

The logo for Pickens Junior High School is a large, light green diamond shape with a white outline. Inside the diamond is a large, white, serif letter 'P'.

**Pickens Junior High School
Title I Annual Parent Meeting
September 25, 2018**

**Welcome!
Please sign in!**

What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children most in need of educational help. The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.

Georgia Department of Education. (2012). *A Parent's Guide to Title I* [Brochure].

Purpose of a Title I Schoolwide Program

The purpose of the schoolwide Title I program is to improve the entire educational program in a school which should result in improving the academic achievement of all students, particularly the lowest achieving students. The goal of such a program is to assist those students to demonstrate proficiency on academic standards.



The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting of Title I parents for the purpose of...

- **Informing you of your school's participation in Title I**
- **Explaining the requirements of Title I**
- **Explaining your rights as parents to be involved**

How does our school participate in the Title I Program?

- **Our school is designated as a Schoolwide Program which means that all students can benefit from Title I funding.**
- **Our School's Designation Status is a Title I Schoolwide Program.**

Pickens Junior High School Schoolwide Program

Our school improvement goals are to:

- **During the 18-19 school year, we will establish data for FY18-19 and have a 64% pass rate on the 7th and 8th grade English EOG's**
- **During the 2018-2019, we will set baseline data to be at or above the state average in students performing at levels 3 and 4 on the Georgia Milestones**

What programs/supports are in place to help my child?

- **After school tutoring in all content areas; reading focused on Tuesday & Thursday**
- **IXL web based program for Math & English for use in school and at home**

How does our school spend Title I money?

Pickens Junior High School spends Title I funds on resources designed to improve student achievement. These resources include:

- **Personnel - an academic coach**
- **Tutoring -- offered in afternoons**
- **IXL for content areas to be used at school and at home**
- **Parental involvement activities such as workshops and training**
- **Print and electronic materials that address improving student achievement**

What standards and curriculum does our school use?

- **Georgia Standards of Excellence are used to define the standards taught in grades 7 & 8 English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.**
- **Writing across all content areas**
- **Increased focus on reading in all content areas**
- **Increased focus on cross-curricular instruction**
- **Increased focus on how standards relate to the real world (problem-based, project-based, inquiry and STEM)**

What tests will my child be taking?

- **Grade 7 -- Georgia Milestones in ELA and Math**
- **Grade 8 -- Georgia Milestones in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies**

What is required by law for parent involvement?

- **Pickens County Schools is required to have a district Parent Involvement Plan that addresses the requirements under ESSA and building parent and staff capacity**
- **Pickens Junior High School is required to have a school Parent Involvement Policy that addresses specific parent and family engagement programming for our school**
- **Pickens Junior High School is required to have a School-Parent Compact that includes ways that the school, parents, and students can help improve student achievement.**

Professional Qualifications

It is our goal to have highly qualified teachers in every classroom. Because the Pickens County School District is a Strategic Waiver System, we have established the professional qualifications that all teachers must have at the local level.

Parents Right to Know

Whether the student's teacher—

- has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
- is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

How is Title I Parent Involvement money spent?

- **Professional learning for the Parent Involvement Coordinator**
- **State Parent Engagement Conference registration fee and travel expenses for one parent and one school employee to attend conference**

What opportunities does the school provide for parent involvement?

- **Quarterly newsletters with tips that are related to improving your child's academic achievement**
- **Volunteer opportunities to help in the school**
- **Curriculum Night**
- **Band, chorus and drama performances**
- **Athletic events**
- **Parent-teacher conferences**
- **Frequent updates on your child's academic progress**
- **Opportunities for parent input about school programs through surveys**
- **School Advisory Council and PTSA participation**

How responsive will the school be to my questions when staff is contacted?

- Staff members can be contacted through email, phone calls, and scheduled conferences.
- Messages left for staff members should be returned within 24 hours.
- Each teacher's email address is provided on our school website.
- If you have any questions about this meeting, please contact Chad Flatt, Pickens Junior High School Principal, at 706-253-1830 or chadflatt@pickenscountyschools.org

Your involvement is key to your child's success!

- **You are your child's first teacher.**
- **You have the ability to influence your child's education more than any teacher or school.**
- **You and the school are a team.**

We welcome regular communication and parent involvement in the learning process!



**Thank you for
joining us today!**

**Please take a moment to
complete a survey before
you leave.**