



Jefferson City Schools Athletics Highlights of 2007-2008

32 State Championship Teams
Since 1959

Traditions

- 173 Individual State Champions since 1953; 83 Wrestling and 90 Track & Field
- Over 100 Region or Area Championship Teams
- 1st Among Public Schools in the Directors Cup (6th Straight Year)

Diversity

- Over 45% (some 320 JHS students) currently participate in one or more sports.
- JHS currently offers 9 Varsity sports for females: Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track, Volleyball,
- JHS currently offers 9 Varsity sports for males: Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Track, Wrestling
- Among our 18 Programs we have 52 different teams (6-12).

Ten Most Popular Athletic Programs Nationally

Boys:

1. Basketball
2. Track and Field- outdoor
3. Baseball
4. Football- 11 player
5. Golf
6. Cross Country
7. Soccer
8. Wrestling
9. Tennis
10. Swimming & Diving*

Girls:

1. Basketball
2. Track and Field- outdoor
3. Volleyball
4. Softball- Fast Pitch
5. Cross Country
6. Soccer
7. Tennis
8. Golf
9. Swimming & Diving*
10. Competitive Spirit Squads

Recent Team Success 2007- 2008

State Appearances:

Baseball-Final Eight

Basketball

Cheerleading-12th

Cross-County-Girls 6th, Boys 9th

Football-Final Sixteen

Golf-Girls 5th

Softball-Final Eight

Tennis-Girls and Boys Final Sixteen

Track-Boys 7th

Wrestling-Champion, Dual
& Traditional

Individual Success 2007-2008

- Wrestling: State Champions-Cason Thurmond, Cam Thurmond, Jed Gurley, Jay Fowler, Zac Crosby, and Lucas Redd. State Runner-up-Daniel Barber, Cutler Finch, Wayne Elliott, Patrick Allen, and Cole Hightower.
- Track: State Champion-Tyler Porter (PV) State Runner-up-Dexter Morgan (DT)
- Golf: Jennifer Brueshaber State Runner-Up and named All-State
- Volleyball: Stephanie Fincher, All-Area

Current Success Fall 2008

- Cheerleading: Region 8AA Runner-Up and 7th Place Finish at State
- Cross-Country: Region 8AA Runner-Up and 6th Place Finish at State
- Football: Region 8AA Champion, 11-1 Final Record
- Softball: Region 8AA Runner-Up and 10th Straight State Tournament Appearance
- Volleyball: State Tournament

Academic Analysis

- Analysis of the Academic Averages of the 2009 Senior Class

Five of the top Ten Senior students are involved in one or more sports

When considering academic subjects the combined GPA of Senior Athletes (57) surpassed 3.0 as of August 2008.

Athletic Scholarships

- Baseball: Cameron Blinn-Truett-McConnell; Blaine Skaggs-Brewton Parker, Anthony Dowker-Brewton Parker, Jed Gurley-Shorter College
- Basketball: Brittany Crews-Brenau, Caroline Adams-Truett McConnell, Ronnie Lewis-Brewton Parker
- Football: Josh Bohannan-Belhaven College, Dexter Morgan-N. Carolina Tech, Cole Loggins-Bethel College, Grant Newman-Savannah State
- Softball: Jessica Swancey-Young Harris, Kimberly Tolbert-Georgia Southwestern,
- Volleyball: Emily Wood-Brewton Parker
- Wrestling: Jed Gurley- Newberry

Growth

- 2004 added Volleyball at JMS; this Fall we began our third Varsity season.
- 2006 added Soccer at JMS; this Spring we begin our first Varsity season.
- Over the past 10 years we have systematically added three Varsity Programs with full feeder systems (middle and JV): Competitive Cheerleading, Volleyball, and Soccer.

A Great Staff

- 58 Coaches in 2008/2009
- 6 Coaches Named All-Region/Area in 2008
- 2 State Coaches of the Year in 2008
- Average Tenure of Head Coaches @ Jefferson-11 Years
- Average Coaching Experience of Head Coaches-16 Years

New Departmental Recognition Methods in 2008

- Recognizing one athlete per sport weekly as the Athlete of the Week in the Jackson Herald and providing free meals sponsored by local restaurants.
- In conjunction with Hamilton State Bank, we are recognizing Scholar Athletes for each sport. Each athlete is recognized on local radio and presented with a certificate. This fall we will recognize athletes for each fall sport at half-time of the last regular season home football game.

Classification

- Jefferson is currently classified 8AA. “8” denotes the geographic location. AA denotes enrollment.
- Set by the Georgia HS Association (ghsa.net)
- Based on enrollment figures:
 - 1850 or more students-AAAAA**
 - 525 or less students-A**
 - Remaining schools are divided evenly into Classes AA, AAA, and AAAA**
 - Classification status good for two years**
 - The last time we were classified AA was 1987-'89.**
(Only four classes A-AAAA at that time)

Region 8AA

- North: Dawson County, Fannin County, Rabun County, Riverside Military Academy, and Union County
- South: Banks County, Jefferson, North Oconee, Oglethorpe County, and East Jackson County

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