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**Department Summary:**

The Jacksonville State University In-Service Education Center provides high quality professional development programs to meet the ever-increasing demands of public school teachers and administrators. The Center is one of eleven Regional In-Service Centers established by the Alabama Legislature in 1984. The JSU In-Service Center provides professional development programs to approximately 5,000 teachers and administrators employed in fifteen school systems in Northeast Alabama. These school systems are: Anniston City, Attalla City, Calhoun County, Cherokee County, Clay County, Cleburne County, Etowah County, Gadsden City, Jacksonville City, Oxford City, Pell City, Piedmont City, Randolph County, Roanoke City and St. Clair County.

The budget and the programs offered by the In-Service Education Center are the responsibility of a Governing Board composed of representatives from JSU, fifteen school systems, and the Alabama State Department of Education. The programs offered by the In-Service Center are designed to enhance teaching skills and knowledge to improve K-12 student achievement. Funding of the In-Service Center is provided by legislative appropriations.

The In-Service Education Center at Jacksonville State University is associated with the College of Education and Professional Studies and is located at the JSU, McClellan Center at 100 Gamecock Drive, Anniston, Alabama. The Center is also responsible for the administration of Alabama Science in Motion, Technology in Motion, Alabama Reading Initiative, and Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative.

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## **Science in Motion:**

The Alabama Science in Motion program, one of eleven in the state, is a partnership between the In-Service Education Center at JSU and the high schools in the JSU In-Service area. This partnership is a visionary education program established in 1994 by the Alabama Legislature for the purpose of enriching the teaching and learning of high school science and serves as the Secondary Science component of the Alabama Math, Science, Technology Initiative (AMSTI). The program provides instructional support in biology, physics and chemistry. Each science field has a truck with over \$200,000 worth of state-of-the-art laboratory equipment and supplies for use in high school science laboratories. High school teachers participating in this program are provided professional development in the teaching of science and the use of the laboratory equipment.

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## **Technology in Motion:**

The JSU In-Service Education Center provides job-embedded professional development for teachers and administrators in the effective use and integration of technology through the Technology in Motion initiative. Professional development training is offered twelve months out of the year and is available during the school day or after-hours onsite. This service is free for all public schools in the JSU region. In addition to professional development, JSU's Technology in Motion program offers short-term equipment loans to assist area teachers with classroom projects.

To learn more about the Technology in Motion program or to schedule a workshop, please contact Eric Lee, TiM Specialist at 256-782-8065 or 256-239-9418 or visit the JSU TiM website at [www.jsutim.org](http://www.jsutim.org) (<http://www.jsutim.org>).

## **Alabama Math, Science, Technology Initiative:**

The Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI), is the Alabama Department of Education's initiative to improve math and science teaching statewide. The initiative provides three basic services: professional development, equipment materials, and on-site support. Schools become official AMSTI Schools by sending all of their math and science teachers, and administrators to two-week Summer Institutes for two summers. At the Summer Institutes teachers receive grade and subject specific professional development that is highly applicable to their own classrooms.

The Jacksonville State University AMSTI site provides teachers with essentially all of the equipment, supplies, and resources needed to effectively engage students with hands-on, inquiry-based learning. The resources arrive packaged in customized "kits" ready for immediate use. The site also provides extensive, on-site support and mentoring by trained specialists.

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