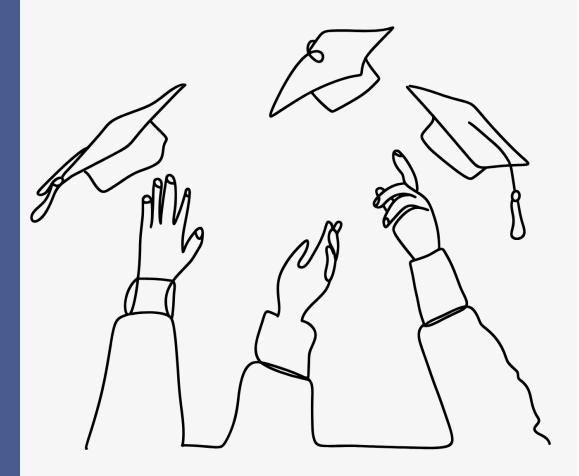
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Pathways to Graduation and Beyond

For Every High School Age Youth in Louisville



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Important Reminder: You have the right to enroll in public education until age 21 or you earn a diploma.

For more information on Pathways to High School Graduation and Beyond

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(502) 276-6136

Finding a Path to High School Graduation

What are Pathways to High School and Beyond?

There are many ways to earn a high school credential and prepare for college or a career. The most common path is to attend high school for four years, taking a standard set of courses. However, there are other pathways for students who want to graduate in less than four years, who have fallen behind on credits, or want to work toward a high school diploma while balancing a job or career training. In this guide, learn about the different pathways to high school graduation and beyond.

Where to go for help

For information on the "traditional" public high school options in our community, check out the <u>Jefferson County Public Schools website</u>. The <u>Jefferson County Public Schools High School Student Progression Promotion and Grading Handbook</u> details the requirements for graduation followed by most students.

It's important to think about your education goals and the how a different path may be best for you. For assistance learning more about your options, contact one of these local programs or resources.

Education Engagement Hubs

The staff at Education Engagement Hubs assist youth and young adults to complete high school and reach their education and career goals. Located in neighborhood-based sites with many support services, the programming is offered during school hours to help young people and parents focus on academics while managing challenges that lead to absences, suspensions, or leaving school before graduating. Participants can take part in life skills workshops, homework help, individual goal setting, and hands-on projects that develop academic, reading, and teamwork skills.

Neighborhood-Based Locations

Neighborhood House: 201 N 25th St, Louisville, KY 40212

Americana Community Center: 4801 Southside Dr, Louisville, KY 40214

Hours

Monday – Thursday on most school days

Schedule an Appointment

Email: advocates@thebookworks.org

Call: (502)354-3667

Community & School Resources

The Book Works Education Advocates help middle and high school age learners to find a path to graduation that works for them. Connect with an Education Advocate <u>advocates@thebookworks.org</u> or 502-276-6136.

15,000 Degrees Pathways to Education assists African-American students with academic and life support to finish high school and create realistic goals for college and career readiness. Scholarships for college, mentoring and coaching support available. Please call (502) 224-1923.

The Spot: Young Adult Opportunity Campus offers assistance from case managers and career planners to help find the best way to reach your education and career goals. Call (502) 574-4115 or www.thespotky.org.

School Counselors at the last school you attended can evaluate your transcript and describe your options. Schools are looking for ways to help students so the path to graduation may be shorter than you think.

