



**JEFFERSON WEST-USD 340 ♦ Mr. A. Patton Happer, Superintendent**  
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### ***Mission Statement***

***Each Student Will Be Prepared To Meet Life's Challenges As A Productive Member Of Society***

#### **♦♦*About Jefferson West*♦♦**

The Jefferson West School District has approximately 875 students who attend the three facilities in the District. The District covers 68 square miles in three counties.

The Elementary School, which includes grades kindergarten through fourth, is located in Meriden, Kansas, with an enrollment of approximately 310.

The Middle School is located in Meriden, Kansas, with an enrollment of about 265 students in grades five, six, seven, and eight.

Jefferson West High School is located in Meriden, Kansas, with an enrollment of about 300 in grades nine through twelve.

Along with the regular brick and mortar buildings, in 2006 the district opened the Jeff West Academy for Adult Learners, a dropout recovery program for adults interested in returning to school to earn an actual high school diploma.

The district has dedicated itself to maintaining appropriate classes for the students, allowing a more personal educational experience. Generally, there are around 17-23 students per class throughout the district.

Patrons passed a bond issue in November 1994, to construct a new high school at a cost of \$5.7 million. Seventy percent of the voters approved this new 83,500 square foot high school that opened in August 1996. A new student activity building was erected in the fall of 2001, and a new greenhouse was added to the district in 2007.

#### **♦♦*Our Dedication to Excellence*♦♦**

Jefferson West School District strives to maintain the advantages of a small, rural way of life within its schools. Manageable class sizes, dedicated personnel, personalized instruction, and strong school-community relations are maintained.

Jefferson West provides, through the Keystone Learning Services, a comprehensive and complete program of Special Education. AdvancED and the State of Kansas accredit all three Jefferson West schools.

In cooperation with the Washburn Institute of Technology, the Jefferson West School District provides a comprehensive vocational and technical program for High School students in grades eleven and twelve.

Jefferson West High School also provides college credit hours through Highland Community College for qualifying students. A variety of Advanced Placement courses offer another avenue for High School students to earn college credit.

Along with many clubs and student organizations, Jefferson West also offers a Fine Arts program including: Band, Vocal Music, Art, Drama, Forensics and Debate opportunities for students.

Jefferson West Academy for Adult Learners allows adults to earn their Jefferson West High School Diploma.

#### **♦♦*The Governing Body*♦♦**

The Jefferson West School Board of Education is comprised of seven members with the philosophy that all students shall have an equal opportunity in the pursuit of knowledge. The Board views the Education process as a partnership between parents, students, schools and community.

#### **♦♦*The Staff*♦♦**

The Jefferson West School District has approximately 142 certified and classified employees working with our students. Small class sizes are maintained in order to provide the best possible climate for learning to occur.

#### **♦♦*Athletics*♦♦**

A member of the Big Seven League, the Jefferson West School District has a competitive athletic program for both boys' and girls' sports in grades seven through twelve that includes Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Wrestling, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Track and Field, and Golf.

#### **♦♦*Community Support*♦♦**

The Jefferson West Booster Club actively supports the programs and students at all grade levels. The Board of Education encourages support by the Booster Club, local businesses, and civic organizations in the district programs.

Parent and Patron volunteers work closely with teachers at all grade levels. This partnership with the community and the parents is essential if students are to reach their fullest potential.