

# JASPER CITY SCHOOLS

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## 2009-2010 Highlights



### Centennial Graduating Class Excelled

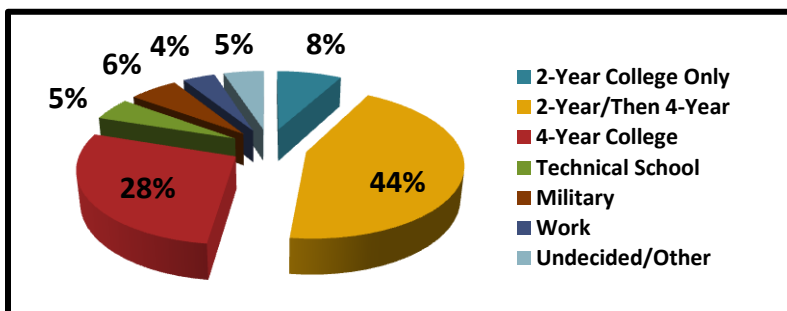
Seniors of 2010 were the 100<sup>th</sup> graduating class of Walker High School. Collectively and individually, students excelled. One-hundred fifty-three students received diplomas on May 27, 2010, and left ready to begin college, start a career, or follow other plans.

**2.5  
million**

Dollar amount of  
scholarships  
offered to 2010  
WHS Seniors

- Ranked #1 in Senior Class - Ryan McGehee, Kristen Mosley, Maitlyn Mullen, Matt Prevost, and Caroline Rector
- Joseph Humphries – Named a *National Merit Commended Student* and an *Advanced Placement Scholar*
- Matt Prevost – Named 5A Bryant-Jordan Scholar Athlete
- 13 students finished with grade point average of 4.0 or above
- 17 students received the honors diploma
- 45 students received the advanced diploma
- 67.3% of class received 1 or more academic scholarships
- 91% of graduates indicated they will pursue some type of postsecondary education

### 2010 Seniors – Postsecondary Plans



High standards • High expectations • High performance



## 2009-2010 JCS Highlights Honor Roll

NAME	RECOGNITION
MPS, TRS, & WJS Technology Teams	Won ten 1 <sup>st</sup> place, seven 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, three 3 <sup>rd</sup> place, and 2 honorable mention awards in district technology competition
Gracie Beth Raines	Won 3 <sup>rd</sup> place in state technology competition
WHS Athletics	Eleven teams made state playoffs
MMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Participated in a week-long tour of Washington, DC
MMS Math Team	Fifty-four students participated in statewide Mathfest Competition
Kristen Mosley	Won 2010 Alabama Junior Miss and Walker County Junior Miss
Will Trotter	Chosen for Grammy Foundation Summer Program
Hayley Jones	Crowned Miss Walker County
Encore Show Choir	Performed at Walt Disney World
WHS Band	Made all superior ratings in Alabama State Band Assessment
Meagan Fields	Won state grant to pursue National Board Certification
Mike Cordle	Won ABC 33/40 Golden Apple Award
Barry Easterwood	Won CBS 42 One Classroom at a Time Grant
Beth Kennedy, Kim Davis	Completed JCS Prospective Administrator Training
West Jasper Elementary	Won a Kids College Grant from Council of Leaders in Alabama Schools
JCS District Web Site	Ranked #6 of "top ten" school district web sites in Alabama by the Alabama School Connection
Memorial Park Elementary & West Jasper Elementary	Participated in Alabama Best Practices Center Powerful Conversations Network
Andrew Harris	Placed first in steeplechase event at Junior National AAU Track & Field Olympics
John Holladay	Achieved 100 <sup>th</sup> winning game as a head football coach

***"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."***

*~John Dewey*



## 2009-2010 SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

- Installed SMART Board technology in 60% of district's classrooms
- Upgraded fine arts and athletic facilities
- Established benchmark assessments and purchased instructional software for all schools
- Purchased IPOD carts for WHS and MPS
- Added teacher unit in elementary grades to lower pupil-teacher ratio at MPS
- Installed new software to automate financial operations and time/attendance leave system
- Implemented automated SchoolCast calling system to notify parents of school events
- Implemented online payment for school lunches
- Launched "Think-Write" Initiative to strengthen writing instruction across the district
- Started energy savings initiative across the district

## 2009-2010 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Pictured left to right are Greg Tinker, Maddox Middle School; Robin Green, T.R. Simmons Elementary; Christy White, Memorial Park Elementary; Loretta McCants, West Jasper Elementary; and Terrell Gowins, Walker High School. Tinker was also selected *Jasper City Secondary Teacher of the Year*. White was also selected *Jasper City Elementary Teacher of the Year*.

