

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT 2022 – 2023



Jackson Central Merry Middle School
"A Title I School-wide Program"
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Activities to Build Partnerships

Opportunities to volunteer and participate in your child's school:

- Open House Back to School Glow Party
- Read Across America Week
- Literacy/Math/
- Science/STEM Expo
- Living History Night
- STEM Nights
- TNReady Parent Night
- Awards Day Programs
- Thanksgiving and Christmas Luncheons
- Fine Arts Programs (Dance, Theatre, Band, Chorus)
- Spring Dance
- HOUSE Rally Day
- Field Day
- First FriYAY! Recognition/Reward Events
- Join the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

Parents-Right-to-Know

A parent has the right to request certain information about their child's teacher including:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

What is a Family-School Compact?

A *School-Parent Compact for Achievement* is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure that all students reach grade-level standards.

Effective compacts:

- Focus on student learning skills
- Link to goals of the school improvement plan
- Describe how teachers will help students develop those skills using high-quality instruction
- Share strategies parents can use at home
- Explain how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress
- Describe opportunities for parents to volunteer observe, and participate in the classroom

Jointly Developed

The parents, students, and staff of Jackson Central Merry Middle School developed this School-Parent Compact for Achievement. Teachers and parents discussed various learning strategies that will be beneficial for students at home and at school. Also, students gave suggestions on how to make learning interesting and fun. Meetings are held each year to review the Compact and make changes based on student needs.

- **Parents are welcome to contribute comments at any time.**
- **If you would like to *volunteer, participate, and/or observe* in the classroom, please contact Mrs. Amanda Cornelius, JCMMS Instructional Coach.**

District Goals

JMCSS Vision and Mission

Vision: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to pursue options and opportunities and become productive citizens.

Mission: To provide tomorrow's leaders options and opportunities to succeed by providing a safe, caring, learning environment, working in cooperation with families and the community, and providing appropriate curriculum and effective instruction.

School Goals

JCMMS Mission and Vision

Vision: The vision of Jackson Central-Merry is to motivate, collaborate, and educate. "One School...One Sound"

Mission: The mission of Jackson Central-Merry is to foster a community of learning within a **safe and supportive environment** by **building positive relationships** and **providing a high-quality education** while preparing students for a successful transition to the **next stage** of their lives.

School administrators and teachers have reviewed student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our school.

- Increase Reading and Math levels for every student.
- Ensure that all students achieve at least one year's academic growth.
- Provide a rigorous curriculum that will allow our students to become critical thinkers.
- Provide each child with a quality education that will help to develop his/her talents so that each student reaches his/her full potential.

Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success

In the Classroom

Jackson Central Merry Middle School will work with students and their families to develop students' literacy and mathematical understanding. Some key connections with families will include:

- A school website that provides important school, grade level, and/or classroom information;
- Assessment of students on a regular basis and adjustment of instruction to meet individual student needs;
- Communication with students and parents on a regular basis through newsletters, school messenger, and social media outlets;
- Teachers using high quality instruction and various resources for teaching students;
- A safe environment conducive for learning; and
- A mindset of "High Expectations" for all students.

At Home

School parents and staff have developed ideas about how families can support students' literacy and mathematical understanding. Families may have other suggestions to add to the list.

- Participate in Parent-Teacher conferences twice a year or communicate with classroom teachers if unable to attend.
- Review the Student Handbook for important school and district information and policies.
- Review homework and grades using the district's PowerSchool website. www.jmcss.org
- Read at least 30 minutes per day with/to your child.
- Ensure that the child is on time each day and attends school regularly.
- Encourage the child to have good study habits at home and at school.

Students

Students at school will share the responsibility to improve academic achievement and meet the state's high academic standards. Specifically, students will:

- Attend school regularly and be prepared to complete classwork and homework assignments.
- Discuss with parents/guardians what grade level skills are being taught in school.
- Show a positive attitude about learning by respecting parents, teachers, and others.
- Follow all school and classroom rules throughout the building.
- Monitor and track data and set individual student goals in various subject areas.