



# JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

*"Challenging Individuals to Achieve Excellence"*

**Notice to grade 5-8 Parents**

**January, 2012**

## **Changes in Summer School - 2012**

Dear Jefferson County School Parent,

Jefferson County Schools Mission Statement, "Challenging Students to Achieve Excellence," establishes our focus for every student to be successful. Our current district goals include achievement and mastery of instruction in Language Arts and Mathematics. In planning school initiatives for the success of every child, we are providing proactive strategies to help students learn during the school day. For some students, additional support is needed. To address these needs schools are offering opportunities for instruction through intervention services during the school day, some programs before and after school as well as summer school.

**This summer we will be offering summer school at the four middle schools in Language Arts and Mathematics for students not mastering course content during the school year in grades 5-8. Based on a July 2011 TN Law, TCA 49-6-3021, school systems can now require attendance to remedial programs before and after school or during summer school. Summer school will be held June 4-28 and will have required attendance for those students who have not mastered course content. If a student is required to attend, days absent would count toward truancy the same as during the school year. Since summer school is held at our four middle schools, NO transportation will be provided. In past years buses were only provided from the four middle schools to the summer school location at JCHS.**

Teachers of Language Arts and Mathematics will be notifying parents in the coming weeks of any student currently at-risk of non-mastery of course content. Schools will also be working diligently with students to provide opportunities for success. If you receive a notice of possible student failure, we strongly encourage you to meet with the school team or teacher to develop an educational plan for second semester to avoid mandatory summer school attendance.

Respectfully,

Dr. Charles Edmonds  
Director of Schools  
Jefferson County Schools