

JEFFERSON COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Safe and Drug-Free Schools

J-CAPP

(Jefferson County Athletic Program/Project)



What do schools provide?

Schools that form J-CAPP teams need to designate a coach/teacher and must have 15 students on a team. Schools also need to provide transportation for a maximum of four away games.

How do I find out more about J-CAPP?

Parents may contact their child's middle school for more information. Because J-CAPP is a second-semester activity, school personnel should call the Safe and Drug Free-Schools (SDFS) Office at **(502) 485-3260** during the first semester to be eligible for second-semester play.

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What is J-CAPP?

The Jefferson County Athletic Program/Project (J-CAPP) is an intramural basketball program for **middle school Exceptional Child Education (ECE)** students who do not participate in other school basketball programs. During the second semester, teams in identified schools compete in a series of basketball games conducted during the school day. The season culminates with a J-CAPP All-Star game, where each student is celebrated and awarded a trophy.

Using school colors, logos, and identity, J-CAPP focuses on establishing a positive affiliation between the student and his or her school and on promoting prosocial behaviors and appropriate conduct. It is based on the Olympic spirit of fair play, personal development, and overcoming great odds.

The teacher/coach creates a natural mentoring relationship with the students. He or she guides and redirects student behaviors, attitudes, and values relating to school and community.

What schools are eligible?

All Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) middle schools are eligible to be involved in the J-CAPP Program.

What student population is involved in J-CAPP?

Only ECE students are eligible for J-CAPP, and 50 percent of each team must comprise Emotionally-Behaviorally Disabled (EBD) students. Students who are selected for J-CAPP are under contract to demonstrate appropriate behavior and must maintain acceptable attendance and grades to remain eligible.

Who can be a teacher/coach?

The coaches/teachers are recruited from participating schools and are trained to direct and supervise the activities of the students. Each teacher/coach is required to be an ECE-certified teacher or teacher assistant. Other school employees may help with coaching.

How does J-CAPP help students?

The J-CAPP Program helps students by:

- Building social competence.
- Building team skills.
- Teaching problem-solving skills.
- Creating a sense of purpose and future.
- Providing care and support.
- Inspiring them to meet high expectations.
- Giving encouragement.
- Providing an opportunity to participate in a rewarding school activity.

How does J-CAPP help schools?

J-CAPP helps schools by:

- Providing a behavior-management tool while working with participating students.
- Facilitating the emotional and social growth of students.
- Enhancing a student's sense of attachment to school.