



Jasper Middle School

"Where Dragon Nation Begins!"

School Parent & Family Engagement Plan for Student Success 2018-2019 School Year



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What is Title I?

Jasper Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). 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.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

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 and of 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, as well as the Title I School-wide Plan. Parent surveys will be available and parents are invited to attend Pickens County Parent Advisory Committee (PC PAC) meetings to involve parents in the development of this plan, the Schoolwide Plan, the Compact, and the use of 1% parent involvement funds. All parent feedback will be considered in the revision of all plans. The school will update the Parent Involvement Plan, at least annually, to meet the changing needs of 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 Parent Involvement Plan. 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 the school, available at Title I Meetings and events, and at the Pickens County Parent Action Committee meetings.

Our Commitment to Parent Involvement

Jasper Middle School is committed to parent involvement and will do the following to help ensure the academic achievement of our students:

1. Welcome all families
2. Communicate effectively
3. Support students' success
4. Advocate for each child
5. Partner with parents
6. Collaborate with our community

Our mission at Jasper Middle School is to develop young men and women with active and creative minds, a sense of understanding and compassion for others, and the courage to act on their beliefs.

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 Dr. Wilds at 706-253-1730 or email at davidwilds@pickenscountyschools.org.



School-Parent Compacts

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. Each group has the opportunity to provide input. 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 through meetings and survey opportunities throughout the year. A copy of the school-parent compact will be given to parents sent home in communication folders.



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, published in the Pickens County Progress, 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 Title I and Schoolwide Programs, the Georgia Standards of Excellence, the Georgia Milestones Assessment, our Title I Program including our School Improvement Plan, Parent/School/Student Compact, Title I Schoolwide Plan, and how the 1% parent involvement funds are spent, and other Title I requirements. This meeting will be held on September 25, 2018 for 6th grade parents and September 27, 2018 for 5th grade parents to attend.
- ✓ STEM Night: Parents and students enjoy activities that incorporate science, technology, engineering, and math. Parents and students experience firsthand the fun and excitement of math and science, and with information to take home, families can continue the learning at home.
- ✓ Curriculum Night: Parents are provided information on grade-level expectations and assessments that students will be given throughout the year to assess the state standards of Georgia. During curriculum nights, teachers will help parents understand assessment results and set goals for reading and math based those results.
- ✓ Book Fair: Parents and children will enjoy book fair activities together and talk about the importance of reading.
- ✓ Meetings will be held at flexible times such as in the mornings and evenings to accommodate all families who want to participate. Meetings will also be offered in various formats including individual, small group, or large group.
- ✓ Information will be distributed through various formats such as: online media, newsletters, flyers, in-person group meetings to provide parents with strategies to support student academic achievement.

Researchers have found in promoting achievement across middle school levels, the significant role of families, family-school relations, and parental involvement in education has been highlighted at a major key factor!

Parental Involvement

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.

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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.

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Jasper Middle School is Reaching Out!

Jasper Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as important partners in ensuring children achieve the challenging state academic standards.



We will:

- ✓ Ensure that this plan and information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided in a uniform and understandable format, and to the extent practicable, provided in a language parents can understand, and is posted on the school website, and is included in grade level newsletters.
- ✓ Educate teachers and all school staff (with the assistance of parents) in the value and utility of contributions of parents and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between home and school.
- ✓ Partner with elementary schools to share information about school activities and newsletters to prepare parents and their children for middle school, and to facilitate smooth transition.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Provide regular meeting opportunities if requested by parents.