

Jackson County Schools
LEA Title I Parent Involvement Policy
(to be distributed by October 2, 2020)

PART I. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Jackson County Schools agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

The county will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). [NOTE: Additional information regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) may be accessed at www.ed.gov]. Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level parental-involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The county will incorporate this district-wide parental-involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental-involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school district and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.
- The school district will involve parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than ninety-five percent of the one percent goes directly to the schools.
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and expects that its Title I schools will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) that parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning;**
- (B) that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’ education at school;**
- (C) 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;**
- (D) the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.**

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF HOW JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL-INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

1. Jackson County Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district-wide parental-involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:
 - ❖ At the first Parent Advisory Council meeting of the year, the Parent Involvement Policy will be discussed with parents. At following meetings throughout the year, suggestions and concerns from parents will be addressed.

2. Jackson County Schools will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA.
 - ❖ During Parent Advisory Council meetings, parents will be informed of current academic activities within the buildings. Parents then can review, critique, and make suggestions to the Title I program.
3. Jackson County Schools will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental-involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
 - ❖ The Parent Advisory Council will assist and plan effective parental activities throughout the school year.
 - ❖ The Parent Survey also requests input from parents on pertinent parental activities.
4. Jackson County Schools will coordinate and integrate parental-involvement strategies in Part A with parent-involvement strategies in public preschool, Head Start and private preschools by:
 - ❖ Inviting Head Start parents to preschool activities conducted by Title I schools and the Parent/Resource Educator Training Center.
 - ❖ Informing Head Start parents of the Jackson County Board of Education Preschool Screening Clinic, a pre-kindergarten screening program that is sponsored by a consortium of agencies and organizations including Title I.
 - ❖ Inviting parents of Title I pre-kindergarten students to all parent-involvement activities that take place in the school where the pre-kindergarten program is located.
5. Jackson County Schools will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental-involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental-involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parent-involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental-involvement policies.
 - ❖ A Parental Survey will be administered annually to all parents in Title I Schoolwide buildings. The school wide team will use results from the survey to determine effective parental programs.

PART III. DISCRETIONARY DISTRICT-WIDE PARENTAL-INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

Jackson County Schools recognizes that a child's education is the responsibility shared by the school and the family, and agrees that to effectively educate all students, the school and parents must work as knowledgeable partners.

Jackson County Schools defines parent and family involvement as an on-going process that assists parents and families to meet the basic obligation as their child's first educator; promotes clear two-way dialogue between home and school; and supports parents as leaders and decision makers at all levels concerning the education of their children.

With this intent, Jackson County Schools has organized a Title I Parent Advisory Council that meets annually. This council consists of parents from every Title I school. The purpose of this council is to develop county-wide parental-involvement programs with Title I funding.

For information regarding this policy or parent involvement in general, please contact your school's principal or Tracy LeMasters, Director of Federal Programs, Jackson County Schools, at (304) 372-7310, or email at tlemaste@k12.wv.us