

Annual Title 1 Meeting

Just 4 Developmental Laboratory holds its annual meeting for all parents of participating students in the Title I School Wide Program during the first quarter of the school year. This year's meeting was held August 31, 2023. Parents were notified of the meeting through the following: the parent handbook, teacher newsletters, monthly Jaguar Journal, and the school website, School Messenger call out system, Class DoJo, Facebook, Twitter, the Just 4 Parent Handbook, and email reminders. This annual meeting is held in conjunction with Open House to accommodate most parents. An explanation of the Title I Program and what all it encompasses (1% set-aside, participation, parental rights, school improvement plan, compacts, parent centers at the school, surveys, etc.) are the primary focus of this annual meeting.

Parent Volunteers

Parents are presented opportunities to volunteer in the school in various ways as well as being invited into our school to create a partnership and help build community climate. Additionally, parent conferences are scheduled before, during, and after school to accommodate most parents' schedules. Parent Meetings are also held at varying times throughout the calendar year to enable parents the opportunity to attend as many meetings as they can and feel a part of their child's educational process.

Parent Surveys

Just 4 Developmental Laboratory makes every effort to work with parents in meeting their requests and needs as related to the partnership in their child's education. A parent survey is given to parents each year to survey the climate, support, and instructional review of the school. Based upon the data gathered from the surveys, activities are added to support and strengthen the educational partnership between all stakeholders.

Provisions

Just 4 Developmental Laboratory, to the fullest extent possible, provides participation opportunities for parents with limited English proficiency and parents with disabilities when needed. Just 4 Developmental Laboratory is equipped to accommodate the parents of ELL when they enroll or become a part of the school program and/or need support for living needs such as food, shelter, and clothing. Resources are provided on an as-needed basis through various resources and community support groups. The school guidance counselor works with parents to assist them in specific needs. School uniform guidelines are waived for the first few days of school for students entering after the start of school. Every effort is made to accommodate parents and students with disabilities. We provide a handicapped-accessible building. Our goal is to serve the needs of the students and parents so that we can begin the educational process of educating the whole child and creating a strong foundation.

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Developmental Laboratory Parent & Family Engagement Plan

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Vision: The vision of Just 4 Developmental Laboratory is to foster a developmentally appropriate learning environment that establishes a solid foundation where all children reach their full potential.

Mission: The mission of Just 4 Developmental Laboratory is to teach children to love learning and strive for lifelong success.

Motto:

"Small, but MIGHTY!"

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Parent Meetings

The leadership, faculty, and staff of Just 4 Developmental Laboratory believes in the importance of parental involvement and therefore has put measures in place that schedules parent meetings in advance throughout the school year. Meetings are offered at varying times. Parent meetings for parents of participating children are offered face to face at 8:00 am and virtually at 5:00 pm. Virtual meetings are recorded to allow parents the opportunity to view them later. A total of eight meetings will be held over the course of the year (August, September, October, November, January, February, March, and April). These meetings will inform parents about promoting resilience in Pre-K, safety, bridges into the K-5 school setting, information on ways to help their child at home, and other topics that may be of interest to parents of young children.

Parent resources and information are available through the school counselor and the parent resource center. Parent & Family Engagement Day is in October. Parent & Family Engagement Day provides parents the opportunity to participate in hands-on experiences that are offered to the children as well as to also learn about various items that are available to parents for students to use at home for free and the number of ways parents may become involved in their child's educational journey.



Parental Involvement

Just 4 Developmental Laboratory will provide information to parents of participating children to better understand the Alabama Developmental Standards for Preschool Children and the Office of School Readiness and Mobile County Public School System required assessment tools used in the evaluation and documentation process for mastering that set of standards. Parents are also provided information throughout the year about how students' progress is monitored as well as how the content standards are taught and measured throughout the year. The information is provided to parents via Student Folders, Parent/Teacher Conference, GOLD checkpoint reports, as well as parent/teacher informal conversations.

The Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee works diligently to ensure that all parental trainings and materials are closely aligned with the school's identified needs, goals, and state standards. Parent meetings, one on one parent/teacher conferences, informal meetings are held to provide opportunities to learn the expectations, learning process, and methods used on a routine basis to further assist them in supporting their child's learning and success at Just 4 Developmental Laboratory. Parent resources are housed outside the front office to provide additional information on various topics and assistance as needed. Computers with internet access are also available for parents to use daily. Additional Parent Resources are provided on Just 4 Facebook, teacher newsletters, School Messenger, Class Dojo, MCPSS website, Twitter, and the monthly school newsletter.

Parent Communication

Parents of all participating students are informed of school and parent activities through diverse communications such as: Student Folders, Just 4 Facebook, teacher newsletters, School Messenger, Just 4 website, Twitter, and the monthly school newsletter. Information is provided to parents of all students including ELL students (when applicable. Also, all documents can be translated into most languages if needed or requested so that all parents can read the information in their native language. Translators are also available for conferences and other parental meetings if requested in advance to assist parents in their understanding.

School - Parent Compact

The Just 4 faculty and staff along with the parent advisory committee, reviews its school-parent compact annually. All parents are given a copy of the new compact at the beginning of each school year to review and sign. Parents are asked to read and sign the compact signifying their commitment to working in the partnership with the school and their child to ensure that their child is as successful as possible in the educational process. Compacts serve as documentation and a record of the joint effort between all parties.

