

# JACKSON COUNTY

## School District

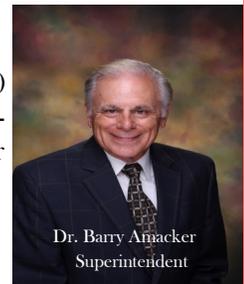
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Raising the Standard

Greetings JACO Nation,

We're all settled in now and I hope you have had a great start to the 2019-2020 School Year. Special thanks to First Baptist Church Vanleave and Wade Baptist Church for feeding our teachers and staff our first week back to work. Your continual support of our schools and community is greatly appreciated.



Dr. Barry Amacker  
Superintendent

Vanleave Upper has a beautiful new classroom wing as well as a newly renovated cafeteria. Teachers and students are so excited to have more room to grow and learn.

Congrats to VHS for ranking highest in the state among 9th-12th grade schools on the Biology state test. Also, our 3rd graders did an awesome job on the 3rd grade MKAS reading gate test, with a 98.1% pass rate. The pass rate for each of our schools is as follows: ECU 100%; SME 99.4%; SMN, 98.6%; and VUE 96.4%. Great Job!

Congratulations to Vanleave Attendance Center for winning the JCSD Athletic/Activities Award for 18-19. This award is based on a point system for all of the sports and activities' overall success. Bravo to all of our coaches, directors, athletic director, Matt Walters, Assistant Superintendent Todd Knight and our amazing students. It's going to be a great year!

Our district website has a lot of helpful information and links such as the school calendars, the school/employee handbooks, lunchroom account, and many others. Additionally, the District website has links to each of our schools. You can access the district website by going to [www.jcsd.k12.ms.us](http://www.jcsd.k12.ms.us).

I love highlighting the academic/athletic successes within our district so please feel free to share your photos of celebrations and events by emailing my secretary, Melissa, at [mrayborn@jcsd.k12.ms.us](mailto:mrayborn@jcsd.k12.ms.us).

Please remember that attendance is a vital part of the educational process. Please make every effort to have students present each day. Additionally, our state funding is calculated based on our average daily attendance.

We invite you to tune in to WPMO 96.9 FM or [Tunein.com/1580](http://Tunein.com/1580) every Tues and Thursday at 7:30 AM for our Jackson County School District "Raising the Standard" updates. Also, Mondays & Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. on WGUD TV. We have guests from our district share information about their programs and other exciting information. Also, be sure to visit our website at [www.jcsd.ms](http://www.jcsd.ms) and download our JCSD App for frequent updates.

Good luck to all of our athletes, band, ROTC, cheer and dance teams as our fall sports get underway. Check out our web page for the schedules by clicking [here](#).

I'm certain it's going to be a great year and I'm looking forward to the many opportunities we'll have to "Fan the Flame" to assist with our continued educational and personal growth. Thanks for all you do! Dr. A.

Click [here](#) to view our new school calendar.

To view photos of activities within the district, [click here](#).

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