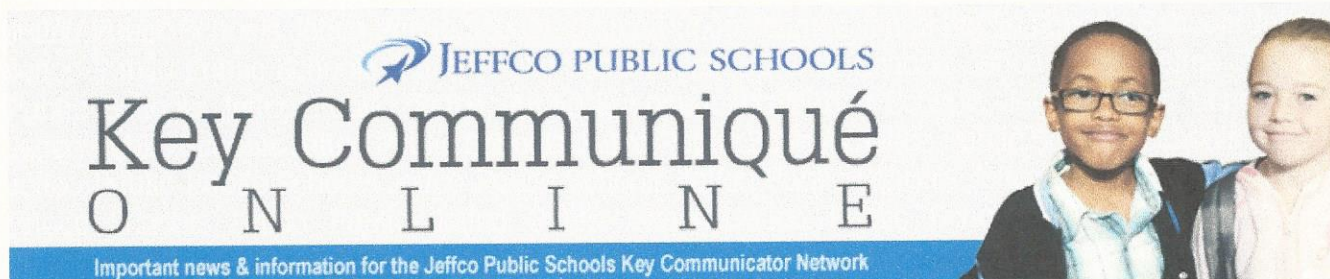


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Jeffco's on-time graduation rate climbs

Over the past three years, Jeffco Schools has continued to graduate more students from high school and the district's dropout rate is the lowest ever. Jeffco continues to make steady gains with its on-time graduation. By comparison, Jeffco Schools outranks the state's 2012-13 graduation rate of 76.9 percent as reported by the Colorado Department of Education. The 2012-13 on-time graduation rate for neighborhood high schools moved from 88.3 to 89 percent. The increase shows the district's emphasis on maintaining an upward trend in graduation rates while lowering the district's drop-out rate.

On-time graduation rates	2011-12	2012-13
Jeffco's graduation rate including option/charter schools	81.4%	81.5%
State of Colorado graduation rate	75.4%	76.9%
Jeffco's neighborhood high schools' graduation rate	88.3%	89%
Jeffco's dropout rate	2.0%	1.7%

"In 2011-12 we had 853 students who dropped out and last year we had 710 students," said Dave Kollar, director of Dropout Prevention and Recovery. "We're excited about the reduction that is Jeffco's lowest dropout rate ever." Kollar said a lowering dropout rate would not be possible without the focused work that often begins in neighborhood schools and alternative programs at schools like Brady and McLain that provide students a second chance to graduate from high school. "A positive change in a large district's dropout rates can only be achieved when schools, programs, community agencies and interventions work in concert," he added.

Jeffco schools largest K-12 district in Colorado

The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) released the official enrollment figures for the 2013-14 school year. The numbers show Jeffco still leads the state as the largest K-12 district with 82,942 students. CDE's enrollment report includes preschool students and shows Jeffco is the second largest district from preschool to 12th grade, behind Denver Public Schools. Overall district membership, including preschool students and other students served,

is 86,011, an increase of 469 students from the 2012-13 school year.

Jeffco schools annual report gives snapshot of success

Take the time to read an exciting summary of Jeffco Schools staff and students over the 2012-13 school year. The annual report is online now and includes pictures, videos and useful district information.

[Jeffco's 2012-13 Annual Report to the Community](#) highlights student achievements, how taxpayer money is spent on education and various key activities of the school year.

“We worked hard to make sure the report is easily accessible to everyone in our community so they can see the amazing achievements of our staff and students,” said Marlene Desmond, communications manager and webmaster. “This is the second year that we have moved the report online so we no longer have to print the publication. By not printing we save the district approximately \$9,000.”

The federal No Child Left Behind law and the Colorado Department of Education require that certain information be included in the report, like assessment and accountability data and information about the qualifications of district teachers.

“Jeffco excelled in all areas – academics, operational effectiveness, fiscal management, transparency and community engagement,” said Jeffco Superintendent Cindy Stevenson. “We have continued our traditions of excellence in education and received national recognition as being a progressive school district.”

[View a copy of the 2012-13 Jeffco Public Schools Annual Report to the Community.](#)

Board of Education Meetings

<p>Thursday, Jan. 30, 5:30 p.m., Board of Education special meeting study session, Board Room, 5th fl., Education Center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive session on employee negotiations• 6:30 p.m. Study Session begins• Legislative update• Cornerstone charter application revisit• Data management overview and future work• Board direction to audit committee and the Financial Oversight Committee	<p>Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m., Board of Education regular business meeting, location TBD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second quarter financial report• Compensation redesign• Preschool TSGold discussion• Membership of 1338 Council• Board retreat report <p>Board agendas, public comment registration and meeting minutes can be found on the Board of Education webpage</p>
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