

**Jones-Wheat Elementary School
School Level Parental Involvement Policy**

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Parent Involvement Plan
2013-2014 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Jones-Wheat Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

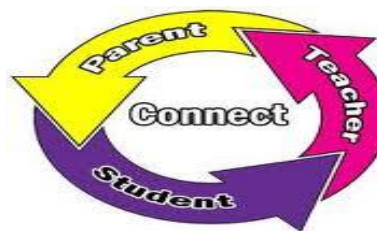
School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Jones-Wheat Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Jones-Wheat Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Jones-Wheat will support parent 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 developed? Jones-Wheat Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. Parents can also give feedback to revise the plan for the upcoming school year during our annual Title-1 meeting as well as the summer School-Wide Team meeting.

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. Jones-Wheat Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with each student. The plan is also made available on the Jones-Wheat website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the JWE Parent Resource Room at any time.



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Jones-Wheat Elementary Non-Negotiables

- **Improving Teaching and Learning**
 - ❖ Increase Rigor and Depth of Knowledge
 - ❖ Increase Student Engagement
 - ❖ Increase Use of Research-Based Instructional Strategies
 - ❖ Monitor Student Progress
- **Attendance Protocol**
- **Acceptable Behavior for an Effective Learning Environment**

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Jones-Wheat Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School Wide Plan meeting. The school-parent compacts are kept in the office of the school administration, if a parent should ever need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Jones-Wheat Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement

Open House/Title 1 Meeting for PK, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 – August 13, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Learn about our Title-1 program including our parent involvement policy, the JWE schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compacts.

Open House/Title 1 Meeting for Grades 2, 3, and 4 – August 15, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- ✓ Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Learn about our Title-1 program including our parent involvement policy, the JWE schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compacts.

Parent Involvement / PTO Meetings:

- ✓ Learn helpful information that will ensure student growth. Watch the JWE newsletter for meeting dates and times scheduled by the JWE PTO.

Pre-K Grandparent's Breakfast – September 5, 2013 @ 8:30 AM

- ✓ Grandparents come and enjoy breakfast with your grandchildren!

Fall Carnival – October 4, 2013 (Grade Level Times TBA)

- ✓ Enjoy a fun-filled day with your child.

Jones-Wheat Elementary Annual Christmas Program – December 16, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- ✓ Come enjoy your child in our annual Christmas Program.

Lunch with Parents:

- ❖ Kindergarten – September 19, 2013 @ 11:00 AM
- ❖ Pre-K – October 17, 2013 @ 10:45 AM
- ❖ 1st Grade – November 7, 2013 @ 11:20 AM
- ❖ 2nd Grade – January 23, 2013 @ 11:45 AM
- ❖ 3rd Grade – February 20, 2013 @ 12:00 PM
- ❖ 4th Grade – March 20, 2013 @ 12:20 PM

Gator Connection Committee – 4 times a year

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

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Parental Involvement

Jones-Wheat Elementary believes that parent involvement 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;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents are encouraged to become Decatur County trained volunteers;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making to assist in the education of their child;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Jones-Wheat Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance in order to participate in our programs.

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Jones-Wheat Elementary Pledge to Parents

Jones-Wheat Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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, and posted on the school website and included in the weekly school newsletters for all parents.
- ✓ Partner with Bright from the Start and Early Reading programs to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information using the school and grade level newsletters 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.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, such as phone messages, the school website, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our county parent involvement coordinator to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer an on-site parent resource room stocked with instructional resources, the school's Title-1 School-wide Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, internet access, parent brochures, and materials used to make manipulatives. The resource room is available to parents any time during the school day.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

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Parent Involvement Standards

Jones-Wheat Elementary 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

Jones-Wheat Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all 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 (229) 248-2218 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

School Community Team

- Yes, I am excited about joining the School Community Team
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School Community Team
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Parent Name:

Child's Name:

Grade Level:

Child's Homeroom Teacher:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

