



Johnson Elementary Parental Involvement Plan

Parental Involvement—To ensure effective involvement of parents and families and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Limestone County and Johnson Elementary School:

(1) shall provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;

Documents and forms for students whose parents don't speak English are translated through Google Translate or pulled from TransAct. We provide a translator at I-ELP meetings, IEP meetings, and conferences. Weekly newsletters with the curriculum standards are listed for parents to see. A parent letter with STAR testing results is sent home after each assessment. Notifications for upcoming assessments are given in a timely manner. Standards-based report cards in K-2 include an explanation of the standards. The new promotion policy adopted by the board of education addresses priority standards for elementary grades. Our teachers also use Remind and Class DoJo which translates any information or messages received into the home language

(2) shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;

Many teachers video their lessons and post them to Class Dojo, Schoology, or SeeSaw. The parents can view the teacher's model of the instructional strategy and help their children at home. Our assistant principal videos multisensory lessons to help parents who have dyslexic students. We also offer literacy and math nights in addition to parent conferences. Student planners help to inform parents of the happenings within the classroom.

(3) shall educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school;

Each year, JES conducts Pre-K orientation and other orientations to discuss school and classroom procedures, encourage parental involvement, provide communication updates, and provide tips to support literacy. Johnson continuously searches for ways to encourage parents to become equal partners in their child's education. Many different family events occur throughout the year during which the students can perform, show their work, or simply have fun. Events include literacy nights, awards days, Grandparents' Day, Thanksgiving Feast, Art Nights, Holiday

Parties, and Harvest Festival. All staff helps prepare and work these events making for a true community commitment. Our PTO and Booster Club contribute to these events by providing volunteers and other resources.

(4) shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children;

Johnson Elementary is fortunate to have an active Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) that works closely with parents, teachers, and staff. In collaboration with PTO, JES plans and implements the following school/community programs: Fall Book Fair, Pastries for Parents, Grandparents' Day, Musical Presentations, attendance initiatives, Harvest Festival, and Field Day. Most of these activities are the result of joint planning between teachers and parent volunteers. Many parent volunteers serve on committees and help coordinate student activities. In addition to PTO events, each year we hold a dyslexia awareness night where our reading specialist teaches parents how to use multi-sensory strategies to help their children learn to recognize letters and read fluently. We also participate as a district in American Education Week where students' work is displayed for the county to see. Our literacy and math nights provide parents the opportunity to learn from classroom teachers about the standards their children must master.

(5) shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;

JES faculty and JES PTO offer parents many opportunities to get involved with the activities mentioned earlier. The district offers a program through Foreign Language Services where a translator can Facetime/Skype with the school and parents together. The program can also be used to make phone calls when an urgent need arises. An in-person translator is often provided for EL and special education meetings. We use the TransAct program provided by the state department to obtain traditional documents in other languages. Also, the School Messenger program for callouts allows us to translate the message into Spanish. Finally, we use Google Translate for informal informational flyers.

(6) shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.

JES takes a practical approach when communicating with parents/stakeholders. We want to make sure parents receive up-to-date, reliable, and easy-to-understand information concerning school procedures and events. The school utilizes the JES website, Twitter, FaceBook, Remind 101, and newsletters to keep parents informed of upcoming events and student activities. Supportive services include a BackPack Blessings Program, a clothes closet, a laundry for soiled clothes, and a shower.