Types of Pathways

	For learners who want to	Examples
	Demonstrate they have the skills and knowledge needed to pass required courses.	Performance-based credits
Options to earn a high school diploma at the student's pace.	Graduate early due to difficult and unique situations.	Early Graduation, Hardship Graduation
	Catch up or get ahead on credits and can work online independently.	Pathfinder School of Innovation
Adapted HS Path Options for earning a high school	Attend a district school.	"Choice" alternative schools
diploma that meets individual learner needs.	Complete a high school diploma in a community-based program.	Homeschool, Penn Foster
Work and Learn Path Options that accommodate a job schedule.	Modify their high school class schedule to be able to work.	UPS School to Work, Apprenticeships, Work-Based Learning
High School and Career Training Options to earn a high school diploma while learning job skills.	Earn an industry certification as a high school student.	Academies of Louisville, Youth Apprenticeships, Goodwill Excel
GED and Career Training	Earn a wage while learning a trade and getting a GED.	The Spot, YouthBuild
Options to earn a GED while learning job skills and preparing for a career.	Live on a campus while earning a diploma/GED and a career certification.	Job Corps
HS Diploma Equivalent Options to earn a high school credential through an academic test.	Prepare for and take the GED test	Jefferson Adult Education
HS and College Options to earn a high school diploma or equivalent and college credits at the same time.	Get ahead on college credits as a high school student	Dual credit, AP courses, International Baccalaureate

Note: Educational options may have requirements not outlined in this guide or may have limits on the number of students who may enroll. Please contact the program for information.

Credit Acceleration

Options to earn a high school diploma at the student's pace.

For learners who want to:

- Demonstrate they have the skills and knowledge needed to pass required course(s)
- Catch up or get ahead on credits and can work online independently
- Graduate early due to difficult and unique situations

JCPS Early Graduation Pathway

Early Graduation is a specific pathway for students in grades 9-11 who wish to earn a diploma from the district when ready while remaining eligible for acceptance into and scholarships for Kentucky colleges. Students may submit a plan to graduate in three years or less when the request is submitted to the school in the first 30 days of the school year the student would like to graduate. Students who are not part of the Early Graduation Pathway, may also request to graduate early.

This pathway is for students who:	Learn more:
 Are enrolled in high school Submit a plan to graduate early in the first 30 days of the school year. 	Student Progression, Promotion and Graduation Handbook. See page 7 for specific policy information.

JCPS Hardship Graduation

Students who experience extreme health or economic hardship may apply for assistance with graduation requirements. The District may provide alternative methods for the student to complete graduation requirements which may allow for early graduation. Methods may include regular classroom instruction, alternative classroom instruction, online courses, performance-based opportunities, college programs, consideration of waiver of District requirements that exceed state minimums, or credit recovery.

This pathway is for students who:	Learn more:
Are enrolled in high schoolRequest alternative ways to meet graduation	Student Progression, Promotion and Graduation Handbook
requirements.	Contact a school counselor.

JCPS Performance-Based Credits

Students may earn credit toward high school graduation through individual assessments or demonstrations of their skills and knowledge. Performance-based credit will meet the same standards as classroom-based credit.

Th	is pathway is for students who:	Learn more:
	Are enrolled in high school Work with their school counselor to identify a process for demonstrating knowledge and skills.	Contact a school counselor.

JCPS Pathfinder School of Innovation

This is an option for students in grades 6 through 12. The JCPS Pathfinder School of Innovation is a virtual education program with an expanded curriculum and student supports. Students will attend virtually during structured or synchronous (live) classes and for asynchronous (on-demand) instructional time. Devices will be provided to students who need them.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
 Are middle or high school age (up to 21 years) Are self-directed learners Need a flexible school schedule Excel when taking classes online 	Students work at their own pace online.
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
☐ Flex schedule ☐ Transportation not provided	 □ AP and dual credit course may be offered. □ Electives will be offered. □ Technology will be provided. □ Special education services will be provided. □ ESL services provided.
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
 School counselors Extracurricular virtual clubs/activities will be available. Students will not be able to participate in extracurriculars or athletics at their previous school. 	☐ Career and Technical Education Pathways are offered and may lead to industry certifications
Contact Person	Learn More
Alisha Perkins (502) 485-8304 alisha.perkins@jefferson.kyschools.us	School website

Adapted HS Path

Options to earn a high school diploma that meets individual learner needs.

