
Johnson County Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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2023-2024 School Year



What is Title I?

Johnson County Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in 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 engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental engagement policy.



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Johnson County Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. JCMS values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Johnson County Middle School will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and o



How is it revised?

Johnson County Middle School invites all parents to attend our annual Parent Input Meetings each year to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All plans and policies are also located in the front office along with feedback forms. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and in hard copy to parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental engagement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our Parent Orientation.



Who is it for?

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



2021 -2024 District Goals

Goal 1: Effective Leadership: By the end of 2021, create an organizational structure that will provide systems that will increase literacy data by 3% as measured by the GMAS.

Goal 2: Coherent Instructional System: By the end of 2021, increase student achievement data in math, science, and social studies by 3% as measured by the GMAS (targeting levels 3 and 4).

Supportive Learning Environment / Family & Parent Engagement: By the end of 2021, improve student learning environment with stakeholder engagement resulting in at 3% increase in parent data (survey) and 3% increase on CCRPI.



2021 -2024 School Goals

Goal #1 By the end of the 2021-2024 school terms, there will **3% increase** all middle school students to perform at or above proficient on grade level growth on state benchmark testing and other benchmark assessments pertaining to academic and content vocabulary.

Goal #2 By the end of the 2021-2024 school terms, there will **3% increase** all middle school students performing at or above proficient **Lexile score** on state benchmark testing and other benchmark assessments pertaining to on-grade level reading.

Goal #3 By the end of the 2021-2024 school terms, there will be a **3% increase** on Satchel beginning **benchmark indicators** for middle school students that affect the **whole child to cultivate social emotional skills in all areas.**



School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Johnson County Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Parent Input Meetings.



Let's Get Together!

Johnson County Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Provide parents with syllabi annually that have a description and explanation of the curriculum in use in all courses. Title 1 funds will be provided for home visits, transportation, and childcare as needed.

To better meet parents' needs, we offer meetings online, in-person, and make home visits if needed. Various meeting times for parents will be held based on feedback received from parents on: Johnson County School's Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey.

In order to maximize these efforts, the following programs, communication efforts, and activities are planned to involve parents at Johnson County Middle School:

| Title 1: Meeting Calendar | |
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| Month / Year | Meeting Title |
| July 2023 | Parent Orientation |
| August 2023 | Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting |
| September 2023 | Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) |
| November 2023 | Parent and Family Engagement Month |
| December 2023 | Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) |
| March and April 2024 | Parent Input Meetings |
| March 2024 | Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) |
| April - May 2024 | Annual Parent Surveys |
| May 2024 | Student Transition |

Literacy Focused
Family
Trainings!



Bringing Academics to the Kitchen Table!

- A model of family engagement that is grounded in the notion that schools can thrive when families and teachers work together to maximize student learning inside and outside of school.
- The model is research-based and aligns grade-level learning concepts, student performance data, and family-teacher communication and collaboration.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Parent resources are located in the front office with additional material available in our

Parent Resource room located on the high school hallway.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm



Parental Engagement

Johnson County Middle School believes that parental engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including 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 at school.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Johnson County Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.

JJ Rowland, JCMS District Liaison

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Johnson County Middle School is Branching Out!

JCMS will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school Website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Provide quarterly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish in the school communication for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Provide parent led quarterly trainings for staff on strategies to recognize the value and utility of parent contributions, improve communication with parents, work with parents as equal partners, and collaborate about ideas to increase family engagement with reading/math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental engagement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at APTT, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement on all grade-level test and/or state standardized assessments.
- ✓ Use our Parent Advisory Council to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental engagement activities.



Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the handbook that is given to all students. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.



Parent Advisory Council

Johnson County Middle School invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Three meetings are held in the spring, morning / evening sessions to maximize parent participation, to include parents in the planning process for the school program, and to revise / update the school parent compact. The compact outlines the responsibility for the school, the student, and parents to work together for the student's academic success. During the parent sessions, parents are encouraged to ask questions, complete feedback forms, and to come back to visit the school and conference with teachers during the course of the school year. Parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website.

If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Council, please contact Parent Liaison, Mrs. J.J Rowland, at (478) 864-2222 or email

jj_rowland@johnson.k12.ga.us

You can also complete the interest form and leave it with the front office.



Parent Advisory Council

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Advisory Council!
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the PAC.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



We are Listening, Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office or at the Johnson County Board Office.

Name (optional): _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

Email (optional): _____

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