



Jefferson's Mission Statement

*Working as partners in a safe
environment,
To inspire life long learning,
In order to develop personal
potential,
And achieve academic excellence.*

We can do it together!



Jefferson

Elementary School

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Welcome to Jefferson Elementary!

Jefferson is truly a neighborhood school, and our community supports us in many ways. We extend a warm welcome to all: attend an event, become a volunteer, stop in to say "Hello", explore the facility- if you attended Jefferson as a child, perhaps you would like to see the changes that have occurred over the years. We celebrated our 100 year anniversary this fall, and were pleased to have many visitors join us for the party.

It is our hope that every student's time at Jefferson will be happy, productive and full of engaging and rigorous learning experiences. We believe all children can achieve at high levels and they deserve our best efforts on a daily basis. Ongoing collaboration between the home and school is essential to both children's academic and social success. We invite you to become involved at our school, so together we can demonstrate to all Jefferson's students the value and importance of a successful school life. Should you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to call 354-3200, or stop by at any time. Our door is always open and we welcome your participation and feedback.

What Makes Jefferson Special?

With the support of families and staff, Jefferson students prepare for success in the world of their future. We encourage them to be lifelong learners, become good citizens of the greater community and make thoughtful choices throughout their lives. Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to offering excellence in education, using developmentally appropriate teaching strategies with progressive learning opportunities.

There are many wonderful learning and enriching activities for students to be involved in at Jefferson, including Book Clubs, Sign Language classes, French Club, Adopt-a-Park program, Math is Cool, Geography Bee, Bloomsday Training and a host of other extracurricular activities. Throughout the year the school hosts a number of activities for the community such as Grandparents' Day, music programs, Shades Day and the Tech Trek Walkathon. Our Student Cabinet sponsors Spirit Days and community service projects throughout the school year. In addition, we have two dedicated parent groups who sponsor a variety of special events each year.

"Once a Jefferson kid, always a Jefferson kid" is our motto.

Think globally. Learn Locally.

In 2010, the top 10 jobs in the country will be jobs that did not exist in 2004.

Technical information is more than doubling every two years.

Our challenge is to prepare students for jobs that do not exist yet, that will use technologies that have not been invented yet, in order to solve problems that are not even problems yet.

At Spokane Public Schools, we are committed to ensuring academic success for all students. To do that, we are:

Focusing on powerful teaching.

Ensuring the district's curriculum lines up with state standards and is taught in every classroom.

Infusing our classrooms with technology.

Providing more support for our teachers, including dedicated time for collaboration.

Working to provide rigorous and relevant instruction for students.

Encouraging supportive relationships.

As a result of our efforts, more students are taking advanced placement courses than ever before. Our students' average SAT scores continue to exceed state and national averages. More than twice the number of graduates joined an apprenticeship right out of high school than when we started the program three years ago.

Because of our community's support, we are able to continue our work toward becoming a world-class system. Thank you!

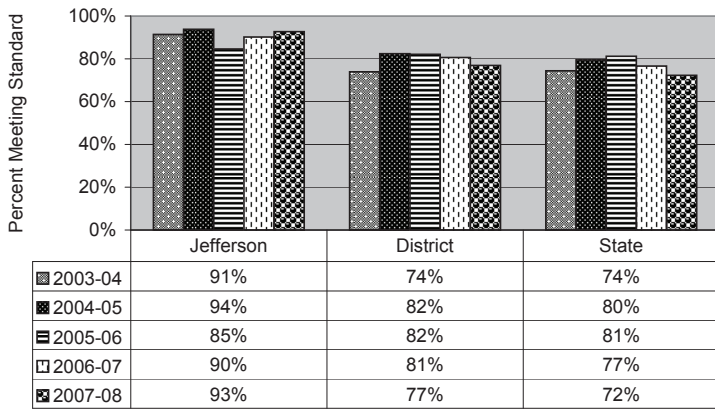


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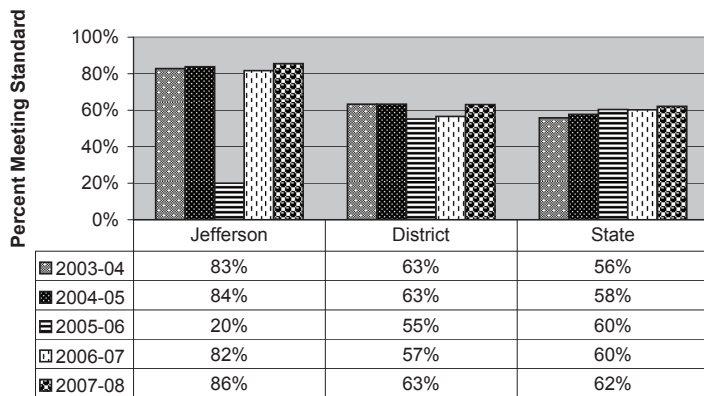
Annual Report Card 2008

Jefferson School Students' Trends in WASL Performance

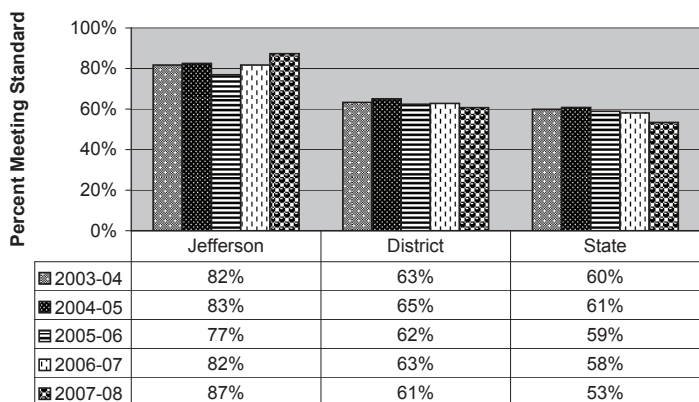
Percent Meeting Reading Standard -4th Grade School, District, & State



Percent Meeting Writing Standard -4th Grade School, District, & State



Percent Meeting Math Standard -4th Grade School, District, & State



Major Goals from School Improvement Plan

1. Academic excellence in reading, writing and math
2. Strong professional, collaborative learning community
3. Strengthen relationships between and among members of the community

Summary of School Data

Expenditures per pupil..... \$9,895.83
 Annual school budget \$84,337

For more information regarding this school's academic achievement and other related data, please visit reportcard. ospi.k12.wa.us.

District AYP Message

The intent of the federal No Child Left Behind Act is to ensure that all students have the knowledge and skills they need to be productive and engaged citizens. Under NCLB, schools and districts that receive federal funds must make Adequate Yearly Progress toward the goal of 100 percent of students meeting state standards by 2014 or be subject to various sanctions.

Districts are considered to have made AYP if they meet requirements in 111 areas. Spokane Public Schools did not make AYP this year because it missed 15 of these areas, and is considered to be in Step 1 of improvement. Statewide, only 84 districts out of 296 made AYP this year. Most of the districts that made AYP are relatively small districts and benefitted from the small number of students enrolled.

Because of this, we are required to revise our district improvement plan. Our SPS families are vital partners in improving schools, and we welcome you to actively participate in the revision and update of the improvement plan. Contact your school for more information. We are proud of the work we are doing and are committed to the success of each student.

Levy and Bond Replacement

This March, Spokane Public Schools will ask the community to vote on a replacement levy and bond. These measures both supply essential funds to support our students and provide them good places to learn. Find out more at spokaneschools.org or call 354-7340.

Spokane Public Schools Mission:
 To develop the skills and talents of all students through rigorous learning experiences, supportive relationships, and relevant real-life applications.