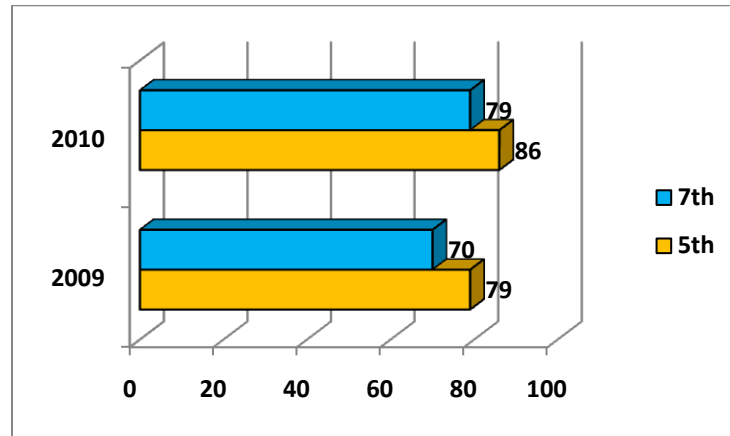
## Jasper City Schools: 2010 AYP Summary

2010-2011 AYP Status			Made AYP in all 3 components (reading, math, additional academic indicator)	
			Not in School Improvement	
System Status Summary Report				
	3-5 Span (Met 20 of 21 goals 95.24%)	6-8 Span (Met 20 of 21 goals 95.24%)	High School Span (Met 13 of 13 goals 100%)	System AYP
Reading AYP	Yes	No (Spec. Ed.)	Yes	Yes
Math AYP	No (Spec. Ed.)	Yes	Yes	Yes
AAI AYP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
*A system makes AYP in three spans (3-5; 6-8; high school) in each component (reading, math, AAI); if system makes AYP in at least one span, the system makes AYP in that component. A system must make AYP in all 3 components (reading, math, AAI) to make overall AYP. *Memorial Park Elementary, T.R. Simmons Elementary, West Jasper Elementary, Walker High School, and North Highlands School met all AYP goals. Maddox Middle School met all goals, except in special education reading. *Areas in which AYP goals were not met become areas of instructional emphasis for the following school year.				

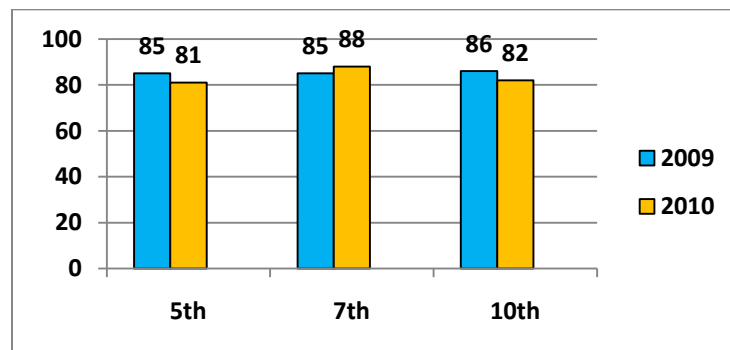
## JASPER CITY SCHOOLS ASSESSMENT REVIEW

(For complete assessment reports for all JCS grades and schools, visit [www.jasper.k12.al.us](http://www.jasper.k12.al.us) and click on Assessment.)

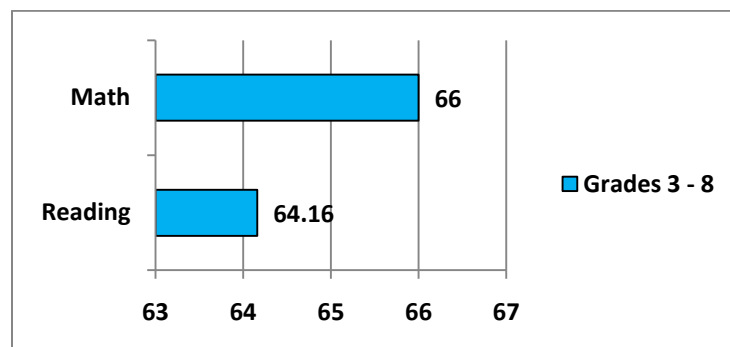
**Alabama Science Assessment (ASA)** - The following chart shows the change in percent of students scoring proficient on the Alabama Science Assessment from 2009 to 2010. Fifth and seventh graders take this assessment annually.



**Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing (ADAW)** - The following chart shows the change in percent of fifth, seventh, and tenth graders scoring proficient on the ADAW from 2009 to 2010. Spring, 2010, marked the last time the state will administer this assessment.

