

J. A. Dobbins Middle School



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Title I, Targeted-Assistance Program

What is Title I?

J.A. Dobbins Middle School for the 2024-2025 school year, our school receives federal funds through the Title I, Targeted- Assistance Program to improve the academic achievement of students in meeting the state's high academic achievement standards. This program and these funds are used to provide the following:

- * Additional teachers to work with eligible students who can benefit from additional support.
- * Learning resources for participating students.
- * Professional learning resources for teachers supporting identified students.
- * Resources and activities for participating parents to access as they support their child academically.

Families and guardians of participating students are offered input opportunities on how these funds are utilized to support student success.



J.A. Dobbins Middle School Parent & Family Engagement Plan

2024-2025

Plan revised August 2, 2024

What is it?

Our Parent Engagement Plan is a plan that outlines what we will provide for parents and guardians, and how we will provide opportunities to work together to strengthen the academic success of each child in our school. Our plan is based on school goals for student academic achievement and is developed with input from parents/guardians and school staff.

How is it revised?

J.A. Dobbins Middle Parent & Family Engagement Plan will be updated every year. Input opportunities during Spring semester last school year for participating families and will continue throughout the fall semester. In late winter, a survey will be made available to parents. It may be taken online or by way of a paper copy that will be sent home to parents of our students. The survey will be advertised through bulletins, flyers, phone calls, in parent meetings, and in the Student/Family Resource Center. The survey will ask for feedback on the components of the current Parent & Family Engagement Plan and parent involvement opportunities that will take place during the school year. The survey will also ask for suggestions and input in the development of an updated Parent & Family Engagement Plan. Participation from parents will also be sought through responses on feedback forms provided at all parent involvement meetings and activities, meetings planned specifically for developing the plan together, and an online survey linked directly in connection with this plan.

Who is it for?

J.A. Dobbins Middle is a school with a Title I, Targeted Assistance Title I program. Families and students served in this program are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the plan. The plan is written in a language that parents can understand, and translation is available upon request. We strive to make continual progress in working with our families and welcome any feedback and suggestions at all times throughout the school year.

Where is it available?

J.A. Dobbins Middle Parent & Family Engagement Plan is distributed to parents and guardians of eligible students in our school, and is available on our school website, and in our Student/Family Resource Center. Translation of all information will be provided upon request.





2024-2025 District Goals

- By May, enhance the quality and effectiveness of professional learning initiatives to empower teachers in positively transforming their instructional practices, thereby directly impacting student achievement.
- By May, cultivate meaningful collaborative opportunities that foster strong relationships and active engagement between District staff, families, and communities, resulting in a positive impact on student achievement.
- Increase student performance in all core content areas by 3% annually as measured by achievement data.



2024-2025 School Goals

- By May 2025, we will increase the percentage of students scoring Level 3 or 4 on the ELA section of the Georgia Milestones assessment.
- By May 2025, we will increase the percentage of students scoring Level 3 or 4 on the Math section of the Georgia Milestones assessment.
- During the 2024-2025 school year, we will decrease the number of days students spend in ISS and OSS by 20%

Parent Engagement is Important

The staff at J.A. Dobbins Middle understands the value and utility of contributions of parents. Staff will participate in meetings with parents/guardians to share grade-level information, conference with parents to share ideas and resources, and will communicate through a variety of sources. We know that working with parents as equal partners and building ties between home and school are vital to student academic achievement. Students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs
- Be promoted and pass their classes
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior, and adapt well to school
- Graduate and go on to further education.



You are Invited!

Together Improving The Learning Environment

J.A. Dobbins Middle will host the following events and will provide support to build the capacity for strong parental engagement! Meetings and activities will be provided at a variety of times to help accommodate parent/guardian schedules. Participating families will receive notification and invitation to events through weekly communication, phone calls, and emails. We want you to join us!

Open House - July 30 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Every year, families are invited to meet their child's teachers and our friendly, helpful school staff.

Curriculum Night - September 17, 2024 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Families are invited to participate in informative sessions which will focus on providing important information regarding curriculum goals, grading policies, expectations, supporting students at home, and ways to become actively involved in our school community.

Annual Title I Meeting - October 14, 2024 virtually at 8:30am

We invite you to learn about our Title I program, including our Targeted-Assistance Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement Budget, Family-School Compacts, Parent & Family Engagement Plan, and parents' rights under Title I. All families of students served through the Title I program attending J.A. Dobbins Middle School are invited to attend! Access to the meeting and materials will also be available online.

Parent-Teacher Conferences - October 7-8, 2024 and March 10-11, 2025

We invite you to participate in these opportunities to partner with staff to discuss your child's academic progress.

Family Engagement Initiative Meetings - September 17, 2024 / January 30, 2025 / April 29, 2025

This family engagement model uses a data-driven strategy to strengthen teacher-family relations that focus on student academic growth and achievement. Meetings will be held three times throughout the year.

STEM/Curriculum Nights - November 21, 2024 and February 27, 2025 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

We invite you to attend these family events. Students will participate in a variety of interactive STEM activities, curriculum resources will be available, and families will be able to enjoy a fun-filled evening together.



