

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

September 12, 2022

6:00 p.m.

JMS Gymnasium

**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?

- Our school is designated as a Schoolwide Program which means that all students can benefit from Title I funding.
- Our School's Designation Status is a Title I Schoolwide Program.

Jasper Middle School Schoolwide Program

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

- Literacy including Reading and Writing
- Math with a focus on Numbers and Operations

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

- Reading interventions provided during activity through Reading Initiative and extra support through 49% teachers
- Math support for students who need extra support provided by a 49% teacher, Math Interventionist during Connections
- Literacy and math interventions provided on the computer through the use of software and websites designed for remediation



How does our school spend Title I money?

Jasper Middle School spends Title I funds on resources designed to improve student achievement. These resources include:

- Personnel - an academic coach, Interventionists, and 49% teachers
- Technology for the classrooms such as Chromebooks, interactive boards, laptops, improved connectivity, and instructional software
- Parental involvement activities such as workshops and training
- Print and electronic materials that address improving student achievement



What standards and curriculum does our school use?

- Georgia Standards for Excellence are used to define the standards taught in grades 5-6 Language Arts including Reading and Writing, Math, Science and Social studies.
- We use Reading Initiative for Reading Instruction and spiral reviews to help support Math Number Sense



What tests will my child be taking?

- Grade 5
 - Georgia Milestones in math, language arts, and science
- Grade 6
 - Georgia Milestones in math and language arts



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.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

How is Title I Parent Involvement money spent?

- Professional learning for the Parent Involvement Coordinator
- Monthly travel expenses for home visits related to student achievement
- Materials for parent workshops and training related to student achievement
- Printed materials related to student achievement
- Grade-level books for distribution to students for use in their home libraries to promote literacy
- Games and supplies in Parent Resource room for parents to access materials to help their child learn



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 classroom
- STEM Night workshop for parents and students
- Parent-teacher conferences held twice a year or more frequently as needed
- Frequent updates on your child's academic progress
- Opportunities for parent input about school programs through surveys administered twice a year
- School Council and PTO participation
- Title I Steering Committee participation



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 Corey Thompson, Jasper Middle School Principal, at 706-253-1730 or coreythompson@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!

**Thank you for
joining us today!**

**Please take a moment to
complete a survey before
you leave.**