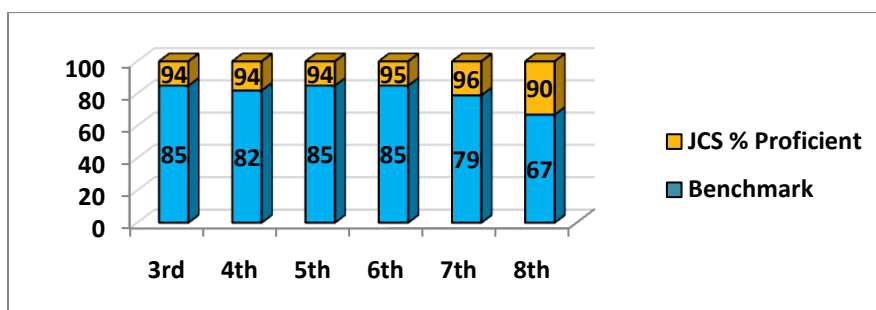


**Stanford Achievement Test (SAT10)** In 2010 Alabama shifted to requiring and reporting only reading and math results on the SAT10. Spring, 2010, was the next-to-last time the state will administer this assessment. JCS performance on the *Stanford 10 Achievement Test* in 2010 placed Jasper City Schools in the top 12% of the school systems in the state. Students in grades 3 – 8 scored 64.16 on reading and 66 on math.



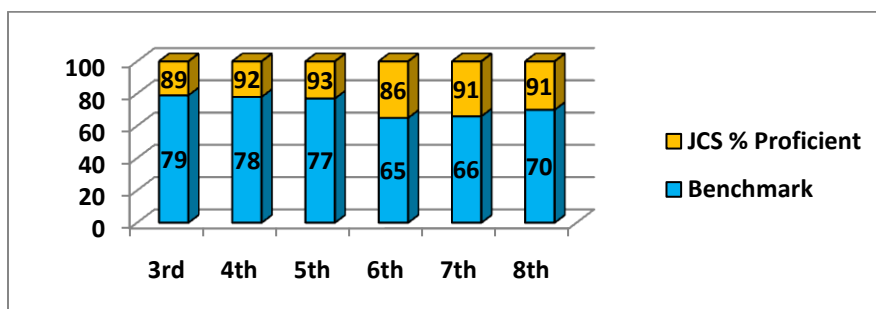
**Alabama Reading and Math Test (ARMT)** - On the *Alabama Reading and Math Test (ARMT)*, JCS students exceeded all 2010 state benchmarks. In the following chart, the top portion of each bar shows the percentage of JCS students scoring proficient in ARMT reading, while the lower portion of each bar indicates the 2010 state benchmark in reading for each grade.

**ARMT READING**

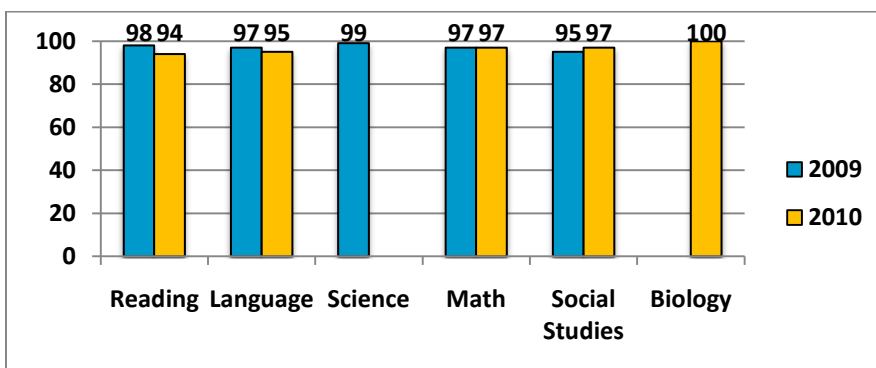


In the following chart, the top portion of each bar shows the percentage of JCS students scoring proficient in *ARMT* math, while the lower portion of each bar indicates the 2010 state benchmark in math for each grade.

**ARMT MATH**

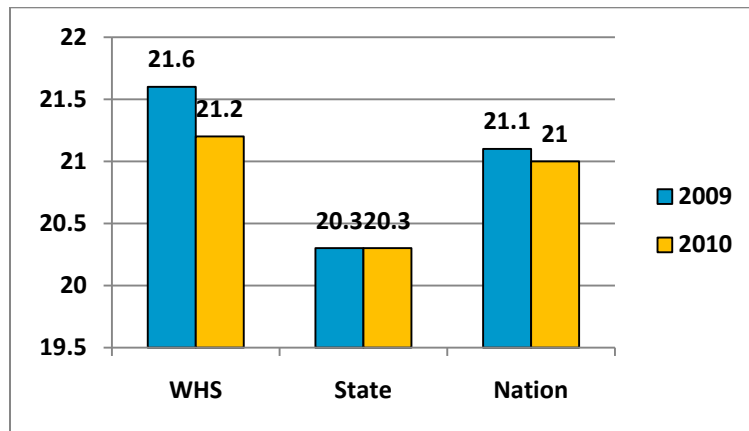


**Alabama High School Graduation Examination (AHSGE)** - The percentage of twelfth graders passing each section of the Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE) is shown in the following chart. The AHSGE includes five subject-area tests students must pass to receive a high school diploma. The exam covers required high school core content. Once a student passes a subject-area test, the student does not have to repeat that test. No later than the spring of tenth grade, students have an opportunity to attempt all five tests.





