



## **School Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

*East Jackson High School*

*2024-2025*

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### **PART I: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, East Jackson High School receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement plan that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The plan establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The school will implement the following as required by law:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement plan and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan (as applicable) under Section 1114 (b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).
- Update the School Parent and Family Engagement plan periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parental involvement plan available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the schoolwide program plan (if applicable) under Section 1114 (b)(2) of the ESEA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.

- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
- (C) 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
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

**PART II: DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT  
REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT plan  
COMPONENTS**

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

East Jackson High School will take the following actions to involve parents and family members in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including involvement in the decisions regarding how funds for parent and family engagement will be used.

Parents of Title I students will be asked to complete a survey each Spring. The survey will be available on the EJHS website, via email, and in paper format. During the summer, results from this survey will be used to develop a draft of the EJHS parent involvement plan for the upcoming school year. This draft will be shared with parents and input will be encouraged. The draft will be shared in scheduled meetings at Open House. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year.

**ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

East Jackson High School will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school’s Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents’ requirements, the school parent and family engagement plan, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

The EJHS Annual Title I Parent Informational Meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting the Title I Plan, the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and the School-Parent Compact will be discussed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

East Jackson High School will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children using ParentSquare and school social media, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.
- Upon identification of parental need for information in another language or in another format, the school will take steps to ensure that the parent request is fulfilled.
  - Letter, flier, and newsletter translation
  - Schedule an interpreter for parent conferences/phone calls
  - Use of Language Line and Ila services for interpretation

### **SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

East Jackson High School will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

Draft copies of the school-parent compact will be provided at a parent input meeting, will be posted on the EJHS website, and will be available in the front office and parent resource center. All feedback is taken into consideration in the development of a final plan.

### **RESERVATION OF FUNDS**

East Jackson High School will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

- Inviting all parents, family members and community stakeholders to offer input on the Title I Plan, School Parent and Family Engagement plan, and the School-Parent Compact.

Draft documents were posted on the school website to review and comment in addition to the stakeholder input meetings.

- Sharing and reviewing all Title I Documents at the Annual Title I meeting, which will include information regarding the use of the 1% set aside funds at East Jackson High School.

### **COORDINATION OF SERVICES**

East Jackson High School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs (Title I-A, Special Education, ESOL), including college and career ready resources and organizations. They will also maintain a parent resource center to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

### **BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS**

East Jackson High School will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
  - The challenging State's academic standards
  - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
  - The requirements of Title I, Part A
  - How to monitor their child's progress
  - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

### **BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF**

East Jackson High School will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other 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 parents and the school.

### **PART III: ADOPTION**

This school parent and family engagement plan has been developed jointly and agreed on with parents of children participating in the Title I, Part A program, as evidenced by copies of invitations to participate, meeting sign-in sheets, and copies of emails.

This plan will be adopted by the East Jackson High School on 10/24/2024 and will be in effect for the period of one year. The school district will distribute this plan to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 31, 2024.