

Technology

In our school district, technology isn't just computers or classroom applications. All departments throughout the district are expected to use the latest in technology innovation.



...in the schools

All new schools are designed with moveable walls which can accommodate small or multi-class instruction. Voice enhancement systems equipped with microphones aid in student learning. Each teacher has a standard laptop for use both in the classroom and at home and access to digital projectors.

...district wide

Throughout our rapidly growing district the capacity and security of our infrastructure is continually being strengthened. We were one of the first districts in the state to implement an online application process. Internal financial processes, such as payroll, vendor payments and inventory control, are constantly being upgraded with technology.



Communications



Effective communication which promotes community involvement is a district-wide goal. A Communications Audit helped the district set direction and create a Strategic Communications Plan.

The Key Communicator Network, District Advisory Council, Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, Teachers and School-Related Employees of the Year, and the PTA/PTO Committee are all focus groups that meet regularly as a way for the Community Relations Department to keep a pulse on the *interests, needs* and *wants* of the community.

...www.stjohns.k12.fl.us

The website is the district's most effective communications tool. Audio files placed on the website called podcasts are one of the latest methods used to get information out to the public. The district also has a phone notification system which can relay messages to parents throughout the community in a matter of minutes.

"Our success is the result of outstanding teaching and support for the schools, along with a very high level of parent involvement. I am extremely proud of everyone associated with our school district."

Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner

The complete Strategic Plan is available on the website.

School Board Members

District 1 - Beverly Slough; District 2 - Tommy Allen;
District 3 - Bill Mignon; District 4 - Bill Fehling;
District 5 - Carla Wright



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ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN





...in the beginning

The St. Johns County School District is one of the oldest in the country and has been providing excellence in public education since 1869. That first year there were four schools in operation with six teachers serving 204 students. Over the years our district has expanded to more than 35 schools with over 3,000 employees serving more than 27,000 students. The SJCS D was founded with the core belief that it was society's duty to provide quality public education to all in order to create productive citizens. That belief is still present in the district's mission statement.

"The St. Johns County School District will inspire in all students a passion for lifelong learning, creating educated and caring contributors to the world."

...in the new millennium

In the new millennium the district decided to re-examine its direction and purpose. A Core Planning Team was established representing the school district and the community. Members identified core values reflecting the Six Pillars of Character Counts! They also developed three strategic objectives focusing on:

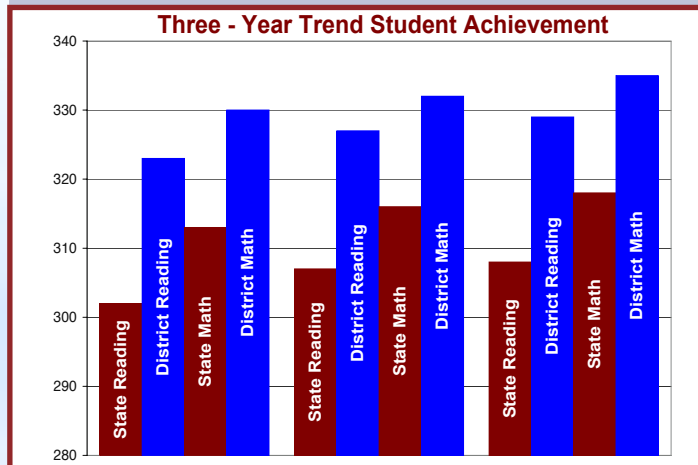
- Student Achievement
- Personal Interests
- Volunteerism

Three Action Teams were created to accomplish these objectives:

- Instructional Delivery Systems
- Technology
- Communications

Strategic Objectives

- Each student will master all academic standards set forth by the district and state.
- All students will continually identify personal interests, pursue them actively and independently, and produce evidence of positive growth.
- All students will continually volunteer for and complete service to the community.



Student Achievement

In St. Johns County we pride ourselves on the level of achievement documented by student performance both in and out of the classroom.

- Student test scores continually rank among the top five in the state and the top 20 percent nationally.
- Our athletic teams have won multiple state competitions, and our academic and performing arts groups consistently receive top awards.
- The school district is one of only a few in Florida to continually achieve an overall grade of "A."
- Our students perform well at the postsecondary level and consistently rank in the top two in the state in readiness for college.
- St. Johns County ranks in the top 14% of the nation in "What Parents Want" in public schools.

Instructional Delivery Systems



• Customized Learning Paths

All students have a Customized Learning Path (CLP) to chart their course for academic success and to assure mastery of all academic standards. Differentiated instruction is available to every student, along with remediation and acceleration programs. Our goal is to make sure that each student makes a year's worth of progress every year. At the middle and high school level students select major areas of interest, develop academic and career plans and engage in community service activities.



• Programs of Study

High school students may select from a variety of career academies, acceleration academies and ROTC programs. Academies are programs of study which uniquely blend curriculum with student interests. They focus on career fields such as aerospace; building construction and design; the arts; applied technology; business and finance; communications; criminal justice; engineering, education, and medicine and health.

Future learning will occur at any time, any place, and any pace.