

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

**September 12, 2023**

**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 and math interventions provided in class, and with assistance from 49% interventionists
- 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
- Technology for the classrooms such as chromebooks, interactive boards, laptops, improved connectivity, and instructional software
- Reading Plus all learners, and for struggling readers
- 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 5-6 Language Arts including Reading and Writing, Math, Science and Social studies.
- We use Thinking Maps to assist in writing 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 professional qualifications that all teachers must have at the local level.

# Parents Right to Know

In compliance with the requirements of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), PCSD will provide parents, upon request, the following information:

- 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
- Computers in Parent Resource room for parents to search for websites and 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
- Family Parent Academy workshops for parents and students on various topics, including curriculum
- 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](mailto: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.**