

October Top 5 - Oct 27, 2022

Core Values Approved

One of the goals of the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan was to define the Character and Values of Jefferson Academy. At the October meeting the Board approved the following core values:

- We stand confident and unwavering in our mission and vision.
- We communicate with candor, kindness and respect.
- We are responsible for ourselves and accountable to each other.
- We value learning through growth.
- We embrace new ways to introduce, explore and understand.
- We are invested in educational partnerships and intellectual curiosity.
- We promote a supportive environment for the safety and well-being of our community.

Fall Parent Surveys

Please take a moment to fill out our Fall Parent Survey. These surveys help our School Accountability Committee (SAC) and board know how JA is doing. The results are compared to previous years and help identify what works well and where there is room for improvement. Your feedback is very valuable to us.

Please find the surveys here:

[Elementary Survey](#)

[Secondary Survey](#)

Board Campus visits

Members of the board had opportunities to visit the Jefferson Academy Elementary, Secondary, Summit Westminster, and Summit South campuses. We experienced the energy and dynamics of each campus, and were able to observe classrooms and programs in action. Several board members remarked how much they would love to be a student in our schools and programs.

Audit Passed

An independent financial audit was recently completed on JA's finances, and we will be receiving a clean audit. A draft copy of the audit is being completed and will be available for review on our [Financial Transparency webpage](#) once finished. A shout-out to the incredible financial staff at JA for a job well done.

Policy change passed

The board agreed to change the definition of Jefferson Academy in our policies. We updated this text to clearly indicate that JA includes our campuses AND our educational programs. The updated text is in quote marks.

Policy 1.2 - School Legal Status (A) clarification:

Jefferson Academy is a Colorado charter school organized pursuant to the Colorado Charter Schools Act, Colo.Rev.Stat.22.30.5.101 et seq. “that encompasses all Jefferson Academy campuses and Jefferson Academy sponsored Educational Programs.” Jefferson Academy operates pursuant to a charter grant by the Board of Education of the District on May 12, 1994. On May 17, 1994 Jefferson Academy incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act, and on May 2, 1996 the Internal Revenue Service issued a determination letter recognizing Jefferson Academy’s tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Under the Charter Schools Act, Jefferson Academy is a public school within the District, and its status as a nonprofit corporation does not affect its status as a public school. However, for governance and administrative purposes, Jefferson Academy operates as a Colorado nonprofit corporation.