For learners who want to:

- Attend a district school
- Complete a high school diploma in a community-based program

JCPS Liberty Middle and High School

Liberty supports students in 7 - 9th grade to make up coursework and students in 10 - 12th who have struggled in the traditional high school environment through small teacher-to-student classes, individual graduation plans, life-skills education, and hands-on learning experiences.

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This pathway is for students who:	Address
☐ Are middle or high school age (up to 21 years)☐ Choose a smaller learning environment	1281 Gilmore Lane Louisville KY 40213
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
☐ Flex schedule☐ Transportation provided	☐ Individual assistance with credit recovery.
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
 Social maturity skills development and individual mental health support provided by guidance counselors, Youth Services Center, social worker, outside counseling agencies. All students participate in weekly advisory sessions. 	 Postsecondary exploration and preparation with a College Access teacher. Opportunities to visit colleges, research postsecondary opportunities, and explore Louisville's skilled trades. Leadership skills through various programs, such as Men of Quality, Women of Worth, Student Forum, ETS, Chick-fil-A Academy, and other teacher-led clubs.
Contact Person	Learn More
Alisha Perkins (502) 485-8304 alisha.perkins@jefferson.kyschools.us	School Website Apply online or call for assistance (502) 485-3335

JCPS Phoenix School of Discovery

Phoenix is an optional school that specializes in meeting the needs of struggling students through differentiated instruction. Classes are taught by highly qualified educators in a setting that offers a small student-to-teacher ratio. Instruction is further enhanced by technology and interventions targeting students' social, emotional, and academic needs.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
 □ Are in 6th through 12th grade (up to 21 years) □ Choose a smaller learning environment 	502 Wood Road Louisville KY 40222
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
☐ Flex schedule ☐ Transportation provided	 Highly qualified teachers in a smaller classroom setting. Instruction enhanced with technology and blended learning strategies. Project-based learning activities. Lessons use "gamification" strategies. AP courses. Tutoring, and study skills.
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
 ESL and ECE Counselors, Youth Service Center, Mental Health Peer mediation and drug prevention Other supports listed online. 	☐ Phoenix and UPS are partners in a work cooperative program for seniors.
Contact Person	Learn More
Alisha Perkins (502) 485-8304 alisha.perkins@jefferson.kyschools.us	Apply <u>online</u> or call for assistance (502) 485-3335. School <u>website</u>

JCPS Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program

Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program (TAPP) is an alternative choice school serving pregnant and parenting students who are attending middle or high school. Students receive services relating to their academics, childcare, medical care, and other family needs.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
☐ Middle and high school age (up to 21 years)☐ Pregnant or parenting	1010 Neighborhood Place Fairdale KY 40118
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
☐ Traditional school schedule ☐ Transportation provided	 Individually scheduled coursework that duplicates the home school schedule as closely as possible. Seniors who have met all the requirements for their diploma graduate either from their home high school or from Jefferson County High School.
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
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 Counselors, Youth Service Center, Mental Health Onsite health care Onsite child development center Classes in prenatal/postpartum, family planning, child development, and parenting skills Clothing and food assistance Family and crisis counseling 	☐ Speakers from colleges and employers
 Onsite health care Onsite child development center Classes in prenatal/postpartum, family planning, child development, and parenting skills Clothing and food assistance 	☐ Speakers from colleges and employers Learn More

JCPS Newcomer Academy

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Newcomer Academy is to provide a welcoming and respectful environment that meets the unique linguistic, academic, and social/emotional needs of sixth-through tenth-grade Multilingual Learners (MLs) in the JCPS District. These students typically are in their first year of instruction in a U.S. school. They are usually at the beginning levels of English proficiency and may have had limited, or interrupted, educational experiences in their native countries.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
 6th through 12th grade students (up to 21 years) Multilingual Learner, within 10 or fewer credits to graduate 	3741 Pulliam Drive Louisville, KY 40218
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
□ Traditional school schedule□ Transportation provided	☐ Students learn English before transitioning to another JCPS middle or high school with an ESL program after one to three semesters at the Newcomer Academy.
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
Counselors, Youth Service Center, Mental HealthClothing and food assistance	
Contact Person	Learn More
Thomas Crookshank (Middle School) thomas.crookshank@jefferson.kyschools.us Rita Robinson (High School) rita.robinson-secession@jefferson.kyschools.us	JCPS Office of Multilingual Learners (502) 485-3623

