

Jacksonville High School
2012-2013 Results and 2013-2014 Next Actions
Dr. Donna Lynch - School Executive



School Vision: Impacting Students to Impact Our World

School Mission: *Jacksonville High School will prepare students to be globally competitive leaders and responsible citizens in the 21st Century.*

School Purpose: *Learning and Leadership for the 21st century!*

School Executive's Message:

The Jacksonville High School staff continues to live the vision of Impacting Students to Impact Our World while preparing students to be globally competitive. Living the vision daily requires our staff to evaluate instructional programs, delivery of instruction, as well as, the learning environment, in order to meet the needs of our students in an ever changing world. Through evaluation of our school data and strategic planning, JHS continues to address students' needs through the many programs and opportunities offered. Our Smaller Learning Communities such as the Academy of Culinary Arts, Education and Sports, Health Science Academy, Informational Technology and Engineering Academy, Creative and Performing Arts Academy and the International Studies Academy provide students an avenue to explore future career choices. In addition to our well established career academies, our new Advanced Construction Technology Tower offers students certifications in electrical trades, carpentry and plumbing. While our career academies provide students with opportunities to explore future careers, our International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme offers students courses in which students may receive college level credit. During the 2013-2014 school year, JHS is "marrying" CTE classes and the IB classes to offer students the opportunity to receive an International Baccalaureate Career-related Certificate. Offering a menu of opportunities such as the career academies, Construction Tower, International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and the International Baccalaureate Career-related Certificate allows our students to be globally competitive for the 21st century.

School's Strengths:

- Learning Opportunities for a diverse population of students
- Staff and parent advocacy for students
- Student decrease in tardies
- Staff as continuous learners
- Community Support

School's Challenges:

- Student achievement in the areas of Algebra I, Biology and English II
- Build adult advocacy so students feel they have an adult advocate
- Sustaining current programs and building new programs with current staffing
- Maintaining the physical plant
- Funding for technology
- Time

2013-2014 Focused Next Actions:

- Expand International Baccalaureate course offerings through the application of the International Baccalaureate Career-related Certificate programme (Information Technology in a Global Society and Approaches to Learning)
- Expand career certification programs through academies and the Construction Tower (Certified Nurse Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, WorkKeys)
- Utilize USA Test Prep, EVAAS, ClassScape, Work Keys, PLAN and ACT as tools for informing instruction
- Implement Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) for students at risk of not pursuing post-secondary education
- Allocate time for Professional Learning Communities by departments and subject areas co-facilitated by AVID staff
- Continue to develop and expand Student 2 Student program through Cardinal Ambassadors
- Continue to educate students on digital citizenship through the use of Common Sense mini lessons
- Provide four Community Outreach events (Community Homecoming Parade, CTE Showcase, IB Night with feeder schools and Jacksonville District Art Show) to educate community on available programs at JHS
- Opportunities for parents to visit classrooms during instruction
- Enhance partnerships with local colleges to provide college entrance information and schedule campus visits for AVID students
- Increase technology tools for the classroom
- Create a grant writing team

Greatest Accomplishment in 2012-2013:

- Decrease in student drop outs
- Decrease in discipline referrals
- Community Engagement Activities- CTE Showcase and the BIG 50
- Increase in IB Diploma Candidates
- Increase in students participating in IB classes
- Athletics-State Soccer champions- Two time state champions in individual events in track and wrestling
- Increase in students participating in the Marching Band
- Marching Band experiencing success in band competition
- Increase in students participating in career academies