

# JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## THE PLAN... THE PROMISE...

**2023-2024**



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**[www.gcpsk12.org/JacksonES](http://www.gcpsk12.org/JacksonES)**

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### WHAT IS A FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN?

It is a plan that describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The school will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all family members.

### WHAT IS A SCHOOL-FAMILY PROMISE?

It is a written agreement that outlines how the school, the students, and the family will work together to ensure your child's academic success. An effective School-Family Promise contains the following elements:

- Clear learning goals that are linked to the school's improvement plan
- Specific skills students will learn during the year
- Strategies that staff, families, and students will use to improve student learning
- Ways to extend learning at home
- Methods teachers and family members will use to communicate about student progress
- Opportunities for family members to observe and participate in the classroom
- Jointly-developed by families, school staff, students, community business partners, and other stakeholders during our Planning Meeting
- The Promise will be reviewed throughout the school year at Parent-Teacher conferences, held in the Fall and Spring.

### LET'S TALK

Jackson Elementary is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about student learning. Some of the ways we can foster effective communication include Friday folders, Agendas, Parent/Teacher Conferences; School Messenger email, and our school website: [www.gcpsk12.org/JacksonES](http://www.gcpsk12.org/JacksonES)

If you need interpretation and/or translation services, please contact our Parent Liaison, Kim Merizalde at 770-277-8107.

### ACTIVITIES TO BUILD OUR PARTNERSHIP

- Title I Planning Meeting
- Curriculum Nights
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- Technology Parent Workshop
- Workshop for EL Families
- Family Game PTA Event
- Family/Student Social PTA Event
- Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences - October 18th/19th, 2023
- Literacy Night Schoolwide Event
- Holiday Lunches
- Math Night Schoolwide Event
- International Night
- Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences – March 6th/7th, 2024
- Assessment Parent Workshop
- Jackson Jam PTA Event
- Kindergarten Transition Parent Workshop



## WHERE IS THE PLAN AVAILABLE?

The Family and Community Engagement Plan and all other Title I information are available on our school's website at [www.gcpsk12.org/JacksonES](http://www.gcpsk12.org/JacksonES) under the Title I Section. Families can also find paper copies of this Family and Community Engagement Plan in our Family Engagement Center.

## HOW IS THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND REVISED?

It is reviewed and revised at least annually during the Planning Meeting in the spring. All feedback forms from the Planning Meeting are submitted to the Office of Federal Programs for review. Families who are not able to attend the Planning Meeting have the opportunity to review draft documents and provide input during the draft document review period.

## COMMUNICATION

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Parents may request a meeting at a mutually convenient time to discuss their child's progress by contacting their child's teacher by email, or by calling the school office (770-682-4200) to leave a message for the teacher, or by calling the Family Engagement Center (678-377-3898) for assistance in scheduling a meeting.

## ENGAGING AND EMPOWERING FAMILIES WITH...

- ❖ **Title I Program Information:** Program information is available during the Title I Planning Meeting in the spring and Annual Parent Meetings in the fall, on the school website, and in the Parent Center.
- ❖ **Curriculum Information:** Knowing what your child is learning at school is important. We will keep you informed throughout the year about what your child is learning during parent meetings, conferences, eCLASS, and on our school website.
- ❖ **Student Progress Monitoring:** The Parent Portal is an online resource that allows families to view grades, attendance, schedules, assessment, and your child's results, course history, and much more. Monitoring your child's progress in school is an important way to be engaged.
- ❖ **Parent Resources:** We have many resources available for checkout to use at home with your child. We also host several parent workshops to empower you as you work with your child at home.
- ❖ **Staff Training:** We will train our staff to effectively communicate with you. Your input on how we train our staff is valuable.
- ❖ **Communication:** We will communicate, to the extent feasible, all information with you in a language and format you understand. Whenever possible, we will provide interpreters during parent workshops, and academic events. Translation is available for most documents.
- ❖ **Transition Support:** Entering a new school can be scary for both students and families. We will host events to make sure both you and your child are aware of what is expected and how you can prepare as your child transitions to a new school level, college, and career.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Title I is a federal program designed to support school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students.
- ✓ Title I programs are based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement.
- ✓ The Title I Office reserves at least one percent of the district's allocation to fund family and community engagement programs. The use of these funds is based on suggestions gathered at our spring Planning Meetings from families and community members. Funds are distributed equally to all our Title I schools.
- ✓ Childcare and/or transportation may be provided for meetings and school events.