Homeschool	Learn More
Students may be homeschooled when guardians provide a structured curriculum and track attendance. Parents must notify the school district that they are homeschooling their children. The district will not issue a diploma to a homeschooled student unless they re-enroll.	Kentucky Department of Education Homeschool Information

Private Online High School	Learn More
Self-paced, online programs available at a cost.	
Students may be eligible to receive academic and	Penn Foster (about \$1,200 total)
financial credit for classes they have already taken.	Excel High School (about \$150 monthly)
Verify the diploma is recognized by the State of	James Madison High School (about \$1,200 annually)
Kentucky prior to enrolling.	

Work and Learn Path

Options that accommodate a job schedule.

For learners who want to:

- Modify their school schedule to be able to work
- Graduate from a high school in the District

UPS School to Work

Students attend high school classes in the morning or take online courses through JCPS or JCTC, then work at UPS as package handlers from approximately 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. After high school graduation, students can transition into Metro College to continue taking college courses.

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This pathway is for students who:	Address
 □ Seniors with a 2.0 grade average □ Recommendation of a counselor or principal □ At least 90% attendance 	6406 Grade Lane Louisville, KY 40213
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
☐ Online classes before or after work	□ JCPS teacher onsite to help with high school classes□ Students earn high school diploma
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
Counselors, Youth Service Center, Mental HealthClothing and food assistance	
Contact Person	Learn More
Jennifer Romine (502) 468-0374 jennifer.romine@jefferson.kyschools.us	Intake Form UPS Job Line: 502.359.1877

Work-Based Learning

Work-Based Learning (WBL) is an effective teaching approach used to engage students in real-life occupational experiences. It incorporates structured, work-based learning activities into the curriculum, allowing a student to apply knowledge and skills learned in class and connect these learning experiences in the workplace. Work-based learning provides students with the opportunity to engage with employers, while learning to demonstrate essential employability and technical skills necessary for today's workforce.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
☐ Attend a JCPS high school	District High Schools and Business Worksites
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
☐ Work and school schedules are flexible	☐ Learning supports offered by each high school
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
Student Supports Student supports offered by each high school	Career Readiness Supports ☐ Students earn high school credits for working

High School and Career Training

Options to earn a high school credential while learning job skills.

For learners who want to:

- Earn an industry certification as a high school student
- Transition into a career field after graduation
- Develop job skills through hands-on learning

JCPS Academies of Louisville		
Students attending one of the JCPS Academies graduate with a diploma, college credits, industry certifications, and real work experience in a career field.		
This pathway is for students who:	Address	
☐ High school age (up to 21 years)☐ Have a career field interest	District High Schools	
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports	
□ Traditional school schedule□ Transportation provided	☐ Learning supports provided by each high school	
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports	
☐ Student supports provided by each high school	 Postsecondary exploration and preparation Industry certifications SummerWorks job placement 	
Contact Person	Learn More	
(502) 485-6250 askstudentassignment@jefferson.kyschools.us	JCPS Website JCPS Map of Academies and Information Videos of JCPS Academies	

TRACK Youth Apprenticeships

The Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky or TRACK Youth Apprenticeship initiative is a partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky's Office of Apprenticeship, the registering agency for apprenticeship on behalf of the United States Department of Labor. The program provides secondary students with seamless career pathway opportunities into Registered Apprenticeship.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
☐ Attend a JCPS high school that offers TRACK apprenticeships	District High Schools and Business Worksites
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
☐ Classes and work training during school hours	☐ Learning supports offered by each high school
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
☐ Student supports offered by each high school	 Earn high school credit and get paid for on-the-job time. Earn KEES scholarships for apprenticeship training after high school
Contact Person	Learn More
Contact a school counselor.	High School Office System- Work Based Learning or Kentucky Department of Education Information

