Counselor
September 2022 - Ongoing		Communicate available GED and career track programs		Various social media platforms	*Assistant Principal		*Principal *Parent Liaison
September 2022 - Ongoing		Create program completion progress monitoring process		No Funding Needed	*Principal		*School Leadership Team
August 2022 - Ongoing		Cultivate partnerships with outside agencies to assist with receiving a diploma, career and technical skills or a GED		*List of directors or contact persons for community and business agencies	*School Leadership Team		*Parent Liaison

				Goal Planning T			
Goal 4: A centers.	Addressing	g how stu	idents will tra	ansition to the home sc	hool dist	trict from the	juvenile detention
Focus Area:   Attendance			☑ Behavior ☐ Course Performance			□ Other	
S	Specific		S – is the goal specific? (What will it do? Who will carry it out? What task will be done? What do you need to complete this step?)  M – is the goal measurable? (How will the team know it has been achieved? How will progress monitor? How will you measure outcomes?)			Task: Provide parent and student orientation/transition/engagemen meetings. Who: Curriculum Coordinator, Professional Learning Director, Alternative School Director, Parent Liaison, Counselor What: Create virtual/visual modules, host Zoom meetings, establish a specific Remind 101 group, monthly tracking/coordination by Alternative School Director Need: Zoom account, student ema current contact information This will be achieved when	
M							
Α	Achievable		A – is the goal achievable? (By when? What could get in the way of task completion? How will you overcome them?)			The goal is achievable 90 days after returning to the home school.  Barriers: No barriers exist  Overcome by: Does not apply	
R	Relevant  Time Bound		R – is the goal <b>relevant</b> to performance expectations?  T – is the goal <b>time bound</b> ? (How often will this task be done? By when will this goal be accomplished?)			The goal is relevant to the performance expectation of decreasing the dropout rate.  The goal will be accomplished upon a student's return to home school. This goal will be accomplished 90 days after the student returns.	
T							
Timeline Action		n Resources Needed/Source			Person(s) Person(s Responsible Involved		
September 2022 - Ongoing		Create modules		Zoom webinar account, Canvas LMS, Clever Platform	*Assis Princi	stant	*Alternative School Director *Principal

September 2022 - Ongoing	Provide parent and student orientation/transitio n/engagement meetings.	Zoom meeting account	*Alternative School Director	*Principal *Communications Team
September 2022 - Ongoing	Host meetings	District Zoom account	*Technology Director	*Principal
August 2022	Establish a specific Remind 101 or parent communication group	Clever Platform	*Technology Director	*Principal *Parent Liaison
September 2022 - Ongoing	Monthly tracking/coordinati on by Alternative School Director	Clever Platform	*Technology Director	*Alternative School Director