

Testimonials

Why do parents send their kids to Jefferson Academy? How are students learning at Jefferson Academy? What excites teachers to work at Jefferson Academy?

Read the following statements from our community to hear how we are helping students succeed academically!

STUDENTS

“I love Jefferson Academy because we get to learn at our own pace in Math and Reading.

– Emilyn

“I like Jefferson Academy because my teachers are very nice, organized and help me learn better.”

– Esther

“I appreciate that the teachers here are willing to work with us and help give us one-on-one attention and support.”

– Scott

“I love how focused this school is on being kind to one another. This helps us have no bullying!”

– Clarke

“The teachers here are absolutely incredible. You can tell that all of them love and care for their students. They all have different personalities that are unique and fun to learn from. I love that this school teaches things at the level you are at. I feel ahead of the other elementary schools.”

– Leilani

“I love that we are pushed and required to work hard and achieve our very best! I also love that our school makes us feel safe and does not allow bullying!”

– Audry

“All of the teachers at JA are amazing and love us!”

– Adi

PARENTS

“I love that Jefferson Academy focuses on values and principles. The three pillars they strive for are: scholarship, citizenship, and moral excellence. The

students are recognized and rewarded when they exhibit these values. Being recognized makes my kids want to continue to live up to high standards. The administration really tailors needs to individuals and is so willing to listen to parents. You are not just a number at this school. The curriculum is strong, and I know my kids are receiving a quality education.”

– Holly Tholl

“I am the parent of two Jefferson Academy students and I LOVE THIS SCHOOL! I am impressed with so many things, but the thing that impresses me the most is the quality of teachers and staff at the school. Our family has been going to the school since it opened in 2009. In that time we have loved all our teachers! My oldest daughter is now in a public Jr. High and comments often about how she misses her teachers that she had at Jefferson and their love for teaching. That’s a BIG deal! I am willing to travel and take my kids to Jefferson, even though I live next to an Elementary School and live a few blocks from a new charter school, because I feel like Jefferson is the BEST option for my kids education and I will make the sacrifices I can to keep them there.”

– Michelle Christensen

“Our children love being challenged and learning everyday. My husband and I love knowing that their teachers and staff truly care about their education and emotional well-being.”

– Traci Wilcox

“I feel like I am more involved in my child’s education. The teachers are so good at keeping me posted with what is going on and what they are learning in class. I love the many opportunities parents have to volunteer. We love their focus on American History and the constitution and feel that it is vital for their future.”

– E. Pearce

“It is not always easy getting my young child to share the learning part of school. It is so pleasant to have a daily e-mail from the teacher on what is being taught and personal emails on how to improve the classroom involvement and learning. Having the opportunity to be in the class and help and see how the day unfolds is such a wonderful experience.”

-A.E. Blackburn

“I really like the teachers, director, and curriculum. My son has been challenged by the curriculum and has made so much progress. I love the parent involvement and activities put on by the school. I have been very pleased with everything about this school.”

– Katie Poland

“I like that the teachers seem accountable to doing their very best. I love Saxon Math and love that they progress students along as they need.”

– Casey Nielson

“Jefferson’s math curriculum (Saxon) is the BEST math program around. The teachers at Jefferson all are fantastic and they love teaching. The staff, teachers, and director all work very well with each other and they listen and work well with parents too.”

– Kristi Bybee

STAFF

“Jefferson Academy is a great school to work for. I love that we have such a comprehensive curriculum and that we focus on American History. It is such a great privilege to help these children discover a love of country and patriotism. Jefferson Academy focuses on team work and collaboration. I really love working with my team to best meet the needs of my students. They are great teachers to work with and it makes teaching so much easier when you have a reliable support system. We have an amazing staff at Jefferson Academy. I love working for Jefferson! One of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”

– Amanda Salmond

“Jefferson Academy is an excellent school to teach at. It provides opportunities for students, as well as teachers, to grow. As teachers, we have the opportunity to differentiate our class whenever needed. We offer leveled reading classes and leveled math classes. Students learn to be great citizens and receive recognition each week through awards that acknowledge a character trait that students are exemplifying. Due to the excellent class sizes, we are able to work more one on one with students to ensure that they are receiving the help that they need. Parents have the opportunity to volunteer in the classroom. Because of this, we receive exceptional help from parents so that we can continue to meet the needs of students. There are also plenty of fun events to involve students and parents as often as possible. This school is the example of a great community-working together to build bright futures for students. I am grateful to be a part of this school!”

– Ragen Bradshaw

When I was looking for teaching opportunities in Davis County, I debated whether to stick with charter schools or teach in the district. In doing some research, I found Jefferson Academy and couldn’t have been more impressed.

The thing that stood out to me most, and set Jefferson Academy aside from other schools, was the leveling that is done for math and reading. I love that students are able to get exactly what they need and are surrounded by peers who have a similar understanding of concepts, which often times helps them feel more successful. As a teacher, I feel so much support from other faculty and staff members and love the environment that I teach in each day.

– Amanda Laird

“One year after enrolling my own children at Jefferson Academy it was clear that I needed to work there. I sent my two children initially for the small class sizes (low 20s vs. mid-30s at the district) and the focus on history, but looking back after both have graduated from JA and after more than five years working in 2nd grade I am grateful for so much more. The professional atmosphere is like nothing I ever experienced at the district schools I have worked at over the years. There is a passion for improving and innovating that permeates the building. There also is a family feel among the staff, and we take care of one another. Our director cares about the students and knows most by name. She focuses on the whole person — emphasizing both social and academic education. I am so lucky to work at Jefferson Academy.”

– Vicky Morton

“I chose Jefferson for a few reasons. I have always loved history so the fact that we have an American History emphasis was important to me. With increasing pressure on standardized test scores, other schools are starting to neglect this instruction not realizing how important history is to our society. When student teaching in other schools, I noticed that it was common in older grades (even high school) for students to not know basic facts about our country or where their state is on a map.

When you work in a district, you start to feel like just a number. At Jefferson, I feel like my needs as a teacher are met because what I’m doing is important and I’m not just there to push students through the system. Because I have the support I need, I feel like I can give more support to all my students and their individual needs and not just worry about the scores.”

– Mercedes Erickson

If you would like to share how Jefferson Academy helped your child, please email us at Info@JeffersonAcademy.org!