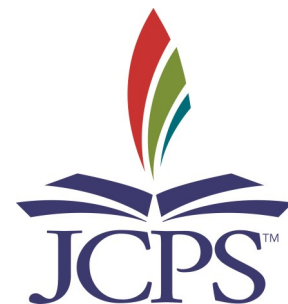


Notes & Analysis

July 2023 Financial Report



July is a busy month planning for the new school year while closing out the previous year's financial records and preparing for audit. Financial activities for July vary widely based on the timing of major expenditure activities, including major construction at many school buildings.

JCPS created an innovative program for the 2022-2023 school year called the Teachers Classroom Allowance. In this program, teachers were allocated funds in an Amazon Business account which replaced funds teachers would have spent from their own pocket to support and outfit their classrooms. In this way, JCPS supports each teacher's educational vision for their classroom. This is how the program ended for the 2022-2023 school year:



7,232 teachers enrolled with \$250 allocation per teacher

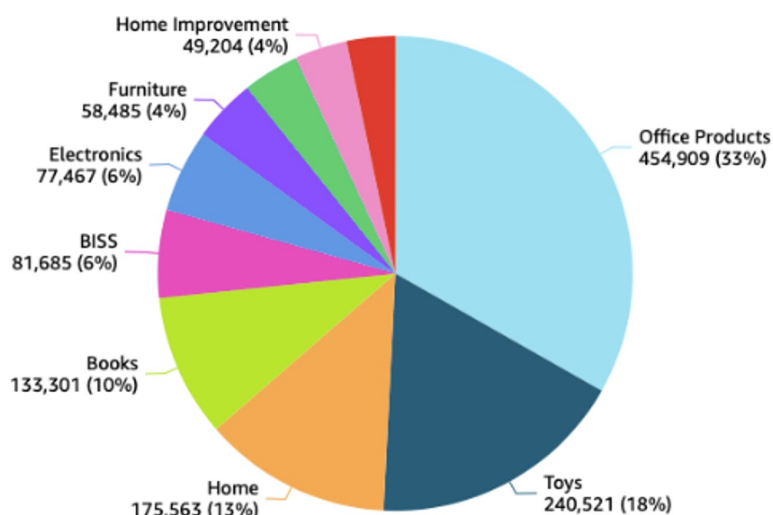
89% of teachers used their account

Teachers who used their accounts spent 96% of allocation

Total spend: \$1,540,208

Orders: 12,090

Shipments: 71,901



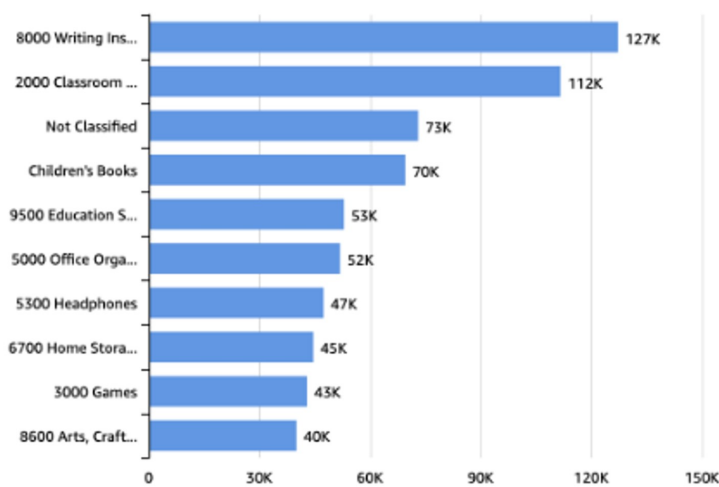
Spend by Sub-Category

- \$127K of spend in Writing Instruments
- \$112K of spend in Classroom Supplies
- \$73K of spend in Misc.
- \$70K of spend in Children's Books
- \$53K of spend in Education Supplies

Top Searches

- Pencils
- Dry Erase
- Headphones
- Pens
- Classroom must haves

Top 10 Categories



The Teacher Classroom Allowance has been extremely popular with teachers. For the 2023-2024 school year, the allocation has been increased to \$400 with AIS and Choice Zone teachers receiving an extra \$100, which is partially grant funded.

How are our Amazon funds being used?



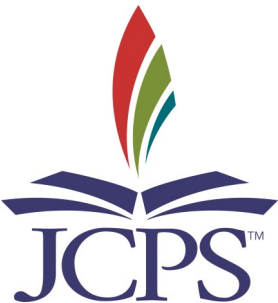
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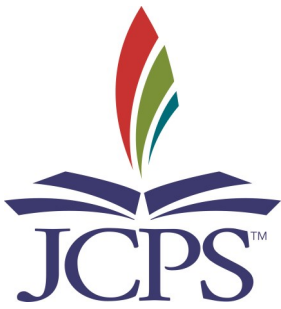


Amazon funds used for accent lighting, rug, reading nook furniture, and other accent pieces in conjunction with a Kammerer Middle School science classroom update paid from school funds

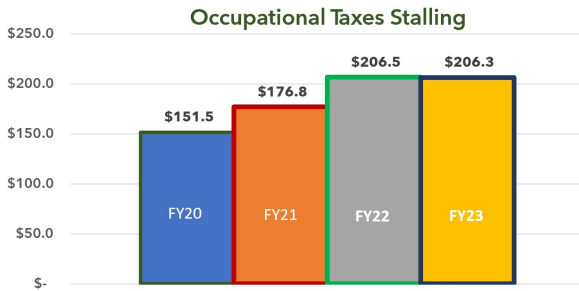


Moore Traditional Culinary Arts teacher used Amazon funds to supply students with professional chef pants before competing at the Kentucky State Fair





Economy discussion for future budget implications



Occupational taxes are JCPS's revenue source that is most closely tied to the local and national economy. Occupational taxes include both a net profits tax on businesses and a payroll tax on employees. In this way, occupational taxes reflect inflationary, rising wage environments and sluggish, depressed economies, as they occur. Since the COVID shutdowns, the economy has been expanding consistently until the 2022-2023 school year, which was largely flat.

Inflation has been a hot topic in the news over the past few years. As prices rise, wages must rise by the same percent or purchasing power and consumer confidence erode. We have certainly seen evidence of reduced consumer confidence in the past few years. The economy seems to be slowing with reduced inflationary pressures currently. We will continue monitoring the economy and whether we will achieve a true soft landing as inflation slows without pushing into a recession.



Interest income had its strongest year on record for JCPS in the 2022-2023 school year with high cash balances due to ESSER COVID-19 stimulus grants and the Federal Reserve raising interest rates to fight inflation. Economic conditions in the short-run are quite volatile with future interest rate predictions shifting on a daily basis. As of late August, many economists are predicting that interest rates will continue to remain high compared to historical trends for more than a year, which will give JCPS additional budget to support our programs.

