THE TITAN FAMILY CONNECTION

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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

JHS Graduation
May 14, 2026
More than 270 seniors from the Class of 2026 will graduate at 7:00 p.m. at Titan Stadium.

New Student Registration
2026-2027
New student registration for the 2026–2027 school year is now open for K-12 scholars. Enroll today at www.jnpsd.org. Look under the "Parents & Students" tab.

District Spotlight

2026 Fiscal Legislative Session



Legislative Updates – Key Highlights

- HB1005 – $2.17B Education Funding
  - Funds Department of Education operations
  - Proposal to move school nutrition programs to Department of Agriculture
  - Pending House vote
- HB1007 – $3.52B Public School Funding
  - Direct funding to school districts (instruction, operations, support)
  - Includes amendment related to district consolidation
  - Pending House vote
- HB1054 – $57.4M Career & Technical Education
  - Expands career pathways and workforce readiness
  - Passed both chambers; awaiting Governor approval
- HB1055 – $293M Early Childhood Education
  - Supports Pre-K and early learning programs
  - Passed House; moving to Senate
- HB1056 – MLK Commission (Act 50)
  - Fully approved and enacted
- HB1059 – $218M Facilities & Transportation (Act 53)
  - Supports school buildings, maintenance, and transportation

Additional Education & Funding Measures

- HB1100 – State Revenue Stabilization
  - Updates how Arkansas manages funding
  - Includes emergency clause effective July 1, 2026
  - Ensures no disruption in state services
- HB1101 – R.I.S.E. Arkansas ($9.5M)
  - Math curriculum grants for school districts
- HB1103 – Homestead Tax Credit
  - Proposal to increase property tax credit for homeowners
  - Pending House vote

Other Key State Actions

- SB7 – Insurance Transparency
  - Lowers threshold for employers to access health insurance data

Pending Senate action

- SB17 – Teacher Retirement (Act 7)Fully approved funding for teacher retirement system
- SB57 – Schools for Deaf & Blind (Act 26)Funding approved for specialized student services
- SB58 – Higher Education FundingSupports colleges and universities for 2026–2027
- SB59 – Educational TelevisionSupports statewide educational programming
- Pending final approval

Policy Update

- HR1008 / SR16 – Education Freedom Accounts (EFA)Proposed changes included funding adjustments and testing requirements
- Did not pass (no changes at this time)

Bottom Line for Families

- Strong funding continues for schools, facilities, and student programs
- Investments support career readiness, early learning, and academics
- No immediate changes to major education choice programs

Message from the Superintendent

This Quarter 2 newsletter provides an update on where we are as a district and where we are headed. Inside, you will find key information from the 2026 Arkansas Legislative Fiscal Session and what it means for our schools, along with important safety and security updates as we continue to prioritize the well-being of our scholars and staff. We have also included end-of-year information to help families prepare for a strong and successful close to the school year.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are building a district where every learner is valued and every opportunity matters.

– Dr. Jeremy Owoh



Keeping Our Families Safe

Graduation Security Protocol: Bag Screening and Entry Procedures

The Jacksonville North Pulaski School District has implemented a comprehensive graduation security protocol to ensure the safety of all graduates, families, staff, and community members attending the ceremony. The plan includes standard safety measures such as walk-through metal detectors, bag inspections, and a visible law enforcement presence at all entry points. All attendees will be required to go through security screening, and anyone who does not comply will be denied entry. These procedures are designed to create a safe, secure, and orderly environment for this important celebration.

To streamline entry, guests are encouraged to follow the district's bag policy. Each person is limited to one bag, with clear bags and small clutches preferred. Certain items—including backpacks, large bags, weapons, alcohol, vapes, and other prohibited materials—will not be allowed inside the venue. Guests are strongly encouraged to arrive 45–60 minutes early to allow time for screening. The process includes bag checks, metal detection, and additional screening if needed before being cleared to enter the stadium.

The protocol also outlines the roles of staff and security personnel to ensure smooth operations. Campus security officers will manage screenings and monitor entry points, school administrators will oversee the process and handle any issues, and law enforcement will provide security support and respond to incidents if necessary. Together, these measures help ensure a safe and enjoyable graduation experience for everyone in attendance.



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

—Officer C. Oldham

This Quarter in Pictures



Titan scholars competed in the Area 5 Track & Field Special Olympics on April 22.



Congratulations to Toya White for being named the 2026 Teacher of the Year.



Gov. Sanders recognizes Taylor Elementary administrators at the Arkansas State Capitol on April 9.



Scholars and staff at Lester Elementary participated in the East Initiative in Hot Springs.



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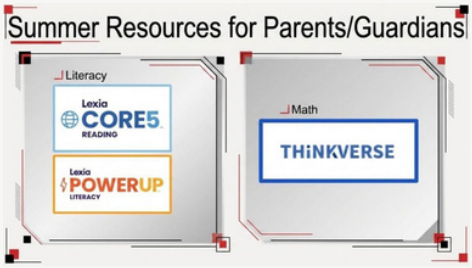
Did you know that JNPSD has a School-Based Health Center that can be utilized by our scholars and families?

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



Student Access to Personalized Learning Programs

Scholars are utilizing **THiNKVERSE** for personalized math practice and **Lexia** for personalized literacy support during the school day. These programs are designed to target individual skill gaps and promote academic growth aligned to Arkansas standards.
Access to both programs will continue throughout the summer. Scholars may log in by following the directions provided below.

- **Grades K–5:** Login credentials and QR codes will be sent home with end-of-year report cards.
- **Grades 6–12:** Scholars will continue to access using their school email/username and password.

Steps to Access Clever from Home

1. Go to **www.clever.com**
2. Click "Log in as a Student"
3. Choose how your child will log in:
   - Badge (QR code), OR
   - Username & password
4. After logging in, you will see your child's dashboard
5. Click any app (like Reflex, THiNKVERSE, or Lexia) to get started

Finance: Did You Know?



The Jacksonville North Pulaski School District is proud to share that its Legislative Audit for the 2024–2025 school year, completed in January 2026, resulted in a clean audit with no findings—an excellent outcome that reflects the district's strong financial stewardship.

As property tax bills are distributed this time of year, it's important to recognize that a significant portion of those funds directly supports the daily operations of JNPSD.

These revenues help fund essential areas such as personnel, maintenance, transportation, and other critical services that keep the district running smoothly and focused on student success.

Human Resources

JNPSD is hiring for the 2026–2027 school year. We are seeking both licensed and classified staff. Explore our current job openings here. https://jnpsd.schoolspring.com/

Interested in Subbing for JNPSD?

Looking for a flexible way to make an impact? The Jacksonville North Pulaski School District is hiring substitute teachers. Join us in supporting our scholars while working a schedule that fits your lifestyle. Apply today. https://www.jnpsd.org/o/jnpsd/page/substitute-teaching