



Pickens Junior High School

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[PJHS School Website](#)



Pickens Junior High School is committed to helping our parents attend the events and activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us with comments or suggestions on any of the activities listed, or to submit ideas about how we can work together to improve the academic success of our students. Please call or email if you need childcare or other assistance in order to participate.

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### What is Title I?

Pickens Junior High is recognized as a Title I school as part of the ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act. Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

### School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

#### What is it?

This is a plan that tells how Pickens Junior High will improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Pickens Junior High values the parents and family members, and the value they bring to the school. PJHS wants to establish a partnership for improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Pickens Junior High will support parent and family engagement. It also tells how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to improve student learning at school and at home.

#### Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Pickens Junior High will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

#### How was it revised?

Pickens Junior High, in conjunction with the Pickens County Board of Education, solicited parent feedback via a system wide survey with specific school questions. Parents and guardians had the opportunity to review and revise the parental involvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the 1% Title I parent involvement money. Parents can provide ideas and give opinions throughout the year. The plan, school-parent compact, and other Title I information is posted on our school website. We also have the information available at the school office. We send home surveys to ask families for their suggestions on the plan, and how to use Title I money for parent engagement. The plan is updated each year to meet the changing needs of students and parents

#### Where is it available?

A copy of the plan is sent home with all students before November 1 of each year. It is posted on the school website and copies are available at the school office.

**Our Mission**

The mission of the Pickens Junior High School Community is to prepare our students for high school graduation and future success by inspiring them to become responsible learners and productive members of society.



**Pickens Junior High School Goals**

**Goal #1**

**English Language Arts**

During FY24, Increase the percentage of students performing at levels 3 or 4 by 3% from FY 23

7th Grade - From 33% to 36%

8th Grade - From 36% to 39%

**Math**

During FY24, Increase the percentage of students performing at levels 3 or 4 by 3% from FY 23

7th Grade - From 32% to 35%

8th Grade - From 38% to 41%

**Science**

During FY24, Increase the percentage of students performing at levels 3 or 4 by 3% from FY 23

8th Grade - From 29% to 32%

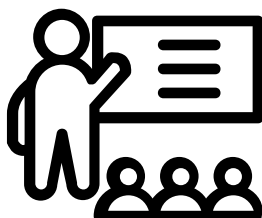
**Social Studies**

During FY24, Increase the percentage of students performing at levels 3 or 4 by 3% from FY 23

8th Grade - From 28% to 31%

**Goal #2**

75% of students will report that they have a voice in their school and can identify at least one adult to whom they feel connected



**Goal #3**

Parents will report feeling a part of decisions regarding their student's education at greater than 75% of those surveyed

**We Need YOU!**

**Annual Title I Parent Meeting**

- Join us on Thursday October 26th at 5:00 PM as we look at the Title I program at PJHS and share information regarding our school-parent compact, parent and family engagement plan, and the curriculum in use at the school!

**Title I Events (Other than Annual Title I Meeting)**

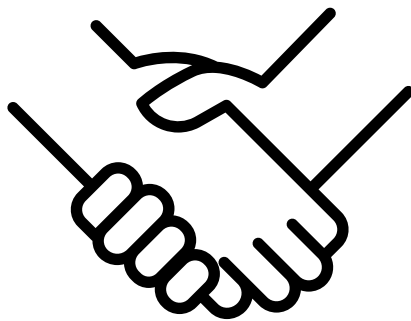
- School Improvement Plan Stakeholder Meeting - April 25th, 5:30 PM

**School Advisory Council (All parents are invited to attend meetings)**

- November 14th, 4:30 PM
- February 6th, 4:30 PM
- April 9th, 4:30 PM

### How are we promoting and supporting parent engagement?

- Ensure information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are published in English and other languages as needed, and in a language and format that all parents can understand. Information is posted on the school website and included in the PJHS newsletters.
- Educate staff members, with the input of parents, on the value of having parents participate and contribute their skills at school, on communication skills that will foster positive relationships with parents, on how to partner with parents, on how to have successful conversations about student data during Parent Nights, on sending home notifications in a format and in a language that parents can understand, and on having effective parent/teacher conferences.
- Collaborate with Jasper Middle School to share information about school activities and newsletters, to prepare parents and their children for Junior High, and to facilitate school transition.
- Share information via the school website and newsletters to help parents understand the school's academic standards/assessments, to assist parents in monitoring their child's progress, and to work with educators ensuring students' academic success.
- Communicate regularly regarding school-wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, school website, emails and/or flyers.
- Provide materials, as appropriate, to assist parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement.
- Work with parents to inform staff members of the importance of effective communication and parental involvement via newsletters and staff meetings
- Collaborate with community leaders, business groups, and local residents to increase participation and awareness of school-parent involvement practices and activities.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support with parent involvement activities.
- Provide regular meeting opportunities if requested by parents.
- Provide meetings at flexible times such as in the mornings and evenings to accommodate all families who want to participate. Meetings will also be offered in various formats including individual, small group, or large group.



#### School-Parent Compact

- As part of this plan, Pickens Junior High School and our parents will develop a school/parent/student compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop collaboratively. The compact explains how parents, teachers, and students will work together to help all students in achieving grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers using letters to be sent home, meetings, surveys, and the school website.

#### We Believe

- Parents play an important part in the child's learning
- Parents are active participants in their child's education at school and at home
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making opportunities and participates on advisory committees
- Parents are involved in other activities as described in this plan.