

Jeffco Public Schools 2013-14 Report to the Community

In our 2013-14 Report to the Community, you will find the stories that inspired us, you will meet amazing students and teachers, and you will see the numbers that helped us measure success.

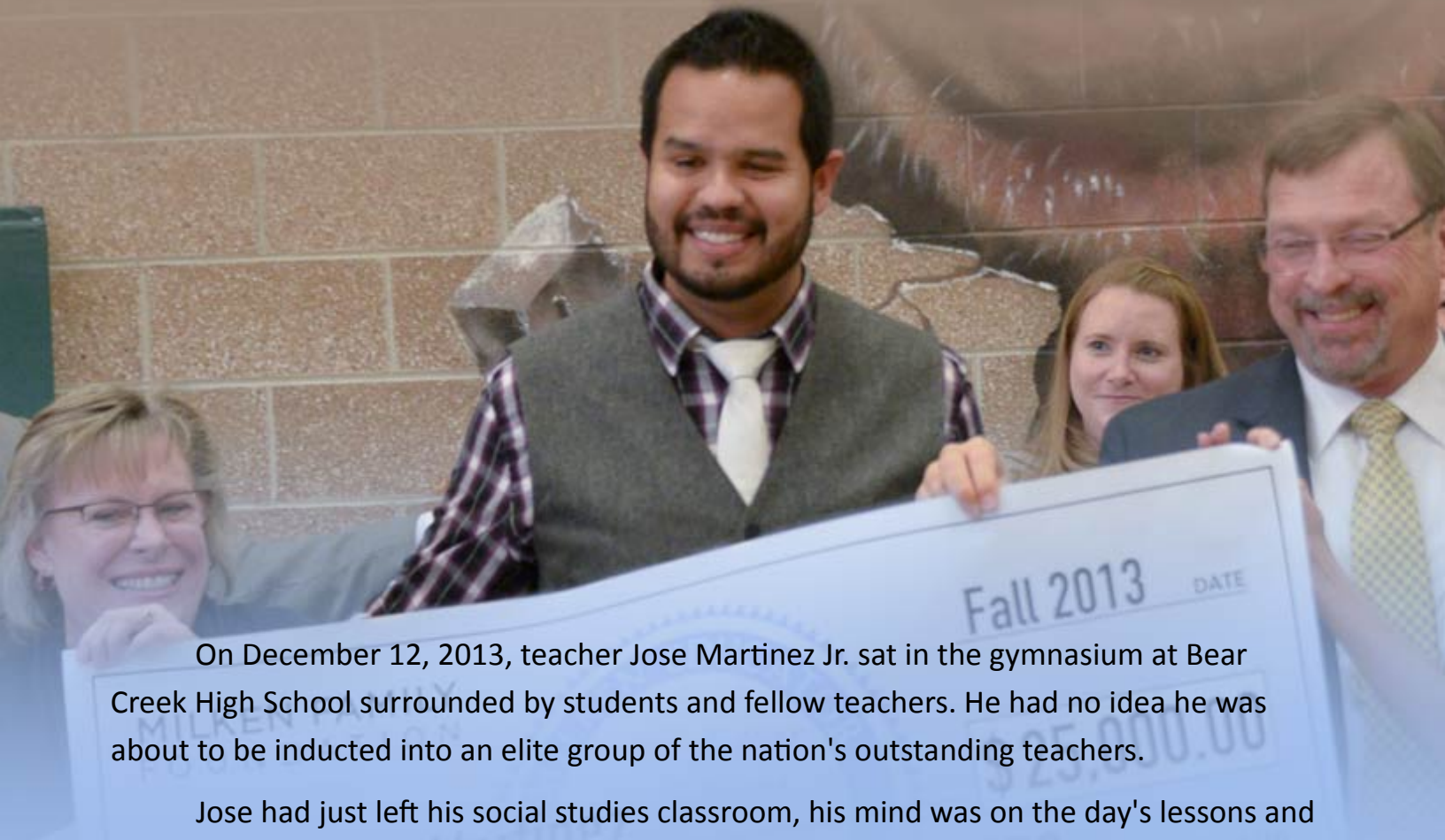


A photograph of a young girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a pink and black striped shirt, sitting at a desk. She is holding a yellow pencil and looking down at a notebook. A woman with curly brown hair, wearing a grey vest over a white shirt and a green lanyard, is leaning over her, smiling and looking at the notebook. The background shows a classroom setting with a computer monitor, keyboard, and various educational posters on the wall. One poster says "Begin plac... wi... m... l... ette". Another poster says "1 1/2 ruled / rayado / règle". A third poster says "Bl... ifolios llé".

A great teacher in every classroom

Almost everyone has a story of a teacher who went the extra mile and had a lasting impact on someone's life. Jeffco teachers have influenced the lives of many students, including an astronaut, two Pulitzer Prize winners, an Academy Award winner, a Grammy winner, a professional baseball player and countless others who have successful lives. A great teacher in every classroom matters. Read about two of our award winning teachers and a life-saving principal.

A great teacher in every classroom



On December 12, 2013, teacher Jose Martinez Jr. sat in the gymnasium at Bear Creek High School surrounded by students and fellow teachers. He had no idea he was about to be inducted into an elite group of the nation's outstanding teachers.

Jose had just left his social studies classroom, his mind was on the day's lessons and how to help his students reach their highest potential. Coming from a family of educators, great student achievement was something he had heard about all his life. Teaching is part of his DNA. On that day, Jose became a national Milken Award winner. The Milken Educator Awards, the Oscars of the education industry, come with a \$25,000 cash award and access to powerful development resources for teachers. We are proud that Jose is one of us.

