

J.R. Trippe Middle School

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

2017-2018 School Year

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What is Title I?

J.R. Trippe Middle 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 J.R. Trippe Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. J.R. Trippe Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goals of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that J.R. Trippe Middle School 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?

J.R. Trippe Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual School Orientation/Open House at the beginning of the school year (August 2017). A presentation of our parent engagement policy, our schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact were introduced so that parents could provide input and feedback. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Our annual survey announcement is sent home by students and the survey is available online for parents to participate. The annual survey provides valuable information for our school plan as well as insight in how to use the funds for family engagement. Throughout the year, parents are encouraged to provide feedback during several parent meetings and activities. Parents receive notification of meetings and activities in several ways including the school website, our Facebook page, and announcements sent home by the students. In addition, feedback is provided through parent and community members during School Governance Council meetings.

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. J.R. Trippe Middle 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?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan is found on our school website, on our Facebook page, and is sent home to all parents of students at J.R. Trippe Middle School. Copies of the plan are available in the office of our school.

2017-2018 District Goals

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- Our school will focus on the following academic areas:
 - Reading Skills (phonics, fluency, and comprehension)
 - Math Skills (fluency, problem-solving)

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, J.R. Trippe Middle 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, student, and teachers during our Parent Orientation and other parent activities throughout the year. The school-parent compacts are shared during parent-teacher conferences and kept on file at the school for easy access and availability if parent would like another copy.

Let's Team Up!



J.R. Trippe Middle School 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. Activities for parents include both schoolwide events and grade level events.

Open House- August 1, 2017

Parents visit the school for a meet and greet with their child's teacher.

Annual Title I Meeting- August 1, 2017

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.

Parent-Teachers Conferences- October 5th and March 16th

Parent conference dates are on the system calendar. However, parent-teacher conferences are encouraged throughout the year. Teachers reserve Tuesdays and Wednesdays for weekly parent conferences

School Governance Council

Parents and community members provide feedback into school processes related to student achievement

Student Award Ceremonies

Field Trips

Parent Resource Center

Visit our parent resource center to receive information on how to help your child be successful in school. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Parent and Family Engagement

J.R. Trippe Middle 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.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are 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.

J.R. Trippe Middle School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call us at (912) 537-3813 if you have any questions about school events and activities.

J.R. Trippe Middle School is Reaching Out!

J.R. Trippe Middle School 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, meeting, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, post on the school website, and included in correspondence and newsletters that are sent home to parents.
- ✓ Provide professional learning for staff 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 their scheduled professional learning community 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 website and other correspondence so that parents can understand and monitor their child's progress and work.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media and flyers.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Partner with community resources to provide translators for parent at conferences, meetings, and activities when relevant.
- ✓ Offer opportunities for parents to visit the school to use technology to access parent resources and parent portal.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events through surveys and suggestion forms so they can request additional support as they help their child reach learning goals.