



***A Message from the Principal***  
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## **JHS Posts Best Graduation Rate in School's History**

Joplin High School is proud to announce the school's highest graduation as measured by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Schools (DESE) calculations. In the last few years, the state of Missouri adopted the new National Governor's Association four-year on-time graduation rate. In addition, Missouri is also reporting the "leaver method" for schools as in the past.

The four-year "on time" graduation rate measures the number of students who graduate from a cohort as compared to the total number of students in the cohort who dropped out, stayed in school, or graduated "on time" in four years. A cohort is established by accounting for the number of students who entered high school in a given year, and tracking their progress over four years. Joplin High School's four-year on time graduation rate for the class of 2013 is 83.6%. This was a significant improvement over the previous year. The four-year on time graduation rate for the class of 2012 was 75%.

As for the leaver method calculation, Joplin High School again enjoyed a significant increase. The leaver method expresses a snapshot of one year's worth of data for graduates regardless of their cohort as compared to the total students of that year including dropouts, current enrollees, and graduates. The graduation rate for 2013 was 86.6% as compared to the 78.5% rate for 2012.

### **JHS Mission Statement**

Duty, Honor, Peace and Pride:  
engaging in academics  
and activities for success.

### **JHS Vision Statement**

Joplin High School students, staff,  
parents, and community work  
together to:

- provide a safe and academically challenging environment.
- model life-long learning, respect, responsibility, and independence.
- engage and excel in academics and activities...

...so that all students will be  
successful in school and beyond.

Finally, we are very proud of the improvements in our graduation rate. Congratulations to our teachers, aides, counselors, assistant principals, and staff.

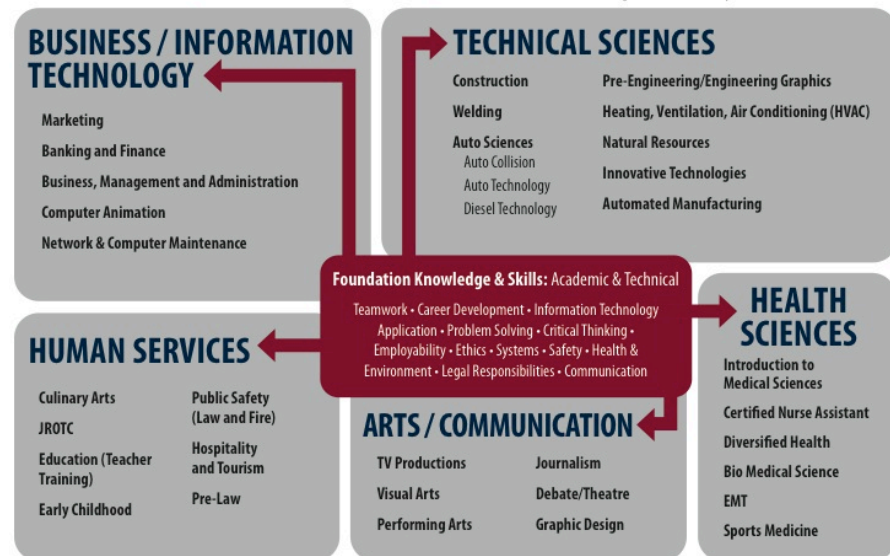
## Coming Together for 2014-2015 and Beyond

Joplin High School (JHS) and Franklin Technology Center (FTC) will be “coming together” over the next school year in order to be able to function as one entity beginning during the 2014-2015 school year. With the adoption of the “career path” approach to education and residing under one roof in the new school, both schools will be joined together organizationally to provide a more seamless delivery of educational services for students.

This fall, faculty representatives from both staff’s, as well as additional stakeholders representing both schools, will meet to develop a new mission and vision for a combined campus. In addition, the career paths will be further developed to make the necessary curriculum changes for the new school. The JHS and FTC administration and guidance department have been working together to streamline the administration of the combined school. Faculty departments will be reorganized as needed under the new career path system to ensure collaboration between teachers is efficient and productive. You could say this will be a very busy school year!