Highly Qualified Teachers

- 99.86 percent of our teachers are considered "highly-qualified" according to federal guidelines.
- 99.3 percent of Jeffco classes are taught by a highly qualified teacher.

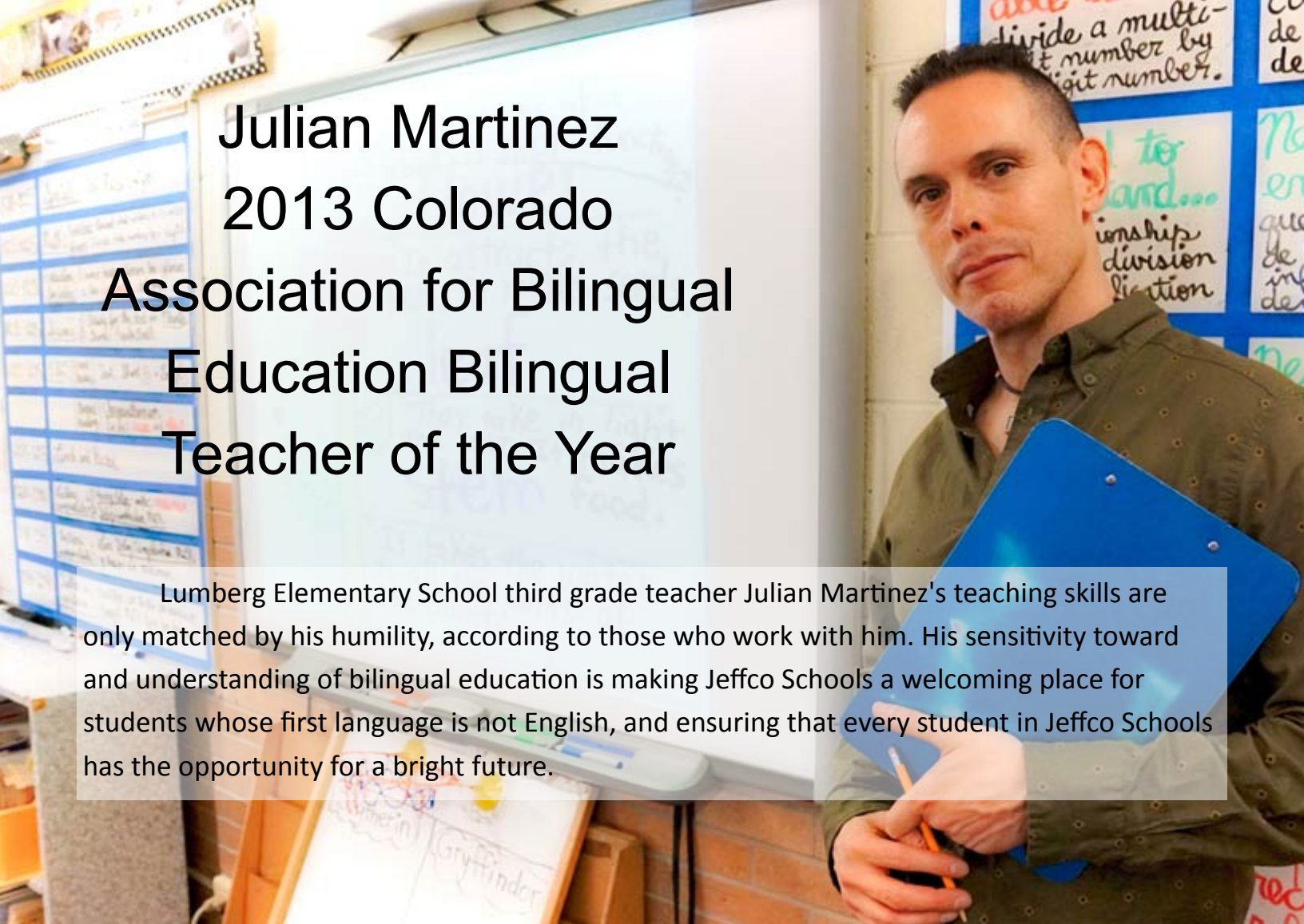
Evergreen High School Counselors Honored with the American School Counselor Association's Recognized ASCA Model Program Designation in 2013



Evergreen High School and its counselors were recognized by the American School Counselor Association's Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP), which is a prestigious national designation that shows Evergreen High School's counseling program is dedicated to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven program. College counseling is a part of Evergreen High School's program, and 93% of its students go on to college.

Evergreen High School is the only school in Jeffco Schools to have received this designation and one of just ten schools in the state with the designation, which is good for five years.

Evergreen High School is setting an example for caring for our students' well-being.

A photograph of Julian Martinez, a man with short dark hair wearing a dark green button-down shirt, standing in a classroom. He is holding a blue clipboard and looking towards the camera. In the background, there is a whiteboard with some writing and a bulletin board with various educational posters, including one about division.

Julian Martinez 2013 Colorado Association for Bilingual Education Bilingual Teacher of the Year

Lumberg Elementary School third grade teacher Julian Martinez's teaching skills are only matched by his humility, according to those who work with him. His sensitivity toward and understanding of bilingual education is making Jeffco Schools a welcoming place for students whose first language is not English, and ensuring that every student in Jeffco Schools has the opportunity for a bright future.

A photograph of Wendy Rubin, a woman with brown hair pulled back, wearing a pink collared shirt and a necklace with a heart pendant. She is smiling broadly. In the background, several young students are visible, some with their hands raised in excitement.