The Mission of Jackson Elementary School is to provide the opportunity to achieve academic excellence in a safe, nurturing environment empowering all children to reach their highest potential.

## OUR DISTRICT GOALS

**Language Arts:** All students will graduate as analytical readers, writers, and communicators of language.

**Math:** Students are expected to demonstrate proficiency through a deep understanding of numeracy with the ability to compute with fluency, think critically, and communicate their mathematical reasoning effectively.

**Science:** Students will develop a strong content understanding in the Earth, life, and physical sciences as well as develop problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

**Social Studies:** Students will develop a strong understanding of themselves and their role and responsibility in society by discovering the heritage of their nation within a global context.

## OUR SCHOOL GOALS

Empathy 1A. Cultural Competence. Jackson Elementary is committed to increasing the cultural competence of our community. We strive to increase the knowledge of individual staff members to improve instructional delivery, strengthen programs, and enhance engagement across the full spectrum of our diverse community. Equity 2A. Multi-tiered system of supports. Jackson Elementary is committed to implementing a comprehensive framework to fully operationalize a multi-tiered system of supports to address academic and non-academic student needs and remove barriers to success. Equity 2B. Jackson Elementary is committed to expanding student opportunities to engage in and have access to high quality, rigorous, culturally relevant curriculum, and advanced coursework. Jackson Elementary offers students opportunities to engage in Advanced courses, and enrichment activities such as the arts, gifted, STEM, and Robotics. The focus area and foundational skills by grade level as outlined in our Plan.Promise are as follows:

### Reading

Kindergarten - Identify letters and sounds

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Read and understand grade level text

3<sup>rd</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade - Use text evidence to support students' thinking.

### Math

Kindergarten - Count objects and write numbers to 20

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Add and subtract in a story problem

3<sup>rd</sup> grade-5<sup>th</sup> grade - Solve multistep word problems using all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

## WORKING TOGETHER TO ENSURE SUCCESS

### Jackson Elementary School will...

- Provide parents and families with resources through the Family Engagement Center for check out to assist his/her child at home.
- Host parent/family workshops that focus on strategies for improving students' vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- Host parent/family workshops that focus on strategies for improving students' math problem solving and computation.

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Principal's Signature	Date

### As Students, we will...

- Work on academics with our families at home using materials from the Family Engagement Center.
- Actively participate with our families at home to improve vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- Actively participate with our families at home to improve math problem solving and computation.

### As Families, we will...

- Checkout materials to assist our children at home.
- Attend Parent Workshops to learn ways to improve students' vocabulary and reading comprehension.
- Attend Parent Workshops to learn ways to improve students' math problem solving and computation.

## VISIT OUR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Our Family Engagement Center has learning games, books, and many other resources available for families to checkout and use at home. Our Parent Instructional Coordinator is Mari Beth Cameron. She is available to help you find resources, navigate the Parent Portal, connect with teachers, and learn about ways you can help your children at home.

Our Family Engagement Center is located in Room 1.119 on the Front Hallway. Center hours are 8:30 am-2:30 pm daily. You can also reach our Family Engagement Center virtually via Zoom by using this link: <https://gcpsk12-org.zoom.us/j/96768391673>

Please contact Ms. Cameron for additional information about our Family Engagement Center and resources available for check-out.

678-377-3898

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Jackson Elementary will also provide parents with opportunities to volunteer and participate in schoolwide events and to observe classroom activities, or parents may schedule a time to observe classroom activities. Parents and family members are invited to volunteer and work on classroom projects in the Family Engagement Center during school hours.

