GIS programs in Jefferson County Public Schools

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Agenda

• Brief overview of GIS in Jefferson County.

• Enrollment Numbers.

• Observations, Trends, and Plan.

• Community Involvement Opportunities.

Introduction

- Programs are through Career and Technical Education (CTE) dept.
- Completion of 4 courses = major = funding.
- GIS programs consist of the following course sequence:
 - 1. Computer Apps (IC3 Certification).
 - 2. ArcView GIS (KCTCS GIS 120).
 - 3. GIS Applications.
 - 4. Co-Op or elective IT course.

Introduction

Schools that have GIS programs (majors)
– Doss and Southern

Schools that have individual classes (electives)
– Valley, Central, and Western

Source: TEDS State Enrollment Data

Enrollment Numbers: 2011-12

Number of students in CTE majors at JCPS Source: TEDS database

School	Total # student enrollment		
Doss	7		
Southern	7		

Number of students enrolled in GIS Classes Source: Infinite Campus database

School	ArcView	GIS Apps	Со-Ор
Central	41/39	n/a	n/a
Doss	4/0/3	0	1/2/2
Southern	2/6	3/3/0	n/a
Valley	n/a	0/0/18	n/a
Western	n/a	10/8	n/a

Observations and Trends

- GIS numbers are low... losing pipeline.
- Program closures and teacher turnover.
- Movement towards integration with history and science.
- Funding source drying up.

Plan

• Integrate GIS into other disciplines through cross curricular activities.

 Allow access to GIS programs outside of CTE classroom via RemoteApp virtualization



Plan

• Align curriculum with KCTCS GIS 120 for dual credit opportunity.

 Ask business / post-secondary community for help and support.

Community Involvement Opportunities

- Sponsor Map Day in the Spring.
- Volunteer for school based advisory committees.
- Participate in class based school activities (guest speaker, field trips, equipment and time donations, etc.).
- Lead teacher Cohort group training.
- Talk with your organization about supporting GIS programs at JCPS.

Conclusion

• Questions?

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