Saving a Life

Chatfield High School principal Wendy Rubin received a Citizen Commendation Award from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Rubin helped save a student's life with calm, swift action.

Students Achieving



As a community, we want to see our students succeed. We want them to be prepared for their next phase of life - in the workforce, or in college. We also want our students to value their communities and understand the responsibilities of citizenship. Read about a few examples from the 2013-14 school year that demonstrate Jeffco students are amazing.

Perfect Scores

The ACT test - the very words can be intimidating for some students, but not for four Jeffco juniors. Eric Minor from Ralston Valley High School, Benjamin Bates and Jenny Weimer from Chatfield High all received perfect scores on their ACT tests, a college entrance exam. Students from Jeffco Public Schools consistently score above the national average on the ACT. D'Evelyn High School has had the highest ACT test scores for public, non-charter schools in the state for 12 years.



National Blue Ribbon Award Winner Ralston Elementary

Nestled in the Colorado foothills is a little school with big expectations. Ralston Elementary School expects that all students will succeed. The school takes pride in having thoughtful learners, engaged families and exceptional teachers. Setting the bar high for this Jeffco school has paid off. In 2013, the school received a National Blue Ribbon Award, as well as a John Irwin Award for academic achievement and growth. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities. The John Irwin Awards are given by the Colorado Department of Education to schools that exceed expectations on state academic achievement indicators. Forty-one Jeffco schools received academic award from the state with some receiving double honors. See the 2013 John Irwin Awarded winners here. The Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award was given to 20 Jeffco schools.

A group of students in white lab coats are gathered around a table, working on a science project. They appear to be focused and engaged in their work.

Eggs in Space

Students from Warren Tech, Jeffco's career and technical high school, competed against 12 other student groups across the country to win the honor of putting their science project on the International Space Station. The Eggs in Space experiment will cook eggs for the astronauts on board the Space Station.

Top Honors for Jeffco Schools

Fourteen Jeffco high schools topped two prestigious educational excellence lists in 2014. Conifer, D'Evelyn, and Evergreen high schools were in the top 10 of the US News & World Report's Best High Schools list.

Jefferson Academy, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge and Ralston Valley high schools placed in the top 45 Colorado schools on that list. The news source ranked all of the nation's high schools for 2014, using data including student/teacher ratio, test scores and how well the schools prepare students for college.

The Washington Post's America's Most Challenging High Schools in Colorado list 2014 included Evergreen (4), Conifer (5), Lakewood (10), D'Evelyn (12), Pomona (19), Wheat Ridge (21), Ralston Valley (22), Standley Lake (24), Dakota Ridge (26), Chatfield (27), Arvada West (29), Golden (30) and Bear Creek (32).



Daniels Fund Scholars

Each year the Daniels Fund generously donates college scholarships to promising young people in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah. Nine Jeffco students were nominated in spring 2014 for these awards. Each was selected as a Daniels Scholar because they are an outstanding example of character, leadership, and service. We salute:

- Kendall Lundquist, Bear Creek High School
- Vincent Jaconski, Dakota Ridge High School
- Sarah Street, Jefferson Academy
- Zoe Miles, Jefferson Academy
- Bryan Yoshida, Lakewood High School
- Soham Shah, Standley Lake High School
- Kriti Dhungel Standley Lake High School
- Calen Cartlidge, Wheat Ridge High School
- Haydar Ibrahim, Wheat Ridge High School

Shown below is Lakewood High School Principal Ron Castagna and Daniels Scholar Bryan Yoshida.



National Merit Semi-Finalists

Twelve Jeffco seniors were named National Merit Semi-Finalists. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation recognizes students who score in the top one percent on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Jeffco's scholars for 2013-14 were:

- Andrew Chao, Lakewood High School
- Michael Coyne, Wheat Ridge High School
- Arthur Eubanks, Lakewood High School
- Sophia Fernald, Wheat Ridge High School
- Morgan Griffiths, Lakewood High School
- Sophie Gullett, Lakewood High School
- Brandon Knutson, Ralston Valley High School
- Gareth Miller, Arvada High School
- Coriander Mayer, Evergreen High School
- Tyler Middleton, Lakewood High School
- Peter Olschner, Arvada High School

Schafer Kowalchik, from Lakewood High School, was named a semi-finalist in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.



A Day Without Hate

It started out as a feeling and grew into a movement – The Day Without Hate - Standley Lake High School's anti-bullying initiative. Launched in 2007 in response to the Virginia Tech shootings, the small student-run event has now been adopted by other schools across the country.

In 2013, the Standley Lake High School program was honored with the PeaceJam Global Call to Action Award, which recognized the school's effort to inspire all students to stand against violence. "We are just so thrilled to have you all be the awardees for the impact that you've had since 2007, you started with 12 students who needed to do something," said PeaceJam Foundation spokeswoman Kate Cumbo. "And last year alone you had 120,000 students participate in a Day Without Hate."

Peace Jam is an international organization featuring Nobel Peace Laureates mentoring youth to change the world.



The ROAR Heard Around the Nation



When students are engaged in their schools they are better learners. Lakewood High School figured out how to get their students engaged . . . get a pop star to visit the school.

Lakewood High School students got lessons in videography, public relations, organizing, fundraising and writing as they created a lip dub video to pop star Katy Perry's hit song "Roar." The video went viral and Perry selected the school as the winner of "Good Morning America's 'Roar' contest. More than 2,000 students and staff participated in the video, which was created by students.

National media coverage was focused on the school when Perry performed live in the school's gym. Lakewood High School beat out school videos from 44 other states for the honor. As the result of the video's publicity, Lakewood High students were able to raise \$9,000 through an activity called One World, One Roar. The students donated the money to the American Red Cross for flood victims.

