

# Johnson County High School



## *Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success*

*2019-2020 School Year*

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### **What is Title I?**

Johnson County 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.

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

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

### **How is it revised?**

Johnson County High School invited all parents to attend Title One Parent Meetings last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, 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. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent 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. Johnson County High School 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 included in the student handbook that is given to all students. The plan will also be posted in the school lobby, on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan both in the Parent Resource Room and in the school's front lobby.



### **2019-2020 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).

Goal 3: 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.

### **2019-2020 School Goals**

Goal 1: By the end of the school year 2017-2021, there will be a 3% increase of all high school students performing at or above proficient on the Reading Inventory (RI).

Goal 2: By the end of the school year 2017-2021, 3% of all students will increase their performance level on the EOC.

Goal 3: By the end of the 2020 school year, the culture and climate will improve as evident by a 3% increase in stakeholder perception data.

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Johnson County High School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers 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 Title One Parent Meetings. The School-Parent compacts also are shared with parents during Parent-Teacher conferences and kept in the front office if parents need another copy.

## **Let's Get Together!**

Johnson County High School strives to support strong home/school relations. Parents participate on school committees such as the School Council Team, CTAE Stakeholder Team, and come to meetings to review policies, plans, and develop skills to work with their children. **Parents make the difference** and their support is critical in our efforts to provide quality education to their children. In order to maximize these efforts, the following programs, communication efforts, and activities are planned to involve parents at Johnson County High School:

### **Open House – July 30, 2019**

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### **Annual Title I Parent Meeting – August 8, 2019**

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, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

### **State of the School- August 27, 2020**

Principal will present school data to stakeholders at the county board office

### **Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 17, 2019 & February 6, 2020**

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### **Parent Appreciation – November 22, 2019**

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

### **School Parent Input Meetings- March 23-27 & April 27-30, 2020**

Parents will provide the school with input over the school compact and parent and family engagement policy.

### **Annual Parent Survey- April 13-May13, 2020**

Parents will provide input on ways to improve the school, items that need to be revised, and items that need to be maintained.



## Parent Resource Center

*Monday and Wednesday, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm*

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

## Parent and Family Engagement

Johnson County High School believes that family 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
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- 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.

Parents,

Johnson County High School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care and/or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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## Johnson County High School is Branching Out!

Johnson County High School will take the following measures to promote/support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Translate school forms to support limited English families.
- ✓ Partner with middle 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.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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.

## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Johnson County High School and our parents 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. Collaborating with Community



## School Community Team

Johnson County High School invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four 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 parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at 478-864-2222 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

## School Community Team

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Main Office:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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