Goodwill Excel Center

The Goodwill Excel Center is a tuition-free opportunity for Kentuckians 18 years or older who have dropped out of high school to earn a diploma in a unique environment that caters to the life demands they now face as adults.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
☐ 18 years old + ☐ Have not completed high school	6201 Preston Highway Louisville, KY 40219
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
 Morning and afternoon class Eight-week class schedules Transportation assistance 	 ☐ High school diploma ☐ Free college credit and industry certifications ☐ Courses bundled to earn credits faster
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
Student Supports ☐ Free on-site childcare ☐ Life coaches	Career Readiness Supports Career counselors assist graduates to transition into college or meaningful careers Employment assistance
☐ Free on-site childcare	☐ Career counselors assist graduates to transition into college or meaningful careers

GED and Career Training

Options to earn a GED while learning job skills and preparing for a career.

For learners who want to:

- Earn a wage while learning a trade and getting a GED
- Live on a campus while earning a GED or diploma and a career certification

The Spot		
The Spot: Young Adult Opportunity Center provides free educational and career services to young adults		
This pathway is for students who:	Address	
☐ 18 to 24 years old ☐ With or without a high school diploma	3965 S 7th Street Louisville, KY 40216 800 W Chestnut St - Building A 2nd Floor Louisville, KY 40203	
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports	
☐ Monday – Friday☐ Full and part time schedules☐ TARC available	☐ General Education and Post Secondary Education☐ GED prep	
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports	
Student Supports Leadership development opportunities Case management Work based learning opportunities Supportive services for employment Counseling and other mental health services Supports navigating the justice system Homeless services	Career Readiness Supports Paid internships Professional development Career mentors Job placement Job readiness workshops	
 □ Leadership development opportunities □ Case management □ Work based learning opportunities □ Supportive services for employment □ Counseling and other mental health services □ Supports navigating the justice system 	 □ Paid internships □ Professional development □ Career mentors □ Job placement 	

Job Corps

Job Corps helps eligible young people complete high school, trains them for specific careers, and assists them with obtaining employment. Students have access to room and board for up to three years. In addition to helping students complete their education, obtain career technical skills and gain employment, Job Corps also provides transitional support services.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
 16 to 24 years old Eligibility criteria With or without a high school diploma 	8460 Shelbyville Rd Simpsonville, KY 40067
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
Live on campusOff campus transportation available for some programs	☐ High school diploma☐ College credits☐ Test taking and study skills
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
 Counseling or other mental health services Leadership development opportunities Transportation assistance Meals or food pantry Case Management Housing Service opportunities 	□ Various career certifications
Contact	Learn More
Main Line: 800-733-5627	Job Corps Interest Form

YouthBuild Louisville

YouthBuild Louisville assists young people to meet significant life goals by providing services in education, vocational training, community service, case management, placement, and post-graduation support.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
□ 18 to 24 years old□ With or without a high school diploma	800 South Preston Street Louisville, KY 40203
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
□ Monda - Friday, 8:30a to 5p□ Full and part time schedules□ Free parking and TARC available	 □ GED instruction and support □ Online and classroom learning □ Content recovery □ College readiness and college credits □ Test taking and study skills
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
 □ Counseling or other mental health services □ Sports or clubs □ Leadership development opportunities □ Restorative Justice □ Peer supports □ Transportation assistance □ Meals or food pantry □ Case Management □ Housing □ Service opportunities 	 □ Construction training □ Certified Nurse Assistant training □ Certification of Apartment Maintenance Tech □ SummerWorks
Contact	Learn More
Lynn Rippy (502) 290-6121	YouthBuild Louisville

High School Diploma Equivalent

Options to earn a high school credential through an academic test.