Learning from a Disaster

On September 9, 2013, a slow moving cold front collided with warm air over Colorado's Front Range. For the next three days, 17 counties were pounded with rain, causing disastrous flooding.

While the majority of our school buildings were spared major damage, Jeffco students and teachers were challenged. Coal Creek Canyon K-8 was closed for several days because roads near the school were washed away. Commuting time tripled for teachers and students. Our teachers kept arriving at school despite long and sometimes dangerous drives. Buses had to be re-routed and schedules changed. Neighboring Boulder, Weld and Larimer county residents were affected the most, sometimes losing everything they owned. It was a time for action, and our students and staff responded.

Jeffco students organized numerous fundraising events and became community volunteers. Students from Jefferson County Open School partnered with Boulder Flood Relief to clean-up a damaged business and a mobile home park. Young students from Mandalay Middle School organized a 5K run to raise money for flood relief. Lasley Elementary School students and staff raised \$1,918 for Lyons Elementary School that was damaged by the floods. Arvada West High School teacher Clifton Bluhm and members of the school's football team built an emergency road giving rescue workers access around floodwaters.



A Winning Team



2013 will always be a fond memory for the Wheat Ridge High School girls' softball team. Between studying and classes, they practiced and practiced and it paid off with a state 4A championship.

Wheat Ridge High School wasn't the only school with a winning team. Jeffco schools won three state team championships during the winter sports season.

- Ralston Valley High School brought home the 5A state hockey trophy for the second year in a row.
- Arvada West High School took the 5A state wrestling team Title.
- Evergreen High School's girls' swim team brought home the 4A state championship title, after finishing second in 2012, and third in 2013.

Student Achievement - What Does the Data Say?

With so many athletic and academic honors, Jeffco students are highly successful. Another indicator of Jeffco students' success is data, as measured by four key performance indicators established by the state of Colorado.

- Academic achievement
- Academic longitudinal growth
- Academic gaps
- Postsecondary and workforce readiness

School and Student Achievement

The Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids Act of 2008 and The Education Accountability Act of 2009 are two pieces of legislation aimed at ensuring Colorado students graduate from high school and are prepared for higher education or success in the work place. These laws established a system that holds school districts and individual schools accountable on a set of consistent, objective measures, including four key performance measures - achievement, growth, closing gaps, and postsecondary/workforce readiness. For districts, the evaluation of overall performance on these indicators leads to an accreditation designation by the state. For schools, the evaluation of overall performance on these indicators leads to the assignment of the type of improvement plan schools will implement.

The Colorado Department of Education issues district and school level Performance Framework Reports which provide a snapshot of the district's or school's performance. You can review Jeffco's accreditation designation on the Colorado Department of Education's Schoolview.org website.

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

Elementary Schools

* Indicates Title I school

School Name	Performance Rating
Adams Elementary School	Performance
Allendale Elementary School *	Improvement
Arvada K-8 *	Improvement
Bear Creek K-8 School	Performance
Belmar Elementary School	Performance
Bergen Valley Intermediate School	Performance
Blue Heron Elementary School	Performance
Bradford Intermediate School	Performance
Bradford Primary School	Performance
Campbell Elementary School	Performance
Coal Creek Canyon K-8 Elementary School	Performance
Colorow Elementary School	Performance
Columbine Hills Elementary School	Performance
Coronado Elementary School	Performance
Deane Elementary School *	Improvement
Devinny Elementary School	Performance
Dutch Creek Elementary School	Performance
Edgewater Elementary School *	Performance
Eiber Elementary School *	Performance
Elk Creek Elementary School	Performance
Fairmount Elementary School	Performance

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

Elementary Schools (continued)

* Indicates Title I school

School Name	Performance Rating
Fitzmorris Elementary School *	Performance
Foothills Elementary School	Performance
Foster Elementary School *	Improvement
Fremont Elementary School	Performance
Glennon Heights Elementary School	Performance
Governor's Ranch Elementary School	Performance
Green Gables Elementary School	Performance
Green Mountain Elementary School	Performance
Hackberry Hill Elementary School	Performance
Hutchinson Elementary School	Performance
Kendallvue Elementary School	Performance
Kendrick Lakes Elementary School	Performance
Kullerstrand Elementary School *	Performance
Kyffin Elementary School	Performance
Lasley Elementary School *	Performance
Lawrence Elementary School *	Improvement
Leawood Elementary School	Performance
Little Elementary School	Improvement
Lukas Elementary School	Performance
Lumberg Elementary School *	Improvement
Maple Grove Elementary School	Performance

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

Elementary Schools (continued)

* Indicates Title I school

School Name	Performance Rating
Marshdale Elementary School	Performance
Meiklejohn Elementary	Performance
Mitchell Elementary School	Performance
Molholm Elementary School *	Improvement
Mortensen Elementary School	Performance
Mount Carbon Elementary School	Performance
Normandy Elementary School	Performance
Parmalee Elementary School	Performance
Parr Elementary School	Performance
Patterson Elementary School	Performance
Patterson International School	Performance
Peck Elementary School	Performance
Peiffer Elementary School	Performance
Pennington Elementary School *	Priority Improvement
Pleasant View Elementary School *	Improvement
Powderhorn Elementary School	Performance
Prospect Valley Elementary School	Performance
Ralston Elementary School	Performance
Red Rocks Elementary School	Performance
Rooney Ranch Elementary School	Performance
Ryan Elementary School	Performance

