

Descriptions of Programs Offered by the Jennings School District

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National Beta Club

The National Beta Club is **the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization in America**. For more than 80 years, it has prepared today's students to be tomorrow's leaders by promoting the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary (Junior Beta Club grades 4-8) and secondary(grades 9-12) school students.

Day Trip to Chicago

The district provides a trip for up to 1,000 students from our four schools to participate in service learning projects and listen to guest speakers.

Economically Disadvantaged Mentorship Programs

Teachers mentor students through the following programs:

- Men on Business
- Ladies of Success
- Sisters Helping to Reach a Higher Height

Celebrate Children

This is a year-long **dance program** for elementary and middle school students (grades 5 -8). JSD Staff will be trained in New York at the World renowned National Dance Institute Center for Learning & Arts, located on West 147th Street in the heart of Harlem, New York City. Students will be trained to create choreography and a show with cultural history and relevance to the community. **Students will than perform for the entire school as well as parents and the community at the UMSL Touhill or at an active performing arts theater**. This program will become the talent pipeline and feeder program to the Jennings Senior High Performing Arts and Dance Team and course. **Jennings will be the only school district in the area to lead an effort that includes the NCI as a commitment to the A in our STEAM initiatives (Science, Technology, Engineering, Education, Arts, and Mathematics).**

Career Prep Academy Initiative

The Jennings Career Preparatory Academy Initiative will provide exposure, empowerment, and educational enlightenment to students from Preschool-to-PHD-and-Professions. A minimum of 1,000 students will be a part of this initiative and up to 2,600 students total will benefit from this initiative through rigorous, industry-validated career- themed curriculum that incorporates current industry standards, practices, assessments and STEM integration. We aim to foster cross-curriculum collaboration so students can make connections across subject areas with corporate and industry leaders, local colleges and universities for college credit. **Jennings will provide mentorships, internships, apprenticeships, scholarships, post-secondary education, entrepreneurship, and employment opportunities to 100% of our students by graduation**. Our students will not just survive, but thrive in society!