



Glossary of Terms

Important Concepts to Know



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Term	Definition
Catchment	The geographic boundary or attendance area that determines which school a student is assigned to based on home address.
CTE	Career Technical Education. These are course progressions that help students learn about a field such as construction, culinary or health sciences.
DLI	Dual Language Immersion; a program model where students learn content in two languages to build bilingualism, biliteracy, and cross-cultural competency. Mandarin and Spanish are the two DLI programs in the Jefferson cluster.
Dual Assignment	Historical policy allowing students to choose between Jefferson and another high school.
Enrollment Parity	The goal of ensuring that all high schools in PPS have balanced student enrollment numbers and equitable access to academic and extracurricular opportunities.
Feeder School	A K-5, K-8 or middle school in a feeder pattern, or designated path for students to advance from one school grade grouping to another.
KPI	Key Performance Indicators; metrics used to measure success.
Scenario	A set of documents showing potential boundaries for Jefferson and other high schools and the impact the change could bring to each school.
SME	Subject Matter Expert; district leader available for clarification.