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

Elementary Schools (continued)

* Indicates Title I school

School Name	Performance Rating
Secrest Elementary School *	Performance
Semper Elementary School	Performance
Shaffer Elementary School	Performance
Shelton Elementary School	Performance
Sheridan Green Elementary School	Performance
Sierra Elementary School	Performance
Slater Elementary School *	Performance
South Lakewood Elementary School	Performance
Stein Elementary School *	Performance
Stevens Elementary School *	Improvement
Stober Elementary School	Performance
Stony Creek Elementary School	Performance
Stott Elementary School	Performance
Swanson Elementary School *	Performance
Thomson Elementary School *	Performance
Ute Meadows Elementary School	Performance
Van Arsdale Elementary School	Performance
Vanderhoof Elementary School	Performance
Vivian Elementary School *	Priority Improvement
Warder Elementary School	Performance
Weber Elementary School	Performance

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

Elementary Schools (continued)

* Indicates Title I school

School Name	Performance Rating
Welchester Elementary School	Performance
West Jefferson Elementary School	Performance
West Woods Elementary School	Performance
Westgate Elementary School	Improvement
Westridge Elementary School	Performance
Wheat Ridge 5-8 *	Turnaround
Wilmore Davis Elementary School	Performance
Wilmot Elementary School	Performance
Witt Elementary School	Performance

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

Middle Schools

* Indicates Title I school

School Name	Performance Rating
Bell Middle School	Performance
Carmody Middle School	Performance
Creighton Middle School	Improvement
Deer Creek Middle School	Performance
Drake Junior High School	Performance
Dunstan Middle School	Performance
Evergreen Middle School	Performance
Everitt Middle School	Improvement
Falcon Bluffs Middle School	Performance
Ken Caryl Middle School	Improvement
Mandalay Middle School	Performance
Moore Middle School	Performance
North Arvada Middle School	Performance
O'Connell Middle School *	Turnaround
Oberon Junior High School	Performance
Summit Ridge Middle School	Performance
Wayne Carle Middle School	Performance
West Jefferson Middle School	Performance

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

High Schools

+ Indicates Title I Focus school

School Name	Performance Rating
Alameda International High School	Improvement
Arvada High School	Improvement
Arvada West High School	Performance
Bear Creek High School	Performance
Chatfield High School	Performance
Columbine High School	Performance
Conifer Senior High School	Performance
Dakota Ridge Senior High School	Performance
Evergreen High School	Performance
Golden High School	Performance
Green Mountain High School	Performance
Jefferson High School +	Improvement
Lakewood High School	Performance
Pomona High School	Performance
Ralston Valley Senior High School	Performance
Standley Lake High School	Performance
Wheat Ridge High School	Performance

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

Option Schools

* Indicates Title I school

School Name	Performance Rating
Brady Exploration School	AEC: Improvement
D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School	Performance
Dennison Elementary School	Performance
Jeffco's 21st Century Virtual Academy	AEC: Performance
Jefferson County Open Elementary School	Performance
Jefferson County Open Secondary	Improvement
Longview High School	AEC: Performance
Manning Options School	Performance
McLain Community High School	AEC: Priority Improvement
McLain High School	AEC: Performance
Warren Tech Central	AEC: Performance
Warren Tech North	AEC: Performance

Connections Learning Center On The Earle Johnson Campus	AEC: Performance
Miller Special Education	AEC: Improvement
Sobesky Academy	AEC: Improvement

2013-14 School Performance Framework Ratings

Charter Schools

* Indicates Title I school

School Name	Performance Rating
Addenbrooke Classical Academy	Priority Improvement
Collegiate Academy of Colorado	Performance
Compass Montessori - Golden Charter School	Performance
Compass Montessori - Wheat Ridge Charter School	Performance
Excel Academy Charter School	Performance
Free Horizon Montessori Charter School	Performance
Jefferson Academy Charter School	Performance
Jefferson Charter Academy Junior High School	Performance
Jefferson Charter Academy Senior High School	Performance
Lincoln Charter Academy	Performance
Montessori Peaks Charter Academy	Performance
Mountain Phoenix Community School	Performance
New America School *	AEC: Priority Improvement
Rocky Mountain Academy Of Evergreen	Performance
Rocky Mountain Deaf School	AEC: Performance
Two Roads Charter School	Performance
Woodrow Wilson Charter Academy	Performance

The Colorado Growth Model

The Growth Model compares each student's performance to students in the same grade throughout Colorado who had similar scores in past years on the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program (TCAP) tests, and calculates a Student Growth Percentile. For example, if the student grew academically as much, or more, than 60 percent of his or her peers, the student would have a 60th Growth Percentile. For schools, the Colorado Department of Education reports the median growth percentile, which can be found on the Department of Education's Schoolview.org website.

TCAP – A Snapshot of Student Performance

The Transitional Colorado Assessment Program, or TCAP, has provided parents, students and teachers a snapshot of student achievement in reading, writing, math and science for the past three years. The TCAP tests were designed to be a bridge between the former CSAP tests and new assessments debuting in spring 2014 called the Colorado Measures of Academic Success, which are aligned with new learning standards. Parents and guardians have been provided the results of their student's TCAP tests. See all the Jeffco schools' TCAP scores on the Colorado Department of Education's Schoolview.org website, or on each school's online profile.

Jeffco's On-Time Graduation Rate

Ensuring that every student is college and career ready is our goal. A key indicator that Jeffco schools are making progress toward this goal is our continued increase in the number of students that graduate from high school on-time.

