

## About the

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The Jefferson County Public Education Foundation was established in July 1983 to financially support the priority initiatives of JCPS in Louisville, Kentucky.

In the early 1980s, the computer era was only beginning and technology was not as widespread as it is today. The community leaders in Louisville determined that the best strategy for enhancing our public schools was to purchase computers for schools. The first major capital campaign conducted by the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation was to raise private donations in support of the New Kid in School. This fundraising was accomplished through the generosity and support of individuals, alumni, organizations, foundations, and corporations.

In the 1990s, the preschool initiative was implemented and technology was supported through Tools for Schools. This was an opportunity to upgrade our computers in the classrooms and enroll 3- and 4-year-olds in the JCPS no-tuition preschools.

From 2004 to 2008, the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation's priority was **Every 1 Reads. Every 1 Reads** is a \$16 million campaign partnership with JCPS, Louisville Metro Government, and Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI).

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