

# DE SOTO #73 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE MISSION OF DE SOTO SCHOOL DISTRICT IS TO ENSURE LEARNING, GROWTH,  
AND SUCCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.



## District Profile

### District Buildings:

[Early Childhood Center](#)

[Athena Elementary](#)

[Vineland Elementary](#)

[De Soto Junior High School](#)

[De Soto Senior High School](#)

[Dragon Annex](#)

[Central Office](#)

De Soto School District encompasses approximately 100 square miles in Jefferson County, Missouri. Residents of De Soto, "The City of Pride", enjoy a relaxed lifestyle. There is a pleasant blend of living in a somewhat rural-like setting while having easy access to a large metropolitan area.

The City of De Soto is a city with a population of 6,380 and is located in the southeastern part of Missouri, approximately 45 miles south of St. Louis. De Soto is in Jefferson County, which is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri.

The district currently has an early childhood/preschool center, two elementary schools (K-6), a junior high school (7-8), and a senior high school (9-12). The total District enrollment of 2,529.



## Proven Excellence

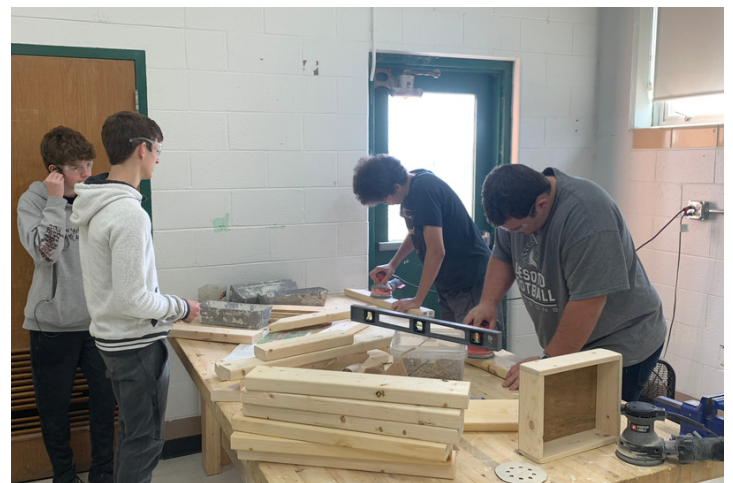
The De Soto School District employs approximately 393 staff members. The current student-teacher ratio is 20 to 1.

De Soto is a high performance district as evidenced by the following:

- Academic Distinction in Performance
- Graduation rate of 93.6%
- Continued history of community-supported bond projects
- Missouri Accredited Early Childhood Program
- A+ Designated School provides 2 years of community college tuition

The District offers a comprehensive academic curriculum encompassing a wide range of extracurricular activities and special programs:

- 1:1 Technology integration with Chromebooks grades K-12
- Participation in the Jeffco Area Technical School which offers 15 different program opportunities
- In-house Licensed Professional Counselors (2) and School Resource Officers (2)
- Alternative Education: Missouri Options, Innovative Learning Center, Credit Recovery, MOCAP, and JAG
- Before school tutoring programs and Summer School
- Honors and 30 hours of Dual Credit courses taught by district staff
- Associate of Arts/42 Hour Block partnership with Jefferson College
- Gifted program (K-12)
- Project Lead The Way grades 7-12
- Comprehensive Athletic and Activities program which includes 22 high school and 14 junior high MSHSAA approved programs such as sports teams, cheerleading, dance, and Academic Team/Scholar Bowl
- District and State MSHSAA awards
- Active clubs: Math, FBLA, Foreign Language, TREND, DECA, FCCLA, STUCO, Character Ed., PBIS, ATI, Robotics, Archery, Fishing, Science, Theater, Art, and Coding & 3D Printing
- Outstanding Music and Art programs (K-12) and Theater program (9-12)
- Host for the Jefferson County Special Olympics
- Early Childhood Center houses 3 & 4 year olds and Parents As Teachers
- Early Childhood teachers are dually certified in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education



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