Figures for the **2012-13** school year on-time graduation rate rose to **81.5 percent**. In **2013-14**, Jeffco Schools' graduation rate again rose to **82.9 percent**, higher than the state averages in both years.

Leading the Way

With 155 schools on 185 campuses, 14,000 employees and approximately 85,000 students, Jeffco Public Schools is like a small city. It takes the talent and dedication of many people to ensure we meet our mission to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. Read about new Jeffco Superintendent Dan McMinimee, the Jefferson County Board of Education and our community advisory groups.



Superintendent Dan McMinimee

In July 2014, Dan McMinimee joined Jeffco Public Schools as the district's 17th superintendent.

A career educator, Mr. McMinimee was previously assistant superintendent of secondary education for Douglas County Schools. He has also served as a principal, assistant principal, coach and teacher in the Salem-Keizer School district in Oregon. He began his education as a Jeffco student attending Hackberry Hill Elementary School. He received his undergraduate degree from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado and his master's degree from Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon.

Jefferson County Board of Education

Five elected community members serve, without pay, on the Jefferson County Board of Education. Board members serve staggered four-year terms. They spend countless hours visiting schools, attending community meetings and advocating for education. They establish general policies, approve expenditures and staff appointments and establish goals. Board goals, policies and general information can be found on the Board of Education website.

[Read current board member profiles at www.jeffcopublicschools.org/board.](http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/board)

Community Advisory Groups Guide the District

As the district faces increasingly complex issues, it is important to hear the voices of our diverse community and call on individuals with unique knowledge and skills to complement the expertise of our staff and board of education. Jeffco Public Schools is fortunate to have numerous community members and parents who are willing to give their time to serve on advisory committees at the district-level and on school accountability committees. A complete list of committees can be seen on the district's website, but here are a few committees we would like to recognize.

The Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee

The Strategic Planning and Advisory Committee (SPAC) is an accountability and advisory group composed of parents from all articulation areas, district leaders, representatives from the employee associations, as well as citizen and parent leaders from a variety of stakeholder groups. The group has focused on helping to establish district spending priorities and developing the strategic plan.

Capital Asset Advisory Committee

In 2005, the district chose eight citizens in the construction industry to serve on the Capital Improvement Program Oversight Committee (CAP) to provide oversight in implementing bond funded construction projects. The CAP Committee continues to provide guidance and monitor the planning of capital needs and the implementation of capital programs.

Financial Oversight Committee

The district's Financial Oversight Committee has provided invaluable guidance regarding financial reporting, internal controls and business risk. The volunteer committee is made up of experts in the fields of banking, construction, investments, law and city management. The group meets approximately 10 times a year.

Your Tax Dollars at Work Educating the Next Generation

A photograph of two young graduates in black caps and gowns, smiling. The graduate on the right is wearing a red and yellow sash. The background is a blurred yellow.

2013-14 was another challenging financial year for Colorado school districts. We have continued to feel the pinch of a decrease in state and local funding. Jeffco Public Schools has a long history of being financially proactive and that has helped keep drastic cuts from the classroom. We continued our focus on being financially transparent. Learn more about where the district's funding comes from and how it is spent.

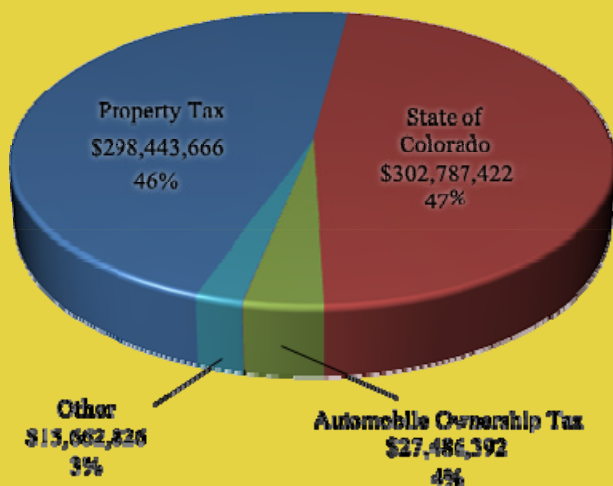
Your Tax Dollars at Work

Funding for school buildings, textbooks, school buses, teacher salaries and everything that makes a classroom a great learning place comes primarily from taxpayers. Learn more about how the district is a good steward of this funding.

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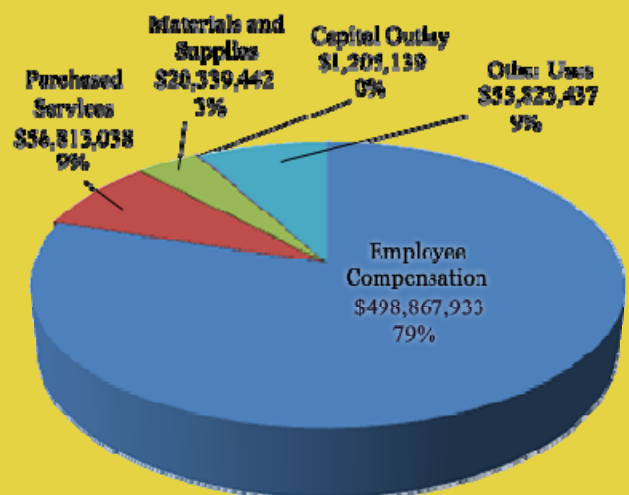
Where Jeffco Public Schools' Money Comes From

General Fund Revenue by Source 2013/2014



Where Jeffco Public Schools' Money Goes

General Fund Expenditures 2013/2014



We invite you to read [Dollars and Sense](#) for quick summary of the district's 2013-14 budget and expenditures.

