

**Mid-Year Review Summary
Jefferson County High School
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Positive Impact of State Board Requirements

School Restructure: Jefferson County views this action as a positive for their District. They would like to see a required data component incorporated for schools to truly understand the importance of utilizing data to make instructional decisions.

School wide Reform: Staff identified this as taking ten times more work, but worth it. This step has moved the schools to a higher level of accountability. Schools consistently collect and review data to make decisions for individual students. The District also purchased a data system.

Alignment of curriculum at feeder schools: All middle grade reading and math Level I students take an additional class to improve their academic achievement.

School wide staff development: Jefferson County uses all early release days for staff development. The training schedule is developed to focus on the needs of the students. Faculty meetings include staff development and everyone is required to attend these sessions. Administrative staff has a strong staff development component so they are better able to assist staff and recognize good practices in the classroom.

Extended Learning: The community has partnered to provide advertisements of available services. The District provided funding for the hiring of retired people to work with small groups.

Multiple coaches: This has been an asset for teachers and students. This mandated model has help to raise the bar for teachers and students. Students are now commenting that not only are they held accountable and given support, but so are their teachers.

Request for Flexibility in Implementing State Board Requirements

Ninth grade Parent Contracts: Jefferson High School now has 100% of their 9th grade contracts signed. This has been a tremendous burden. Home visits were made and they had to hire a parent liaison to assist with these visits.

Reporting compliance: It is very stressful for small districts to get everything done and maintain the focus on students. As teams assist, a description of their duties/responsibilities will help streamline the reporting requirements.

Full staffing: It is a challenge to remain fully staffed. It is also difficult to move around tenured staff who do not meet the highly qualified effective criteria in small districts.