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## JCPS selected for \$5 million grant

The United States Department of Education has selected a Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) grant application as one of its Investing in Innovation (i3) 2010 Highest-Rated Applications. A \$5 million i3 grant will be used to help six JCPS high schools improve achievement, decrease dropout rates, and increase high school graduation rates. Other goals include increasing college readiness and access and improving teacher and school leader effectiveness.

Nearly 1,700 applications were submitted. The JCPS application was one of 30 projects selected in its category, receiving a score of 99.68 on a 100-point scale.

“This unique opportunity will provide a tremendous boost to our comprehensive efforts to ensure that all students graduate ready for college and career and with the skills and dispositions to be contributing citizens and innovative leaders for the twenty-first century,” says Dr. Sheldon Berman, JCPS Superintendent.

The i3 grant will support JCPS’ restructuring in six high schools: Fairdale, Fern Creek Traditional, Moore Traditional, the Academy @ Shawnee, Valley Traditional, and Western MST Magnet High.

Final approval of the i3 grant requires certification of a 20 percent (\$1 million) private-sector match, bringing the total project budget to \$6 million.

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### More JCPS news:

**Our Kids**—A monthly television program that highlights happenings in our schools, *Our Kids* is broadcast on several channels, including KET, Louisville Metro TV, and LouNet (WYCS). The show airs on Insight Cable channels 2, 15, 25, 98, and 138. *Our Kids* feature stories are available at [www.jcpsky.net](http://www.jcpsky.net).

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