A group of five men are working on a playground structure. One man in a red and black jacket is standing on a yellow platform, holding onto a yellow railing. Below him, four other men are assisting with the structure. One man in a black jacket is reaching up to the railing. Another man in a grey shirt and a black cap is leaning against a purple vertical post. A man in a red shirt and black beanie is also leaning against a purple post. The structure is made of purple vertical posts and yellow horizontal railings. The background shows a brick building and a clear sky.

Community Partnerships Help Ensure Student Success

The responsibility of protecting, feeding and educating a child belongs to the entire community. In Jefferson County, we are fortunate that so many have adopted this ideal. We would like to thank everyone who has stepped forward to contribute to the growth of Jeffco students. Learn more about the supportive partnerships we have.

Colorado Education Initiative

Imagine that you want to go to college and you know that taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses in high school will help you achieve your college goal, but your family has no money to pay the AP course fees or for the course material. The Colorado Education Initiative feels this type of barrier to being college and career ready is unacceptable. Their Colorado Legacy Schools program was launched in Jefferson and Wheat Ridge High Schools to give students the skills and motivation to succeed in college by enrolling in Advanced Placement (AP) math, science and English courses. A \$10,000 grant to these schools provided teacher training, student AP fees, classroom equipment and supplies, student monetary awards and study sessions. Jefferson High School increased enrollment in AP English language from 35 to 60 students and AP English literature enrollment grew from 26 to 60 students.



The Salazar Literacy Initiative

The Salazar Literacy Initiative has been a part of Jeffco Schools for more than 15 years. Working with the Jeffco Schools Foundation, the Salazar family provided more than \$1 million in support of literacy programs for Jefferson County children. In the 2013-14 school year, they provided funding for programs and projects that addressed literacy gaps, including both reading and writing. Grants to schools ranged from \$2,000 to \$9,000.



The Lakewood Community

Two years of work by Lakewood community members, churches, businesses, and the Lakewood city government resulted in a big win for Foothills Elementary School students. The group effort landed the school a Great Outdoors Colorado grant (GOCO). The Foothills "Field of Dreams" Athletic Field project was among 18 from around the state to earn the competitive GOCO grant. The school has not been able to use the field to its full capacity for more than two decades due to inadequate irrigation and drainage. The playground will also be resurfaced and fencing, benches and landscaping will be installed.

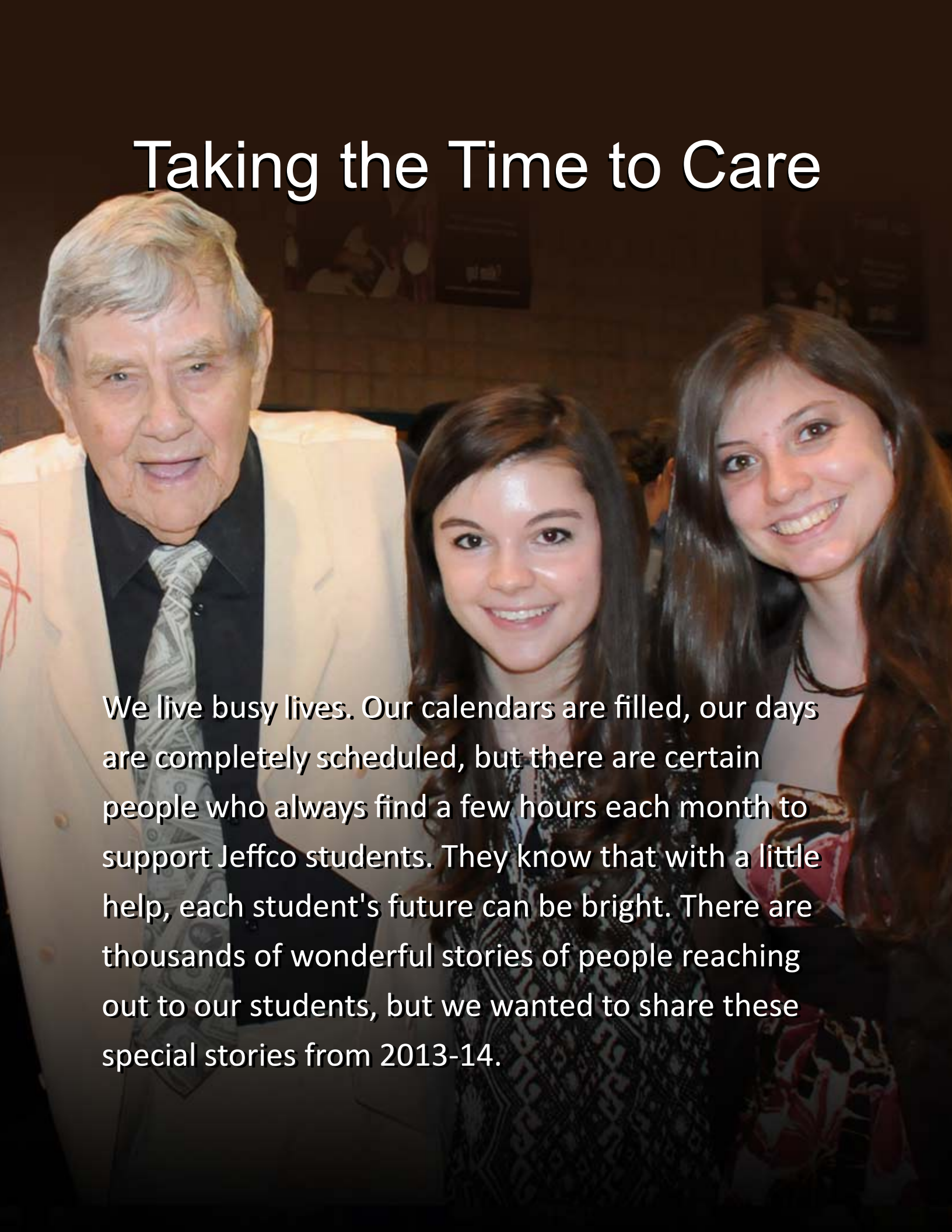


The Jeffco Schools Foundation

For more than 30 years, the Jeffco Schools Foundation has supported the students of Jefferson County. The non-profit organization provides student scholarships, program funding, staff and student recognition and education advocacy. Learn more about the Foundation at www.jeffcoschoolsfoundation.org.