### Joplin High School Career Paths Foundation Knowledge & Skills make up the core curriculum for all JHS students. Students may then choose one of five career paths. Within each career path, students may focus on areas of emphasis called clusters. For example, a student with an interest in business may choose the Business / Information Technology Career Path and then choose a Marketing cluster as an area of emphasis.

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## Joplin HS Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars announced for 2012-2013 School Year

JHS recently received word that 20 students earned the distinction of Advanced Placement “AP” Scholar by the College Board. To be an AP scholar, students need to score 3 or higher on three more Advanced Placement exams. To earn the distinction of “AP Scholar with Honor” a student must have an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four these exams. And to be recognized as an “AP Scholar with Distinction” students must have an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of the AP exams.

AP exams are assessed a final score of 1-5. Joplin High School has offered Advanced Placement courses since 1985 to its students. Currently JHS offers eleven AP courses in several areas including the social sciences, science, communication arts, mathematics, and foreign language.

AP Scholars were: Ryan Grant, Adelle Kanan, Allison Knewtson, Henry Millard, Genevieve Richards, Charlie Sherrod, Samuel Steele, and Tucker Wallace.

AP Scholar with Honors were: Calvin Alumbaugh, Evan Bass, Drew Cox, Lucas Nordyke, Matt Reichman-Bennett, Dana Stiles, and Laela Zaidi.

AP Scholar with Distinction students were: Samuel Croy, Kyle Dillon, Brian Hughes, Nathan Parker, and Katherine Spieckerman.

## Spring 2013 State End of Course Exam Scores Announced

This past spring, our students scored either advanced or proficient with the following percentages:

	<u>% of Students Advanced and/or Proficient</u>
Communication Arts I	54.7%
Communication Arts II	64.5% (improved performance)
Algebra I	38.5% (improved performance)
Geometry	64.4% (improved performance)
Algebra II	47.1%
Biology	77.3% (much improved performance)
American History	44.8%
Government	59.9%



## JHS and FTC Goals and Expectations for 2013-2014

- a) Improve reading and writing skills as measured by state assessments and common assessments (*reading and writing focus - extensive training for 2013-14*).
- b) Improve the Course Passing rate in every department to 95% or better.
- c) Maintain the Graduation Rate to 85% or more.
- d) Utilize a quality Advisory program to be more effective with interventions for struggling learners.
- e) Learn to teach in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom version 3.0 (year three)
- f) Meet the standards of excellence in all areas as prescribed by the BOE and MSIP by improving all measures of student achievement including EoC exams, ACT, ASVAB, SAT, College and Career Readiness measures, AP Exams, etc.
- g) Make the transition to “come together” as one school operationally in anticipation of opening as one building beginning August 2014. Both schools will operate as one school, as well as keep their identities as an area career school as well as a comprehensive high school.

### ***Upcoming Activities***

Open House (all three campuses)	August 14 6:00 to 7:30 pm
First Day of School	August 15
Fall Pep Rally	August 22 @ 7:00 pm - Memorial Hall
Football Jamboree	August 23 @ 7:00 pm - Webb City
First Home Football game vs. Parkview	September 6 @ 7:00 pm – Junge Field
ACT at MSSU	September 21 @ 8:00 AM
Senior Yearbook Pictures at School	September 11-14
College Fair at MSSU	October 3 @ 5:30 pm
Football Homecoming vs. Waynesville	October 4 @ 7:00 pm - Junge Field
Homecoming Dance	October 5 @ 8-11pm - Memorial Hall
Fall Vocal Concert	October 8 @ 7:00 9/10 Auditorium
PSAT Test	October 9
End of First Quarter	October 11
Parent/Teachers Conferences	October 16 (4:00-7:00)
Parent/Teacher Conferences	October 17 (4:00-8:00)
PLAN Test (by ACT)	October 23 @ 9/10 Campus (sophs only)
Orchestra Concert	October 24 @ 9/10 – Auditorium
JROTC Halloween Dance	November 1 @ 7:00 pm - Memorial Hall



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