For learners who want to:

• Prepare for and take the GED test

Jefferson County Adult Education @ Ahrens		
The Adult Education Program enables students to upgrade their skills, earn a GED credential, and successfully transition to postsecondary education and/or the workplace.		
This pathway is for students who:	Address	
☐ Students 18 years + interested in earning a GED, improving English language skills, or improving basic skills	546 South 1st Street Louisville, KY 40202	
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports	
 Classes are offered throughout the community Flexible days and evenings. TARC, free parking 	 Online, classroom, and blended instruction Individualized and independent study Test taking and SEL skills 	
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports	
 □ Life skills training □ TARC tickets □ Mental Health Services □ Digital Literacy Training □ Family Supports □ Citizenship Classes 	 □ Career Pathway Plan □ Career Exploration □ Career Mentoring and Coaching □ Connections to employers □ College and Career Readiness Classes 	
Contact Person	Learn More	
Main Line: (502) 485-3400 jcps.skillsu@jefferson.kyschools.us	Apply <u>online</u> or call (502) 485-3400	

Jefferson County Adult Education @ Americana

The Americana Adult Learning Center is a partnership between our center and Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS). JCPS offers students a variety of class times, attendance dates, and levels of instruction. Online instruction is also available to learners unable to attend class in-person. The dedicated and professional JCPS staff provide outstanding instruction and academic support.

This pathway is for students who:	Address
☐ Students 18 years + interested in earning a GED, improving English language skills, or improving basic skills	4801 Southside Drive Louisville, KY 40214
Schedule and Transportation Options	Learning Supports
 Monday – Thursdays Separate morning and evening session TARC, free parking 	 Online, classroom, and blended instruction Individualized and independent study Test taking and SEL skills
Student Supports	Career Readiness Supports
 □ Life skills training □ Family Health Center □ Mental health supports □ Family supports □ Citizenship classes □ Drivers ed □ Exercise classes □ Financial classes 	 □ Career Pathway Plan □ Career Exploration □ Career Mentoring and Coaching □ Connections to employers □ College and Career Readiness Classes
Contact Person	Learn More
Main line: (502)485-3400 jcps.skillsu@jefferson.kyschools.us	Apply <u>online</u> or call (502) 485-3400

High School and College

Options to earn a high school diploma or equivalent and college credits at the same time.

For learners who want to:

☐ Meet the requirements to take college courses

- Get ahead on college credits as a high school student
- Attend community/technical college before graduating high school
- Improve basic skills while getting started in college

JCPS Dual Credit Students enroll in courses that are taken either on the high school and college credit. This pathway is for students who:		
		high school or college campus. Students earn both
		Learn more:
	☐ Enroll in a high school offering dual credit courses	Contact the school counselor.

Student Rights in Education

Understanding your rights as a student will help you find the best pathway and support to reach your education goals. As a student, you have the right to:

- 1. Attend school and receive a free public-school education from kindergarten to age 21 or until you earn a high school diploma;
- 2. Receive equitable educational opportunities regardless of your gender/gender identity, disability, race or ethnicity, income, citizen status, place of residence, or language;
- 3. Be treated with courtesy, respect, and dignity in a learning environment free of bullying, harassment, abuse, and discrimination and to submit a written complaint when this right has been violated;
- 4. Receive a written copy of the school's policies and procedures that includes a clear explanation of the behavior expectations and the process for appealing disciplinary decisions;
- 5. Participate in discussions about any school policies you may violate and have a parent/guardian or advocate present at conferences on suspensions;
- 6. Personal privacy, unless the principal has a reason to suspect you have an illegal or prohibited item;
- 7. Understand the requirements you need to meet to earn a diploma and how to request assistance to meet those requirements;
- 8. Be notified if you may fail or course or a grade and the process for appealing the decision and making up the credit;
- 9. Review your education records and have your school records kept confidential;
- 10. Know the qualifications of your teachers;
- 11. Access appropriate services to succeed in school such as academic support and guidance for personal, social, and career development.

For more information:

Jefferson County Public School Student Support and Behavior Intervention Handbook, 2024-2025

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