

<p align="center">Title I Jamesville Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement</p>	<p align="center">Title I</p>	<p align="center"> Effective Date: September 2023</p>
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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

The Martin County Board of Education and Jamesville Elementary School believe that the education of children is an ongoing cooperative partnership between the home and school. Parents and other family members are their children's first teachers; therefore, the continued involvement of parents and family members in the educational process is most important in fostering and improving educational achievement. School system officials shall strive to support parents and provide parents and family members with meaningful opportunities to become involved in the programs offered by the Title I schools. The Martin County Board of Education encourages parents and family members to participate in the design and implementation of the programs and activities in order to increase the effectiveness of the school system's Title I program to help students meet state and local achievement standards.

A. Definition of Parent and Family Engagement

We recognize that parents are their children's first teachers and involvement by parents improves the educational achievement of their children. We believe that involvement of Title I parents increases the effectiveness of the program and contributes significantly to the success of children. For the purposes of this policy, the term "Parent and Family Engagement" means the participation of parents, guardians, and other family members in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student learning and other school activities, including the following:

- (A) that parents and family members play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- (B) that parents and family members are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education a school;
- (C) that parents and family members are full partners in their child's education and parents and family members are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child; and
- (D) that the school system utilizes activities to support parent and family engagement in the Title I programs.

Involvement of Parents in the Title I Program and Parent and Family Engagement:

To involve parents in the Title I program at Jamesville Elementary School, the following practices have been established:

- ❖ The school convenes an annual meeting to inform parents of Title I students about Title I requirements and about the right of parents to be involved in the Title I program.
 - o Open House at the beginning of the school year.
 - o PTA meetings every quarter
 - o Advisory Committee Meetings every quarter
 - o School Improvement Team (SIT)/NC Star/Indistar Meetings each month
- ❖ The school involves parents of Title I students in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school's Title I programs and the Title I Parental and Family Engagement Policy.
 - o JES SIT/NCStar/Indistar meetings include parent members
 - o JES PTA and Advisory Committee meetings involve parent members
- ❖ The school provides parents of Title I students with an explanation of the curriculum used at the schools, the assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
 - o Open House/Orientation at the beginning of the school year for parents and students to meet teachers, have questions answered and obtain goals and expectations for the year.
 - o PTA and Advisory Committee Meetings every quarter
 - o Weekly Newsletters shared with parents on ClassDojo or Remind
 - o JES Website
 - o Progress Reports every 4 ½ weeks of each nine weeks – Report Cards go home every nine weeks
 - o Parent-Teacher Conferences held twice a year – officially
 - o Teachers and Parents conduct conferences regularly upon request

- ❖ In accordance with North Carolina G.S. § 143-318.12, the school will inform Title I parents of regular meetings and offer opportunities that allow parents to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.
 - o Advisory Committee Meetings
 - o School Improvement Team/NCStar

School-Parent Contract

Jamesville Elementary School provides the parents of Title I students a school-parent compact. The compact outlines how parents, teachers, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement. Our compact describes ways the school and home can partner to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. It addresses the following:

- o The school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction
- o The parent and family engagement responsibilities for supporting their child's learning
- o The importance of ongoing communication between parents and teachers through annual parent-teacher conferences and frequent reports on student progress.
- o Martin County Schools Compact

Building Capacity for Parent and Family Engagement

Jamesville Elementary School will engage parents and family members in meaningful interactions, supporting a partnership among staff, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. To help reach these goals, the school has established strategies for building capacity for involvement using the following practices and/or opportunities.

- ❖ Jamesville Elementary School provides Title I parents with assistance in understanding the State's academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve the achievement of their children.
 - o Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - o Parents can monitor their children's progress in NC Homebase/PowerSchool
- ❖ The school coordinates and integrates the Title I parental involvement program with other programs, and conducts other activities to encourage and support parents in their involvement in their child's education.
 - o Student performance groups
 - o Academic Awards Socials
 - o PTA Meetings
 - o Academic/Parent Nights/Parents Sessions
- ❖ In accordance with North Carolina G.S. § 143-318.12, the school distributes information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to Title I parents in a format and language that parents understand.
 - o Student Planners
 - o Newspaper Postings
 - o Apptegy Phone Messages
 - o Text/Instant Messaging

Accessibility

Jamesville Elementary School provides opportunities for the participation of all Title I parents, including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students. Information regarding school performance and activities within the school is communicated with parents in a variety of ways. Some examples of communication may be the use of newsletters, flyers, Apptegy Communication System, PTA, and many other forms.

- o JES Website
- o JES Social Media Pages – Facebook and Twitter
- o MCS Student Handbook
- o Newsletters
- o Phone Messages
- o Text Messages
- o Parent Handouts