



# Welcome to the School District of Jefferson Superintendent of Schools Search

## About the School District

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206 S. Taft Avenue, Jefferson WI 53549

The School District of Jefferson serves the communities of Jefferson, Helenville, and Sullivan. The District includes three schools serving 1,837 students: Elementary–PreK-grade 12; Middle–grades 6-8; and High-grades 9-12.

## Statistics

District Grades .....	Pre-K-12
Enrollment .....	1,837
Administrators .....	11
Directors.....	3
Teachers .....	156
Support Staff .....	113
Annual Operating Budget.....	\$25.2 million
Debt Service .....	\$4.2 million
Total Outstanding Debt .....	\$28 million

## Referendum Info

The School District of Jefferson community strongly supports their schools. This is evidenced by recently passed referenda. In 2010, the community passed a construction referendum remodel and addition to the high school for \$36 million. In 2016, the community passed a three-year, non-recurring referendum for \$775,000 per year. And in 2018, the community passed a step-up recurring referendum maxing out at \$3.1 million in year four in perpetuity.

## Construction/Renovation

The District recently hired Findorff to complete a facility study for all five buildings and grounds. The study was to focus primarily on East Elementary school. The 1938 elementary school is a gorgeous old limestone building with a slate roof but needs some significant attention. The study is completed and a facility advisory committee made up of employees and community members is being formulated.

## Related Websites

- <https://jeffersonwis.com/>
- <https://jeffersonchamberwi.com/>
- <https://www.jeffersoncountywi.gov/>
- <https://gdays.org/>
- <http://www.councilfortheperformingarts.org/>
- <https://www.sdoj.org/prospective/school-district-map.cfm>



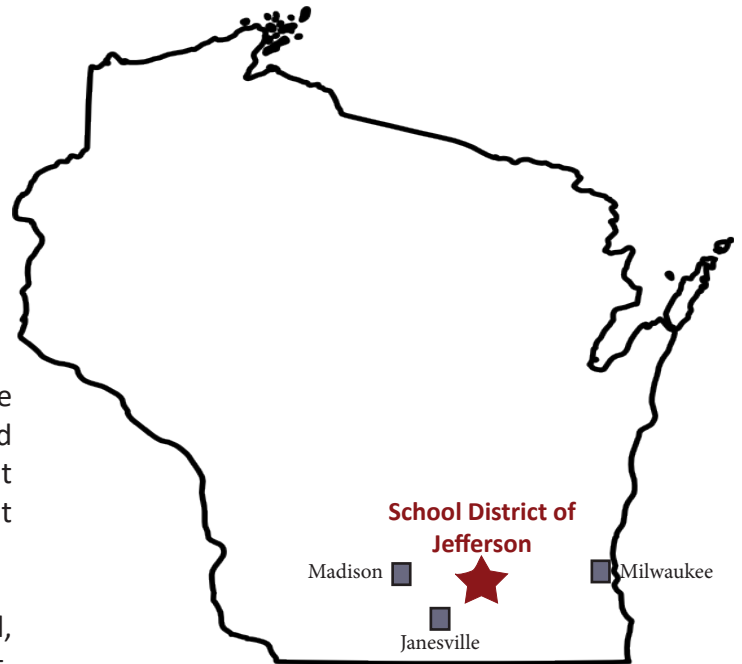
# About the Jefferson Community

Jefferson's location was selected to make use of the water power and transportation opportunities offered by the Rock River. It was the furthest point a steamboat could navigate the Rock in 1839. Later bridges built downstream prevented such navigation.

Jefferson's founders were settlers from New England, particularly Connecticut, rural Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, as well as some from upstate New York born to parents who had migrated there from New England shortly after the American Revolution. These people were "Yankees" descended from the English Puritans who settled New England in the 1600s. They were part of a wave of New England farmers who headed west into what was then the wilds of the Northwest Territory during the early 1800s. Most arrived as a result of the completion of the Erie Canal as well as the end of the Black Hawk War.

When they arrived in what is now Jefferson there was nothing but dense virgin forest and wild prairie, the New Englanders built farms, roads, and government buildings and established post routes. They brought many of their Yankee New England values, such as a passion for education, establishing many schools as well as staunch support for abolitionism. They were mostly members of the Congregationalist Church though some were Episcopalian. Due to the second Great Awakening some had converted to Methodism and others had become Baptists before moving to what is now Jefferson. Jefferson, like much of Wisconsin, would be culturally very continuous with early New England culture for most of its early history.

During World War II, Camp Jefferson, a prison camp for German POWs, was erected at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The Jefferson County Fairgrounds hosted horse buggy racing prior to the renovations to the new fairgrounds.



Gemueticlichkeit Days was started in 1971 to celebrate the German heritage of many of the residents of the Jefferson area. The festival was first held under tents in the downtown area. The festival quickly grew and in 1975 the festival was moved to the Jefferson County Fair grounds and has been held there every year since then.

The City of Jefferson's population as of the 2010 census was 7,973.

# Superintendent Search

## School District of Jefferson

# Candidate Profile

The School District of Jefferson has a student population of 1,850 students. It is located 30 miles east of Madison and 50 miles west of Milwaukee on State Highway 26. The school district has a small school culture while providing larger school opportunities. The district prides itself in meeting the needs of all children in a caring supportive atmosphere. In an effort to ensure their graduates are college, career, and life ready, the high school offers a comprehensive curriculum that includes dual credit and youth options course opportunities, 15 advanced placement courses, plus a full array of career and technical education offerings including automotive, agriculture, manufacturing, nursing and S.T.E.M.

The Jefferson community is very proud and supportive of their schools. In a recent district-wide survey, they cited academic achievement and community support as the top two strengths of the District.

The Board of Education prides itself in being fiscally responsible while supporting one of the top academically performing school districts in the area. Although currently in the middle of an operating referendum window, Jefferson is moving into a stage in which attracting and retaining quality staff, maintaining facilities, and continuing to offer quality programming are competing with maintaining financial stability.

The new superintendent will need to have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, have a background in school finance, be an advocate for all children, and be a visible presence in the district's schools and in the community.



### District Mission

Empowering Futures Together

### District Vision

All Students Positively Impact Society



# Application Process

## Timeline

Application Deadline .....	March 2, 2021
Review of Applications .....	March 9, 2021
First Round of Interviews .....	March 22 & 23, 2021
Final Round of Interviews.....	April 8, 2021
Start Date .....	July 1, 2021

### Requirements

Candidates must hold or be eligible for a Wisconsin superintendent's license.

### Search Information

A description of the application process may be found on the WASB website: [Application Process](#)

Application deadline: March 2, 2021

Duties begin: July 1, 2021

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