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Title I Team:

Jamye Pierce - Instructional Lead Coach

Regina Evans - 6th grade teacher

Tori Martin - 7th grade teacher

Parental Involvement

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. As a school, we will provide opportunities for parents to:

- play an integral role in assisting your child's learning;
- be actively involved in your child's education at school;
- be full partners in your child's education; be included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of your child;
- be involved in other offered informative activities.

School staff is available for meeting and appointments may be arranged by contacting J.A. Dobbins Middle at 770-445-4835.

Our Commitment

At J.A. Dobbins Middle, we support our parents/guardians in attending the parental activities included in this plan. We make every effort to communicate the details of events in a number of ways, including newsletters, bulletins, phone calls, and school web-site postings and we offer our meetings on flexible days times, and formats. Please call or email us. If you require further information or assistance in order to participate in our activities please contact Jamye Pierce, Title I Instructional Lead Coach, with requests for support at 770-443-4835 or at jpierce@paulding.k12.ga.us.

J.A. Dobbins Middle is Reaching Out!

J.A. Dobbins Middle will take the following measures to promote and support families as equal partners in supporting student achievement:

- Provide information in an understandable format, as requested. The request may be made to the child's teacher, to the front office, or to the Title I Instructional Lead Coach, Jamye Pierce. The request can be communicated via phone, via email, or in person.

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- Provide professional learning to staff on parent involvement practices which include parent conferences, use of Student/Family Resource Center materials, and effective communication strategies in reaching out to parents to build relationships.
- Provide information on school and state academic standards, curriculum, Georgia Milestones Assessments and other ways to interpret assessment results, and ways to monitor their child's progress through the school websites, newsletters, during monthly meetings, and parent/teacher conferences.
- Inform families and community stakeholders on a consistent basis information about school events and activities, using newsletters, flyers, invitations, and school websites.
- Use parent feedback to determine professional learning needs of our staff as it pertains to parent engagement and to embrace partnerships with families.
- Supply parents with necessary materials and trainings at conferences, meetings, workshops, and Family Nights to help parents work with their child to improve their achievement.
- Communicate with local stakeholders to increase participation and awareness of our school's Parent & Family Engagement Plan and activities through the school's website.
- Provide parents information on ways to enhance their education upon request and share information in regard to community-based opportunities.
- Solicit feedback and provide parent support for additional parental involvement activities through feedback forms, surveys, and meetings.
- Establish a partnership with local Pre-K programs to provide school information and transitional support for parents in need of this support to fully participate in the education of their child by providing resources and notification of opportunities.
- Coordinate services for students that may be experiencing homelessness or transitions from neglected or delinquent facilities, where the facility serves as the proxy for the parent.



Parent Involvement Standards

J.A. Dobbins Middle and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are –

- 1.Open House Welcoming All Families
- 2.Communicating Effectively
- 3.Supporting Student Success
- 4.Speaking Up for Every Child
- 5.Sharing Power
- 6.Collaborating with Community

Student/Family Resource Center

Location: Media Center

The Parent /Student Resource Center is stocked with a variety resources to assist students including games, books, practice materials, and consumable materials such as poster board, markers, presentation boards, etc. These items are available at NO COST to students and parents participating in the Title I Targeted-Assistance Program at J.A. Dobbins Middle School! We invite you to make use of these resources. Participating students and their parents may request items through their math teacher by contacting them via email, completing the survey on our J.A. Dobbins Title I website, or by contacting the Title I Instructional Lead Coach, Jamye Pierce, at 770-443-4835 ext. 24402 or at jpierce@paulding.k12.ga.us to schedule an in-person visit.

Family-School Compact

J.A. Dobbins' Parent & Family Engagement Plan includes a Compact, which is developed jointly by staff, parents/guardians, and students. The Compact is an agreement that explains how parents/guardians, teachers, and students will work together to make sure that every student is supported in reaching academic success. Parents of students at J.A. Dobbins Middle School will be invited to multiple opportunities for providing input on the development of and revision of the Compact every year. Revisions are made, based on input from parents, students and teachers. The compacts will be shared in September at the Family Engagement Initiative meeting, and serve as a reminder of our commitment to action in supporting the students at J.A. Dobbins Middle. Parents keep a copy of the compact. The Compact will be referenced throughout the year by students, parents and teachers as a reminder of our partnership in helping students achieve the State's high standards.

Your Input Matters!

We welcome your suggestions, questions, and feedback on our Title I Plan, District and School Family Engagement Plans, Title I Budget, Staff Capacity, and Family-School Compacts at any time! Please list any comments below, and if there is any part of this plan that you find unsatisfactory for the parents and students at J.A. Dobbins Middle. J.A. Dobbins Middle will submit comments to Dr. Karniese Daniel, Director of Title I at 3236 Atlanta Hwy, Dallas, GA 30132, kdaniel@paulding.k12.ga.us. This form may be returned to the J.A. Dobbins Middle School's front office.

☐ Please contact me.

Name (optional): _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

