

Johnson County Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2023-2024 School Year

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What is Title I?

Johnson County Elementary 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 Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Johnson County Elementary 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 Elementary 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 Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum 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, 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 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 to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. 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 Elementary 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 on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2022-2023 School Goals

Goal 1: Increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above as measured by the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment in ELA by 3%.

Goal 2: Organize interdependent, collaborative work and practices as well as provide PL opportunities for staff to develop skills, enhance content knowledge, and apply instructional technology strategies to increase student achievement as measured by a 3% increase of CCRPI achievement points to better develop the whole child.

Goal 3: Promote a school culture that focuses on social-emotional learning and development, positive behavioral interventions (PBIS), and attendance accountability as measured by a four star or greater school climate rating.

Grade Level Focus:

K: Foundational Skills

1st: Phonics, Word Recognition

2nd-5th: Comprehension, Fluency, and Content Vocabulary Development across the curriculum.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Johnson County Elementary 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. The school-parent compacts are also shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.



Let's Get Together!

Johnson County Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Community Chat & Chew- June 2023 & July 2023

Parents and community members will be able to meet the Superintendent and all administration from Johnson County Schools. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input regarding the upcoming school year.

Parent Orientation (Open House) - August 2023

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

Annual Title I Meeting - August 2023

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

Grandparents' Literacy Day - September 2023

Grandparents will participate in shared reading with students to promote literacy.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences, October 2023 & March 2024

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

PACT Pre-Kindergarten - March 2024

Parents and students participate in shared reading with students to promote literacy.

PTO Night - Monthly

Parents and teachers meet to discuss various topics and the school hosts special events for parents and students. Topics: Santa visit, STEM/Math Night, Technology, Math, Literacy, & Milestone prep

Parent Advisory Council Meeting - October 2023, January 2024, & April 2024

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

Career Day - January 2024

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

Father/Daughter Dance - February 2024

A school fundraiser that involves parents, students, and stakeholders.

Parent Input Meetings - Spring 2024

Parents have the opportunity to have meaningful input into the development of the School Improvement Plan, Parent & Family Engagement Policy, School-Parent Compact, Title I Family Engagement Budget, Parent Satisfaction Survey and input into building the capacity of school staff in how to best communicate with and partner with families.

Student Recognition Days - May 2024

Celebrate year-long student achievement in grades Pre-kindergarten through 5th



Parent Resource Room

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

Tuesday & Thursday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Johnson County Elementary 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 appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Johnson County Elementary 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 or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Johnson County Elementary is Branching Out!

Johnson County Elementary will take the following measures to promote and 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:

- Ensure that all information related to 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 families.
- If practicable, provide transportation and child care at no costs, to support parent participation in parent meetings. The school will also align with high school students needing volunteer hours to provide child care.
- In addition to having school meetings during the day and evening, the district parent liaison will provide supplemental in-home or virtual conferences for parents unable to attend at-school meetings.
- Provide quarterly 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.
- 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.
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school's social media pages and in the school newsletter 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.
- Through phone messages, social media, and flyers, communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities.
- 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, handouts, and activities for parents at conferences and meetings to help them work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Parent Advisory Council and community partners to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Offer literacy and technology classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- Collect input from parents and family members at all events and encourage parent completion of the feedback form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Johnson County Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTO 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

Parent Advisory Council

Johnson County Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council. Members will share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members 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 activity or meeting, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the PAC, please contact the principal,

Charles Howard at (478) 864-3446 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the PAC.
- ☐ 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: _____

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) _____