



JACKSON CENTRAL MERRY HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026 Parent and Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Success

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Jackson Central Merry High School (JCM) will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. JCM values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that JCM will support family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Jackson Central Merry High School invited all families to attend our Back to School Bash in August to review and discuss information regarding JCM. Additionally, family input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year as well. The plan is posted on our school website for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. Families can also give feedback during several meetings and activities during the school year.

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. JCM will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is shared via the school website and social media outlets through a school messenger link. Families can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office of the school.

What is Title I?

Jackson Central Merry High School is identified 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 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members, a written parent and family engagement policy.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST
3:00PM - 6:00PM
STUDENT REGISTRATION
3:00PM - 5:00PM
MANDATORY 9TH GRADE MEETING
FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING
6:00 PM

**JCM HIGH
OPEN HOUSE**

When students, schools, families,
and communities come together _
we CAN achieve our goals!

Jackson Central Merry High School

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2025 – 2026 School Goals

- 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.

JCM Vision and Mission

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 successful transition to the next stage of their lives.

Parent and Family Engagement

Jackson Central Merry believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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 appropriately, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, Jackson Central Merry and our families will develop a school-parent compact. A compact is a written agreement that families, teachers, and students jointly develop to explain how everyone will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from families, students, and teachers during various events and the annual School Forum. The school parent compact is posted on our school website (<https://www.jmcss.org/jcm> 9-12), and copies are always available in the front office. If you would like to provide feedback on the compact any time during the year, please contact our school counselors, Mrs. Christen Barron (cdbarron@jmcss.org), and/or Ms. Catina Miller (cmiller@jmcss.org).

Family Resource Center

Come visit the Family Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child.

Open Monday-Friday, 8:00AM – 1:00PM

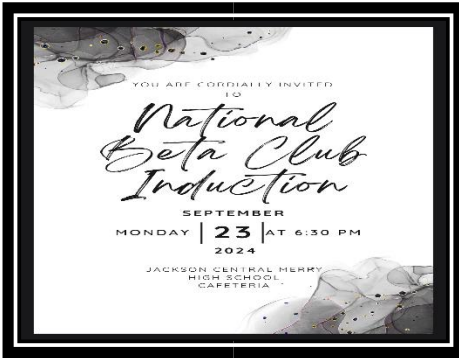


JCM is Branching Out!

Jackson Central Merry will take the following measures to empower and support parents and family members as an important foundation of our school in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals.

We will:

- ❖ Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school website and included in newsletters and/or notifications for all families.
- ❖ Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement in reading and math for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share promising practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ❖ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ❖ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, our website, social media, and flyers.
- ❖ Assess students formally and informally throughout the year. Our assessments will help us adjust instruction to meet student needs.
- ❖ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ❖ Use our Partners in Education and Cougar Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ❖ Use surveys to collect feedback from parents and students.



JCM is committed to helping our parents and family members attend the family events listed in this policy. Please contact the school to speak with the Family Liaison if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in any of our programs.



Let's Get Together!

Jackson Central Merry will host a variety of events (not limited to those listed below) to build the capacity for strong family engagement and support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Please refer to the school website and/or social media for information and updates on specific dates/times.

Annual Title I Meetings – August & October

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school websites and on social media.

“Welcome Back” Back to School Bash – July/August

Meet your child's teacher and learn about important grade level skills and standards that your child will be working on this year.

Family Curriculum (Math/Reading/STEM/Science/History/Fine Arts) Nights – Quarterly

Learn how to assist your child and make learning fun at home.

Cougar Chat - Monthly

Conversate and collaborate with administrators to share input/feedback around school programs.

Awards Day Programs for Academics/Athletics/Arts- Quarterly

Recognized/Reward student efforts and successes.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences-September, February

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Read Across America Week-March

Participate and promote reading.

TNReady (TCAP/EOC) Family Night – April

Gain knowledge and parenting tips to ensure successful academic state assessments for your child.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

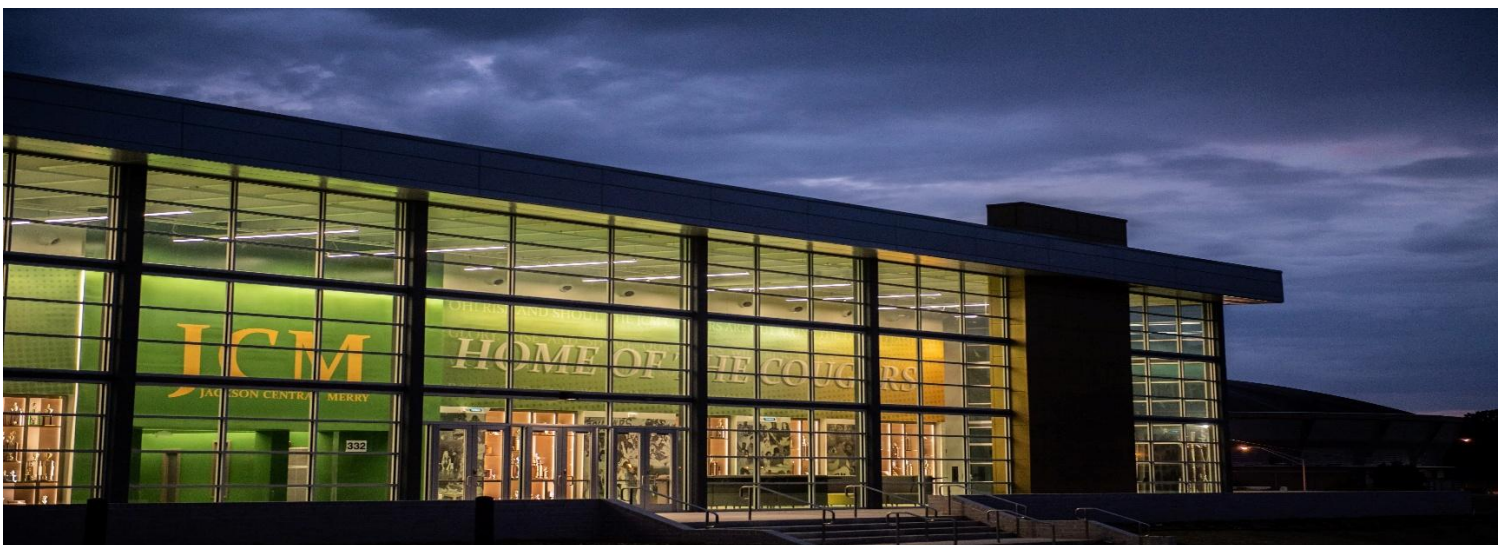
Jackson Central Merry and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborate with Community



Cougar Community Team

Jackson Central Merry invites all families to join the Cougar Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve others to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet three times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our family surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Cougar Community Team, please contact the Family Liaison, Ms. Bridget McKinney, at (731) 410-6560 or complete the interest form below and return it in the front office.



Cougar Community Team (CCT)

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

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade Level: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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 front office:

Name (optional): _____ Phone Number (optional): _____

Comments: _____
