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# MORRIS JEFF

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Morris Jeff Community School offers an education that is a source of freedom and possibility for children, permitting them to develop their talents fully, become effective citizens in our democracy, and attain the foundation they need to excel at high schools, colleges and beyond.



At Morris Jeff Community School, we are driven by two fundamental goals: building an institution of the highest academic caliber for our children and transforming public education in our City, and beyond. We see ourselves as part of a movement to transform public education in our country. Our school was imagined and built out of thousands of conversations, with parents, community members, and professional educators.

Students at Morris Jeff participate in inquiry based instruction, which encourages the natural curiosity of children and ties subject matter together in a meaningful, applicable manner. Rigor and high expectations for all students are central to teaching and learning. Faculty at Morris Jeff develop and institute cross disciplinary units of study which allow students to form connections across their subjects. Morris Jeff students benefit from a strong support staff who provide targeted instruction for struggling students with the goal of bringing each student to and above grade level in reading, language, writing, and math.

Named after Morris F.X. Jeff, Sr., a champion of public education and recreational opportunities for children in New Orleans, the school opened in the fall of 2010 as a public charter school serving grades Pre-K through 2, and will grow by one grade level per year to a full Pre-K through 8th grade school, with plans to become an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) school. Morris Jeff has been featured on NPR for being one of the most racially and economically diverse open-access public schools in the history of New Orleans.

- Along with standard, core subjects of language arts, math, science, and social studies, students have daily instruction in Spanish, the arts, and physical education.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme: IB is the curriculum framework behind some of the most rigorous, creative and successful schools in the world.
- Pre-K Program: For decades research has shown definitively that early childhood education makes an enormous difference to children's development and future student performance.
- School library encourages students to come by daily and check out books.
- Extended school year: Having extended learning time is important to closing "achievement gaps," across racial and economic lines.
- In the next few years, a new, custom-built \$19 million facility
- will be constructed in the Mid-City community as the permanent home for the school.

Morris Jeff Community School is a candidate school for the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and is pursuing authorization as an IB World School (International Baccalaureate). These are programs that share a common philosophy—a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Morris Jeff Community School believes is important for our students.



Morris Jeff Community School is a public charter school authorized by the Orleans Parish School Board