



WHAT IS THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN?

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Jasper Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Jasper Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan assists in creating opportunities for parents to participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed/revised? Jasper Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding this plan, the Title I Schoolwide Plan, and the 1% of the Title I funds which go toward family engagement. Parents can submit input to the principal via email, phone calls, or in person. Parents can also provide feedback during the Pickens County Parent Action Committee meetings. All parent feedback will be considered in the revision of all plans and the district will be notified by the principal of parent concerns. This Parent Involvement Plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and send feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey asking parents for their review of our Title I Program, as well as all plans. This survey helps to guide how our 1% parent involvement funds are spent. This plan is updated annually to reflect the changing needs of the parents and the school. The school will submit any comments to the district if the Title I Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory to parents.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A Program and their families are both encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this PIP. Jasper Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English skills, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the Parent Involvement Plan will be sent home with students in their Title I packets, posted on the school website, available at all schools, available at Title I Meetings, annual Title I events, and at the Pickens County Parent Action Committee meetings. Flexible scheduling will be used for the PC PAC meetings.



What is Title I?

Jasper Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I Programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement plan.

PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOLS



GRADUATION AND LIFE PREPARATION FOR ALL!

2017-18 District Goal	2017-18 JMS Goals	Our Commitment to Parent Involvement
<p>The Board of Education sets a goal for the entire district. The district goal for 2017-2018 is to <i>increase student achievement as reflected on CCRPI by 3% of the gap each year from the baseline year per the Strategic Waiver.</i></p>	<p>Jasper Middle School's Improvement Team, teachers, and administrators have studied the data to decide on the goals below for JMS. One of our school goals is to increase the GA Milestones scores by 5% in all grade levels and content areas for levels two, three, and four.</p>	<p>Jasper Middle School is committed to parent involvement and will do the following to help ensure the academic achievement of our students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome all families 2. Communicate effectively 3. Ensure families have an understanding of the JMS curriculum. 4. Partner with parents 5. Collaborate with our community

LET’S GET TOGETHER!

Jasper Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Notices and invitations will be sent home with students, sent to parents via email, posted on Facebook, and transmitted via an all-call phone notice to inform families of these parent engagement opportunities.



- Open House: Parents and students are able to meet their teacher and briefly learn about grade-level expectations.
- Annual Title I Meeting: Parents learn about and have the opportunity to provide input on our Title I Program including our School Parent Involvement Plan, Parent/School/Student Compact, the Title I School-wide Plan, the Georgia Standards of Excellence, the Georgia Milestones, how parent involvement funds are spent, and other Title I requirements. This meeting will be on October 9, 2017.
- Curriculum Night: Gain knowledge of how to assist your child with his/her assignments. Learn about Infinite Campus, online-textbooks and other online resources as well as GA Milestones testing.
- Social Studies Fair Night: Parents are encouraged to attend with their students and gain hands-on knowledge of what students will be learning in the classroom.
- Parent Conference Meetings: Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences to discuss their student’s progress, accomplishments, and any areas that may need improvement.
- School Advisory Council: This committee of parents, business partners, and teachers meets quarterly to review the school improvement plan and student achievement data.
- PTO: Parents and teachers work together to plan fun activities and fundraisers to supplement a variety of items for students to use in the classroom.
- Parent resources are available in the lobby of the school.
- Parent meetings are offered at various time (mornings, afternoons, and evenings) and in various formats (large group, small group, and individual parent conferences) to accommodate the varying needs of parents.
- Send home Georgia Milestone results and growth reports with a letter explaining those results.
- The school will address opportunities for regular meetings if requested by parents.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Jasper Middle School is committed to helping parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email if you need childcare or other assistance in order to participate in our programs.
706-253-1760



PARENT INVOLVEMENT AT JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Jasper Middle School believes parent involvement means the participation of parents in meaningful, two-way communication to support student academic achievement both in school and at home, as well as other school activities, including ensuring -

- ✓ Parents play an integral role in their child’s learning.
- ✓ Parents are active participants in their child’s education at school and at home.
- ✓ Parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making opportunities and as participants on advisory committees.
- ✓ Parents are involved in other activities as described in this plan.
- ✓ Parents are involved in the determination of how 1% of the Title I funds are used.

PARENT ACTION COMMITTEE

The Pickens County School System along with Jasper Middle School invites all parents to join the Pickens County Parent Action Committee. We invite you to share ideas and ways to involve other parents in building partnerships between school, family, and the community. The committee will meet twice yearly, but parents may submit their ideas and suggestions during activities and meetings as well through parent surveys and email. If you would like to learn more about PCPAC, please call: 706-253-1760 and ask for Anita Walker, principal.

JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL IS REACHING OUT

Jasper Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as important partners in strengthening and reaching school goals. We will:

- Ensure that this plan and information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English and other languages as needed, posted on the school website, and included in newsletters.
- Educate staff members on strategic communication skills that will foster positive relationships with parents, the importance of building relationships with parents and valuing their contributions, and the importance of building ties between home and school.
- Prepare students for school transition by inviting 5th grade students and their parents to school prior to the beginning of the 6th grade year. Eighth grade students visit the high school before registering for classes. Eighth grade students also have the opportunity to visit Chattahoochee Technical College.
- Share information via the school website and newsletters to help parents understand the school's academic standards/assessments, to assist parents in monitoring their child's progress, and to work with educators ensuring students' academic success.
- Communicate regularly regarding school-wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, school website, and/or flyers.
- Provide materials, as appropriate, to assist parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement.
- Work with parents to inform staff members of the importance of effective communication and parental involvement via newsletters and staff meetings.
- Collaborate with community leaders, business groups, and local residents to increase participation and awareness of school-parent involvement practices and activities.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support with parent involvement activities.



SCHOOL-PARENT-STUDENT COMPACT

As part of this plan, Jasper Middle School and our parents will develop a school/parent/student compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop collaboratively. The compact explains how parents and teachers will work together to help all students in achieving grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers using letters to be sent home, meetings, and the school website. School/parent/student compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.



SUGGESTION FORM

Please use this space to submit comments or suggestions.

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