



USD 475

Points of Pride

District Honors



- ❖ JCHS Class of 2009 received over \$ 1.5 million in local, state and national scholarships
- ❖ Junction City Middle School and Ft. Riley Middle School named 2009 “Gold Level” Middle Schools by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators
- ❖ Junction City High School Marching Band received the **Grand Champion Award** and the Drum & Flag Line received “**Best Overall**” honors at the 2009 Cotton Bowl.
- ❖ USD 475 - Home of the **2008 Class 6A State Champion Football Team !**
- ❖ USD 475 Schools earned 109 **Standard of Excellence Awards** on the 2008 Kansas Assessments
- ❖ All schools achieved **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** under the *No Child Left Behind* Federal legislation (2008-09)
- ❖ Six USD 475 schools earned 2007 & 2008 **Governor’s Achievement Awards**
- ❖ USD 475 schools have received 43 **Challenge Awards** for outstanding achievement from the *Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force*
- ❖ Junction City High School named a **National Model School** by the **International Center for Leadership in Education**
- ❖ Six elementary schools named National *No Child Left Behind* **Blue Ribbon Schools** - Custer Hill, Jefferson, Sheridan, Ware, Morris Hill & Eisenhower
- ❖ Four elementary schools named **National Distinguished Title 1 Schools** - Custer Hill, Westwood, Ware Elementary and Washington Elementary
- ❖ Ware Elementary recognized as a high-performing school with a “**Dispelling the Myth Award**” by Education Trust, Inc.
- ❖ JCHS recognized with **Exemplary Technical Education Program Awards** from the Kansas Association of Career and Technical Education





Staff Honors & Achievements

- ❖ **Ron Walker**, Superintendent of Schools, and **Jan Pabitzky**, USD 475 Chief Information Officer, honored in 2007 & 2008 with “**20 to Watch**” Leadership in Technology + Learning Award sponsored by the National School Board Association.
- ❖ **Daniel Dinkel**, Sheridan 4th Grade Teacher & Junction City Middle School math teacher, **Brandi Lundgren** named 2009 *Kansas Horizon Award* recipients. The award recognizes outstanding first-year teachers.
- ❖ **Ursula Popovich**, Junction City Middle School special education teacher named 2009 Geary County Master Teacher Nominee.
- ❖ Morris Hill Elementary teacher, **Anita Rogge** and FRMS Language Arts Teacher, **Gloria Yates** named 2008-09 *Kansas Teacher of the Year* nominees.
- ❖ 475 Communications Secretary, **Connie Gallentine**’s essay received first runner-up and \$500.00 for the JCHS Athletic Department in a National Synthetic Turf Council “*Search for the Real Field of Dreams*” Contest.
- ❖ **Judy Beemer**, JCHS Literacy Coach given the 2008 Teacher of Excellence Award from the National Council of Teachers of English.
- ❖ **Jan McNeese**, Spring Valley Elementary 5th grade teacher named 2008 *Walmart Teacher of the Year*
- ❖ **Shelbie Witte**, Ft. Riley Middle School 8th grade language arts teacher named a Region 1 Finalist for the 2008 *Kansas Teacher of the Year Award*.
- ❖ **Chris Day**, Eisenhower Elementary vocal music teachers selected as the 2007-08 *North Central Kansas Outstanding Elementary Music Teacher*,
- ❖ **Sierra Jackson**, Spring Valley Elementary principal named the 2007 *Administrator of the Year* for the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.