

JCPS 2025 Legislative Priorities

Funding

- JCPS supports ongoing efforts to adequately and equitably fund public education at the state level in a manner that recognizes the resources necessary for students all backgrounds to achieve to the best of their abilities.
- JCPS opposes any use of state tax revenue or exclusion of anticipated revenue that would divert funding away from traditional public schools and into unaccountable private schools, including schemes like vouchers, tuition credits, tax credits, and funding for charter schools.

Accountability

- JCPS supports ongoing efforts to reform the state's accountability metrics and create a system that authentically values career readiness, properly weights important factors that are valid and reliable predictors of success, recognizes student growth, and does not unfairly punish schools with populations of students requiring additional resources.

Treatment of Local Districts

- JCPS opposes legislation that would create any unfunded mandate for local school districts.
- JCPS opposes legislation that imposes greater obligations or restrictions on the district that are not applied to other school districts.

Equity

- JCPS opposes any efforts to discriminate against cohorts of students, including efforts to prevent equitable access to necessary curriculum, supports and resources or remove protections for their mental health and safety.

Student Health & Safety

- JCPS supports legislation that would increase access to mental health supports for students, including additional funds set aside for licensed mental health service providers for schools that allow districts to take advantage of Federal Medicaid dollars through the Free Care waiver.
- JCPS supports efforts to encourage secure storage of firearms and ammunition in order to limit irresponsible access by minors and reduce the presence of weapons on school campuses.

Staff Recruitment & Retention

- JCPS supports legislation that to more easily allow retired teachers to re-enter the classroom without a penalty to their pension or their salary.
- JCPS supports legislation allowing authorized classified staff to provide classroom instruction without direct supervision.
- JCPS supports greater local autonomy for classroom staff qualifications including state-mandated assessments that present unnecessary obstacles to qualified certified and classified staff.
- JCPS supports legislation to allow eligible residents to take their CDL permitting exam in a language other than English, creating a wider applicant pool for school bus drivers.

