

**Jasper Middle School
Title I Annual Parent Meeting**

October 9, 2017

5:00 p.m.

Cafeteria

Welcome!

Please sign in!

What is Title I?

- Title I is the largest **federally funded** program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country **based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children most in need of educational help.** The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.

Georgia Department of Education. (2012). A Parent's Guide to Title I [Brochure].

Purpose of a Title I Schoolwide Program

- The **purpose** of schoolwide Title I program is to improve the entire educational program in a school which should result in **improving the academic achievement of all students, particularly the lowest achieving students**. The goal of such a program is to assist those students to demonstrate proficiency on academic standards.

Georgia Department of Education. Implementing Title I Schools, A Handbook for Directors, June 2012

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting of Title I parents for the purpose of...

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I
- Explaining the requirements of Title I
- Explaining your rights as parents to be involved

How does our school participate in the Title I Program?

- Jasper Middle School has a schoolwide Title I program which means all students are served with Title I funds.

Jasper Middle Schoolwide Program

Our **school improvement goals** are to improve academic achievement in the following areas:

- Literacy including Reading and Writing
- Math, Science, and Social Studies

What programs/supports are in place to help my child?

- Before and after school tutoring
- Contract services will be provided to assist struggling student with intervention strategies
- Academic Coach to support teachers

ELA Growth

Grade	Growth 2015	Growth 2016	Growth 2017
6	41%	41%	48%
7	33%	40%	52%
8	44%	47.50%	51%
School	40%	43%	50%

Math Growth

Grade	Growth 2015	Growth 2016	Growth 2017
6	58%	41%	64%
7	54%	40%	54%
8	31%	47.50%	45%
School	49%	49%	56%

How does our school spend Title I money?

Jasper Middle spends Title I funds on resources designed to improve student achievement.

These resources include:

- Personnel - an **academic coach, before and after school tutoring, and interventionist**
- **Subscriptions** such as BrainPop
- **Supplies for inquiry based learning**—science and social studies
- **Parent involvement conference**

What standards and curriculum does our school use?

- **Georgia Standards for Excellence** are used to define the standards taught in 6-8 Language Arts including Reading and Writing, Math, Science and Social studies.
- The standards have changed this year for science and social studies. Much of the content is the same, but the style of teaching is different---**Inquiry Based Learning**

What tests will my child be taking?

Grade 6

- Georgia Milestones in **math and language arts**

Grade 7

- Georgia Milestones in **math and language arts**

Grade 8

- Georgia Milestones in **math, language arts, science, and social studies**

Questions?



What is required by law for parent involvement?

- Pickens County Schools is required to have a **district Parent Involvement Plan** that addresses the requirements under ESSA and building parent and staff capacity
- Jasper Middle is required to have a **school Parent Involvement Policy** that addresses specific parent and family engagement programming for our school
- Jasper Middle is required to have a **School-Parent Compact** that includes ways that the school, parents, and students can help improve student achievement.

Professional Qualifications

- It is our goal to have highly qualified teachers in every classroom. Because the Pickens County School District is a Strategic Waiver System, we have established the minimal professional qualifications that all teachers must have at the local level

Parents Right to Know

Whether the student's teacher—

- has **met State qualification and licensing criteria** for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - is **teaching under emergency or other provisional status** through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - is **teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.**
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- **Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.**

How is Title I Parent Involvement money spent?

- **Conference** registration fee and travel expenses for a parent to attend the parent involvement training sponsored by GA DOE
- **Materials** for parent workshops and training related to student achievement

What opportunities does the school provide for parent involvement?

- **Monthly newsletters** with tips that are related to improving your child's academic achievement
- **Volunteer opportunities** to help in your child's school—media center, Dragon Dollar Program, Reading Buddies, PTO, SAC
- **Curriculum Nights**
- **Parent-teacher conferences**
- Opportunities for parent input about school programs through **surveys**
- **PCPAC** meetings

How responsive will the school be to my questions when staff is contacted?

- Staff members can be contacted through **email, phone calls, and scheduled conferences.**
- Messages left for staff members should be returned within 24 hours.
- Each teacher's email address is provided on our school website.
- If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact Anita Walker, Jasper Middle School Principal, at 706-253-1760 or anitawalker@pickenscountyschools.org

Your involvement is Key to your child's success!

- You are your child's first teacher.
- You have the ability to influence your child's education more than any teacher or school.
- You and the school are a team.
- We welcome regular communication and parent involvement in the learning process!

Alone we can do so little; together
we can do so much.—Helen Keller

- Thank you for joining us today!
- Please take a moment to complete a survey before you leave.