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Let's Stay Connected

Parents and guardians who change their phone number, home address, email address, or emergency contact information should notify the front office staff at their child's school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

✳ **Spring Break 2026**
March 23-27
Spring Break is coming up! We hope our scholars and families enjoy a safe and relaxing week.

✳ **School Choice**
January 1 - June 1, 2026
School Choice allows families to explore educational options and make informed decisions for their scholars' future. Visit www.jnpsd.org to learn more.



District Spotlight

JNPSD to Host the 2026 Area 5 Track & Field Special Olympics

On April 22, 2026, Jacksonville High School and the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District will proudly host the Area 5 Special Olympics, welcoming athletes from across Pulaski and Lonoke counties to compete in a day of inclusive sport, excitement, and community support. This event reflects our district's commitment to inclusion, teamwork, and celebrating the abilities of all participants.
Special Olympics Arkansas provides year-round athletic training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities — all free of charge — and depends on community partners to make these events possible.

Volunteers Needed
Events like this thrive because of volunteers! Special Olympics relies on helpers for a wide range of roles — from assisting at registration and supporting competitions to cheering on athletes. While exact volunteer numbers for this event haven't been published, events of this size often require dozens to a few hundred volunteers, depending on the number of sports and activities planned.
If you're interested in volunteering, please click on this link to sign up.

https://forms.gle/6vdMp9bb2NfHYxYY6

Message from the Superintendent

Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed, engaged, and supported as we move through this school year. Clear communication between home and school strengthens student outcomes, and we value you as an essential partner in that work.
Thank you for all you do to support your scholar and our schools.

- Dr. Jeremy Owoh



Keeping Our Scholars Safe

JNPSD Launches New CENTEGIX Safety Feature

The safety of our scholars, staff, and families is a top priority at Jacksonville North Pulaski School District. As part of our ongoing commitment to school safety, the District has implemented the Centegix Emergency Notification System across our campuses.

Centegix is a modern emergency communication platform designed to help schools respond more quickly and effectively during emergencies. The system allows staff members to instantly alert district administrators and emergency responders when a situation arises, significantly reducing response times and improving coordination.

Key benefits of the Centegix system include:

- Faster emergency response through immediate alerts to the appropriate personnel
- Improved communication during critical incidents
- Enhanced campus safety using real-time alerts and location awareness
- Support for both emergency and non-emergency safety concerns

While Centegix is primarily a staff-facing system, it plays a vital role in keeping our entire school community safe. In the event of a significant incident, parents and guardians will continue to receive timely information through the district's established communication channels.

Jacksonville North Pulaski School District remains committed to using the latest safety tools and best practices to ensure our schools are safe, secure, and supportive learning environments. We appreciate your continued partnership in keeping our scholars and staff safe.



"Our goal is to ensure every scholar and staff member feels safe at school each day."

—Officer C. Oldham

This Quarter in Pictures



Aryonna Ford & Landon Smith named 2026 JHS Baskteball Homecoming Queen and King



Teachers and scholars celebrate 100 Days of School on February 6.



Culinary scholars learn how to bake and decorate cakes.



Ninth grade scholars pack 20,000 Meals in Community Service Project



Get Involved

Partnering With Families Through Volunteering

We encourage parents, guardians, and community members to get involved by volunteering in our schools. Giving your time is a wonderful way to support learning and strengthen our school community.

School Volunteer Process:

All school volunteers are required to complete a background check by visiting jnpsd.org/page/school-volunteers. Please allow 24–48 hours for the background check to be processed. Once approved, volunteers will receive a confirmation email. Approved background checks remain valid for up to two years.

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Did you know that JNPSD has a School-Based Health Center that can be utilized by our scholars and families?

Titan Health Center
1401 Murrell Taylor Drive Suite C
Jacksonville, AR 72076

Services Provided: Immunizations, Treatment for Illness/Minor Injuries, Medication Management, Mental/Behavior Health Services, Chronic Care Management.

Contact Information: 501-255-2484
Transportation to clinic during school hours available upon request with signed parental consent Contact School Based Health Coordinator Meredith McGinty at 501-902-7123

Curriculum Corner

- After-school tutoring is happening in each of our elementary, middle and high schools. Please reach out to your school administrators if you would like more information.
- JNPSD 2nd and 3rd grade scholars are being provided Just Right Reader Science of Reading decodable books chosen specifically for them – to keep! Each pack of decodable books fits your student's unique reading strengths to build their skills and confidence. Parents and guardians can visit the Just Right Reader Parent Hub to learn more about utilizing the books at home.
- If your K-3 scholar received a Tutoring Grant Notification Letter, visit the Quick Guide for Parents and Guardians to learn more about using the tutoring grant.
- Family English classes are available. Information has been sent home with ESOL students. Contact Jaimee Blasingame (jblasingame@jnpsd.org) if further information is needed.



Finance: Did You Know?



Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

- Completing Free and Reduced Lunch applications is one of the most impactful actions families can take to support their schools. This year, parent participation exceeded 70 percent, a critical threshold that unlocks additional funding streams. As a result, JNPSD will receive an additional $1,076 per qualifying student, funding that supports instructional services, academic interventions, and student supports across the district. This is a clear example of how informed and engaged families drive tangible gains for our schools.

Local Tax Revenue and State Funding

- Local tax revenue, both property and personal, remains a cornerstone of district funding. In School Year 2025, JNPSD received approximately $11.93 million in local tax revenue. This equates to $3,054.86 per student, with the State of Arkansas contributing an additional $4,716.14 per student, for a total of $7,771 per student. These funds are used to:
  - Employ and retain teachers, instructional staff, and support personnel;
  - Build and maintain school buildings, classrooms, and campus safety systems;
  - Support daily operations such as transportation, utilities, and custodial services;
  - Provide local flexibility to respond to student and school needs in real time;
  - Support core instructional programs and curriculum;
  - Provide specialized services such as special education, English learner supports, and intervention services;
  - Fund professional learning for educators and school leaders; and
  - Ensure compliance with state academic standards and accountability requirements

Federal Funding Uncertainty

- Federal funding also plays a role in supporting critical programs and services. At this time, the federal government has not finalized a budget for School Year 2027, creating uncertainty around future allocations. This evolving landscape reinforces the importance of proactive planning, transparent communication, and strong partnerships with families as we navigate potential fiscal shifts together.