**American College Test (ACT) - ACT scores of 2010 Walker High students continued to exceed state and national averages.** WHS students scored a composite of 21.2, while the state composite was 20.3, and the national composite was 21.0.



The ACT is a college entrance exam made up of four curriculum-based assessments in English, math, reading, and science. ACT scores range from 1 to 36. ACT subject-area tests reveal students' skills and achievement levels as culminations of their high school experiences and function as important measures of student preparation for postsecondary academic work.

### ***JCS Educational Excellence Fund Drawing from Variety of Sources to Enhance Education in Jasper Schools***

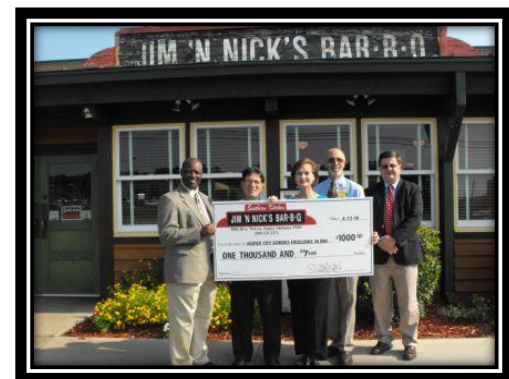
Through aggressive fundraising efforts, the Jasper City Schools Educational Excellence Fund has received over \$250,000, which includes grants from the Wachovia Foundation, the Daniel Foundation of Alabama, the Malone Family Foundation, the ALFA Foundation, and the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham.

The Jasper City Schools Excellence in Education Fund is operated in partnership with the Walker Area Community Foundation, independently from the school system. In the first phase of a fund-raising campaign in 2009, potential investors identified four key issues for future focus of the Educational Excellence Fund:

1. Enhance technology, math and science curriculum;
2. Ensure high school graduates are life and work ready;
3. Expand foreign language instruction;
4. Enhance performing arts/fine arts curriculum.



EEF funds provided iPod Touches for WHS and MPS.



Jim 'N Nick's and Walmart teamed with Jasper City Schools to benefit the Educational Excellence Fund.

Individuals can make tax-deductible contributions that are an investment which allows Jasper City Schools to continue as a leader in public education. For further information call the Jasper City Board of Education at (205) 384-6880 or the Walker Area Community Foundation Office at (205) 302-0001. More information can also be accessed at the Walker Area Community Foundation web site: [www.wacf.org](http://www.wacf.org)

## In Jasper Schools, Learning is More than Academics

Academic learning is a priority in the Jasper schools, but many activities are focused on helping students become productive, civic-minded individuals who serve others and face life with a positive outlook. Numerous student groups conducted service activities that helped the Jasper and Walker County community during the 2009-2010 year. Students were also recognized for displaying positive attitudes during daily school activities.

“Do Your Part – Have a Heart” was the theme for the MMS National Junior Honor Society’s February service project. Through combined efforts from 39 NJHS members, a total of 75 volunteer hours of community service was performed.



Club members assisted with activities such as planting trees around Town Creek, working at the Salvation Army Food Bank, distributing valentines at area nursing homes, selling shirts for Paralyzed Veterans of America, serving food at the Hope Kitchen, cleaning offices at the Adam Bishop Center, and assisting with horses at the Reins of Life Youth Ranch.



Amici, Jr. members from Maddox Middle School teamed with members of the Peacemakers Club at T.R. Simmons Elementary to prepare elder emergency kits—known as “E.E.K.” kits—for senior citizens to use during minor emergencies. Students then distributed the kits to residents of The Terrace in Jasper.

Along with raising student achievement, helping students develop self-confidence, learn respect for others, and maintain a positive attitude are always goals for educators at West Jasper Elementary. STAR (Showing Terrific Attitudes Regularly) students were recognized throughout the 2009-2010 year.



Memorial Park students from the school's chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society worked as peer mentors with students from North Highlands School. MPS students helped NHS students with craft activities, read-alouds, and environmental print notebooks.

It is the official policy of the Jasper City School System that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity, or employment. Inquiries, complaints or concerns regarding compliance with federal regulations may be directed to Dr. Jean Lollar, Assistant Superintendent responsible for all Federal Program Titles (I, II, IX, X), or Betty Odom, Director of Special Education and Section 504 Coordinator, at 110 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper, AL 35501. Phone (205) 384-6880.

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***"Education is the most powerful weapon one can use to change the world."***

***~Nelson Mandela***