**Jacksonville Commons Elementary School**

**Title I School Parent & Family Engagement Policy**

As a Title 1 school, Jacksonville Commons Elementary School will involve parents in regular, two-way meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring:

* that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.
* that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education.
* that parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

In compliance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Jacksonville Commons Elementary School agrees to **involve parents** in:

* an Annual Fall Meeting held in conjunction with Fall Open House to inform families that JCE is a School-wide Title 1 School which has embedded the AVID Program school-wide to support instruction and create equity for all students.
* the joint planning and development of the school’s Title I Plan
* an Annual Review of the JCE Title I Program will be held in conjunction with a Spring AVID/Strategic Planning Team meeting which is advertised and open to all stakeholders. Results of the Annual Review will be used to address any identified barriers to parental participation. The Annual Review will include an analysis of state and local assessment data, a review of grade level needs and services provided, parent/teacher/and/or student survey data, and a summary analysis of the effectiveness of Title I Services.
* the development, implementation, and review of Parent-School Compacts. The compact will be discussed and signed during fall parent-teacher conferences and reviewed during spring conferences.
* the planning and development of effective parent involvement activities through representation the JCE AVID/Strategic Planning Team. Committee meetings will be scheduled flexibly with the scheduling needs of parents in mind.

Jacksonville Commons Elementary School will **build the school’s and parents’ capacity for parent involvement** by communicating regularly with parents in clear and understandable terms, and by:

* providing parents with information on state standards, assessments, requirements of Title I, monitoring their child’s progress, and working with educators. Information will be provided during an annual fall meeting, through progress reports and report cards, at parent-teacher conferences, in school newsletters and phone calls, and on the school social media and website platforms.
* providing materials, resources and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement. Resources will be provided via social media – and in flyers, newsletters, text messages, and telephone communications from both teachers and administration. Parent trainings and family education nights will be planned each year based on the school needs assessment and may include a family Literacy events, AVID Night, STEM Night, etc. A Book Bag Program will be implemented in grades K-2.
* providing opportunities for parents to participate in decision-making roles, volunteer opportunities, annual parent surveys, parent-school compacts, parent-teacher conferences, student recognition, and family-building activities.

Jacksonville Commons Elementary School will **support the community** by:

* engaging the JCE staff in the community and conducting extended learning opportunities including Afterschool Academy, Saturday Academy, Kindergarten Camp, and Neighborhood Academy.
* maintaining food, clothing and shoe pantries on campus.
* providing support via programs including the CHEW backpack program, Onslow Partnership for Children, Angel Tree, Christmas Cheer, and Toys for Tots.
* coordinating with outside agencies including Salvation Army, United Way, Goodwill, Boy and Girl Scouts, the public library, Toys for Tots, Jacksonville Parks and Rec, YMCA, USMC, USN/Trevor Romain Foundation, local churches, and local businesses and community groups.
* attending job fairs and hosting college internship students from UNC-W, ECU, UNC-Pembroke, and Coastal Carolina Community College to help prepare them as highly-qualified professionals.

This Title 1 School Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been developed with the support of Jacksonville Commons Elementary staff and parents as evidenced by agendas, meeting minutes, and sign in sheets.