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Jeffco Schools Recognized for Budget Excellence

Crunching the numbers and staying on task has earned Jeffco's Financial Services Department top awards.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) honored the department with the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* to signify the commitment of the department and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

The GROA guidelines require the department's budget to serve as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. Jeffco's financial department rated proficient in all categories.

The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International also awarded the finance office with the *Meritorius Budget Award*, an awards program that helps school systems build a solid foundation in the skills of developing, analyzing and presenting a budget.

The ASBO program is sponsored by ING and enables school business administrations to achieve excellence in budget presentation.