

## Meeting planned for new high school in Jefferson County

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The Jefferson County School District is hosting a public meeting designed to provide information about Willow Creek Community High School, a new school slated to open in the 2007-2008 school year.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons of Jefferson County Middle School.

Willow Creek Community (WCC) High School is specifically designed to be a small school with a focus on:

• building strong positive relationships so we know our students'™ needs and interest well

• making learning meaningful through internships in the community

• preparing for college and careers with help from advisors

WCC is designed after other successful small schools that are based upon researched best practices that have the following characteristics:

â€¢ personalized education: starting students at their academic level

â€¢ academic rigor: focus on quality not just finishing work

â€¢ family involvement

â€¢ learning through career internships at local businesses and agencies

â€¢ learning through student interests

â€¢ emphasis on reading, writing, and math at students' level

â€¢ tutorial and small group work

â€¢ small class sizes: 15 to 1 student to teacher ratio

â€¢ credit and grading is by proficiency work and portfolios

â€¢ strong college readiness & career planning

â€¢ college classes taken with advisor support

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