

JASPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2020-2021 School Year



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What is Title I?

Jasper Middle School is recognized 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 the 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that tells how Jasper Middle School will improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Jasper Middle School values the parents and family members, and the value they bring to the school. JMS wants to establish a partnership for improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Jasper Middle School will support parent and family engagement. It also tells how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to improve student learning at school and at home.

How was it revised? Jasper Middle School invited all parents to attend the input meeting. During the meeting, parents had the opportunity to review and revise the parental involvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the 1% Title I parent involvement money. Parents can provide ideas and give opinions throughout the year. The plan, school-parent compact, and other Title I information is posted on our school website. We also have the information available at the school office. We send home surveys to ask families for their suggestions on the plan, and how to use Title I money for parent engagement. The plan is updated each year to meet the changing needs of students and parents.

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

Where is it available? A copy of the plan is sent home with all students before November 1 of each year. It is posted on the school website and copies are available at the school office.

Jasper Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the events and activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us with comments or suggestions on any of the activities listed, or to submit ideas about how we can work together to improve the academic success of our students. Please call or email if you need childcare or other assistance in order to participate.

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Our Mission

The mission of Jasper Middle School is to **educate all students in a safe environment and to empower all to be life long learners and productive citizens.**

Jasper Middle School Goals

Reading

Increase the percentage of students scoring at a level 3 and 4 on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 3%.

Math

Increase the percentage of students scoring at a level 3 and 4 on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 3%.



Jasper Middle School Wants YOU!

Look for more details and other events on the school's website

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

- Please join us virtually on September 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. as we look at the Title I program at JMS and share information regarding our school-parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and the curriculum in use at the school. This is a fun, exciting opportunity to see what your children are learning!

Title I Events (other than the Annual Title I meeting)

- Parent Academy Nights – 6:00 p.m.
- October 29, 2020
- December 10, 2020
- January 28, 2021
- March 18, 2021

School Advisory Council

All parents are invited to attend these meetings.

- September 16, 2020 4:00 p.m.
- November 18, 2020 4:00 p.m.
- February 10, 2021 4:00 p.m.
- April 14, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Transition Night

- Rising 5th grade – Spring (date tbd)
- Rising 7th grade - Spring (date tbd)

Other School Events for Families

- TBD due to COVID restrictions

Let's Work Together!

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.
- ✓ Provide meetings 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.

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 collaboratively. The compact explains how parents, teachers, and students 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, surveys, and the school website.

JMS Family Resource Center

Where: Front Office

When: Monday – Friday

7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Come check out fun activities and games to help your child succeed in school!

WE BELIEVE

- Parents play an important part in the 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 participates on advisory committees
- Parents are involved in other activities as described in this plan.