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# Joplin Elementary School

## School Report Card 2008-09

### OUR MISSION

Preparing today's students for tomorrow's challenges

### KEEPING YOU INFORMED

This report is a summary of some indicators of the performance of our school. No single report can tell the whole story of our school's educational program or the people who work and learn here. We encourage you to find out firsthand by visiting our school. If you are a parent of one of our students, we invite you to take an active role in your child's learning because studies show that when parents are involved, students do better in school.

### HOW WE ARE IMPROVING

Joplin Elementary enjoyed a successful 2008-2009 school year as our students performed above the district and state averages on standardized assessments. We are proud of the fact that Joplin made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the fourth year in a row, showing encouraging growth in all tested areas. Spottin' Ya Doing Good program recognizes students for outstanding citizenship as well as academic effort. Each week our all school meeting focuses on character traits, student achievements, and building a strong school community.

### OPTIONS FOR PARENTS

The Joplin PTO is an active and enthusiastic organization. We urge all parents to join!

### WHAT WE CELEBRATE

At Joplin we celebrate our students by providing many extra-curricular activities for the entire student body. We provide our students with leadership skills in our Student Council. Our excellent music programs offer 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra and choir. Speed jump and Walking club provide students with physical interests. Joplin's wonderful staff continually gets excited about differentiated instruction and makes extended efforts to ensure academic progress for every student.

### OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Many factors, such as how often a child attends school, moving frequently, and English language experience, influence school achievement. Measuring these characteristics helps us understand our students' needs.

#### ABOUT OUR STUDENTS

- 0% Who participated in programs to learn English
- 9% Who qualified for free or reduced-price lunch
- 6% Who participated in gifted and talented programs

Our school values the involvement of parents and we thank all parents who are able to visit the school during the year.

#### ABOUT OUR PARENTS

- 96% Who attended parent teacher conferences
- 41% Who volunteered their time

We are committed to ensuring that highly trained and qualified teachers instruct our students. Parents are welcome to request information about the qualification of their child's teachers at anytime. In addition, if the need arises for your child to be taught by a teacher without complete qualifications for more than four weeks, we will notify you.

#### ABOUT OUR TEACHERS

- 100% Percent who are highly qualified teachers
- 0 Percent who are teaching as an approved consultant specialist
- 0 Percent who are teaching with a letter of authorization
- 0 Percent of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers
- 0 Number who are special education teachers

#### ABOUT AVERAGE CLASS SIZES

Grade	Our school	District
Kindergarten	21	22.8
First	24	21.9
Second	25	23.1
Third	24	22.7
Fourth	31	28.2
Fifth	31	28.8

### OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Our goal is to provide a place for students to learn without distractions and concerns for safety. We closely monitor activities on our campus and offer comprehensive programs to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse. As required by state and federal laws and rules, we collect, monitor, and report on crimes and substance abuse incidents on our campus and at school activities. A complete report of this information about our school and district is available at: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/ipd/reportcard/SchoolReportCard.asp> or by contacting XXXXX in our school district.

### OUR STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

#### ABOUT OUR STUDENTS' TEST RESULTS

Included with this are "Adequate Yearly Progress Assessment Reports." These reports provide detailed information about the academic performance of our students and specific groups of students on state reading, math, and language usage tests.

#### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL'S PROGRESS

The results from these tests also are used to measure the progress of our school toward state and federal goals. The report called "Adequate Yearly Progress Indicators" details which goals our school met and those we may have missed.