Taking the Time to Care

A photograph of three people: an older man on the left wearing a white suit jacket, a black shirt, and a patterned tie; a young woman in the center with long dark hair wearing a black patterned top; and another young woman on the right with long dark hair wearing a dark top with a red floral pattern. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

We live busy lives. Our calendars are filled, our days are completely scheduled, but there are certain people who always find a few hours each month to support Jeffco students. They know that with a little help, each student's future can be bright. There are thousands of wonderful stories of people reaching out to our students, but we wanted to share these special stories from 2013-14.

Challenge Student Gets to Compete



Police detective Jesus (Moose) Chavez and wheelchair-bound student Luke Olmsted might seem like an unlikely athletic team, but by anybody's standards they are a winning duo. Detective Chavez, from the Lakewood Police Department, is the School Resource Officer at Alameda International High School. He has a special bond with the school's students, particularly those in the Challenge Class for severely disabled students, including Olmsted.

Chavez and Olmsted met at a Special Olympics event, but Olmsted had no partner for the activities. Chavez introduced himself and the two became friends. He then began looking for other events where they could participate together.

"I found other runners who were pushing other athletes in wheelchairs through the races, so I reached out to Athletes in Tandem and asked if they could help," said Chavez. Athletes in Tandem embraces and accepts each athlete as he or she is, and also treats him or her as an equal, its goal is to help handicapped athletes compete. Olmsted's mother, Gretchen Olmstead, was enthusiastic about the opportunities Detective Chavez provided her son, including a chance to compete in Denver Rock 'n' Roll Marathon.

Serving Kids

Imagine not having a warm coat or decent clothes to wear to school. Nancy Hoffmaster and Karen Cravens know there are Jeffco students who face these obstacles, they have seen them for years. Thanks to these two ladies, and a team of volunteers from the Serving Kids program, there is a helping hand.

The Serving Kids program provides a week's worth of new or near-new clothing, including jeans, coats, shoes and more, to any student in Jeffco Public Schools who needs it. In 2013-14, the program provided more than 15,000 articles of clothing to almost 1,000 students, including 232 homeless students. They deliver clothing directly to the student's school. They depend on donations. Learn more on the Serving Kids website at www.jeffcoschoolsfoundation.org/serving-kids.html



District Profile



Learn more about our mission, our values, and our demographics.

District Profile

In 2013-14 Jeffco schools served 86,011 students. The district offers:

- 89 elementary schools
- 3 K-8 schools
- 19 middle schools
- 17 high schools
- 14 charter schools*
- 9 option schools
- 1 online school
- 2 outdoor laboratory schools

*some charter schools have multiple schools, but are reported here as one school.

Our diverse population brought varied perspectives and cultures to our schools:

- American Indian/Alaska Native 1%
- Asian, Pacific Islander 3%
- Black 1%
- Hispanic 24%
- White 67%
- Multiple Race 4%

33.8 percent of our students qualified for free and reduced lunch.

Read the Jeffco Public Schools Call to Action at www.jeffcopublicschools.org/superintendent.

Mission

Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future.

Values

- Integrity
- Valuing People
- Teamwork
- Exemplary Performance

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Federal and State Reporting Requirements

Every year, school districts in Colorado report about their performance based on state and federal requirements. This data, which includes assessment scores, accountability measures, teacher qualifications, and other data for the district and for individual schools, has been compiled by the Colorado Department of Education at <http://www.schoolview.org>. Parents and community members are invited to review this site for more detailed information about Jeffco Public Schools' performance. Individual school profiles are also available on the Jeffco Public Schools website at www.jeffcopublicschools.org/schools.

Equity analyses of the percentages of HQ classes and novice teachers, those with less than 3 years of experience in relation to school poverty and minority enrollment quartiles can be found on the Colorado Department of Education's SchoolView Data Center website.

The District is committed to complying with all civil rights and labor laws. The District affirms that no individual shall be discriminated against in terms, conditions or privileges of employments, excluded from participation in a program or activity, denied benefits, or otherwise discriminated against on the grounds of the individual's race, creed, color, religion, gender, national origin or ancestry, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or veteran status. This statement is made in accordance with the provisions of and amendments to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Avoiding unlawful harassment and discrimination requires the collaborative responsibility of each administrator, supervisor, employee, and student to affirm in actions and deeds the intent and spirit of governing laws and regulations. Students, public, parents, or staff members who believe they have been the subject of harassment or discrimination must report the incident immediately in accordance with district policies GBK; GBK-R, Staff Concerns, Complaints, and Grievances; GBAA, GBAA-R, Harassment of Employees; JI, Student Rights and Responsibilities; JBB, Harassment of Students; or KE, KE-R, Public/Parent Concerns and Complaints.

The following person has been designated to assist the District with its response to complaints of unlawful harassment and discrimination.

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