

J. A. Dobbins Middle School



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School-wide, Title I Program

What is Title I?

For the 2025-2026 school year, J.A. Dobbins Middle School school year receives federal funds through the Title I Program to improve the academic achievement of students in meeting the state's high academic achievement standards. The funding from this program is 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

2025-2026

Plan revised September 2025



What is it?

The Parent Engagement Plan 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?

The Parent & Family Engagement Plan is updated yearly, with input collected in the fall and winter. Parents can provide feedback through an online or paper survey, shared via bulletins, flyers, calls, meetings, and the Student/Family Resource Center. The survey will gather input on the plan and past engagement activities. Parents may also share feedback at meetings and family events.

Who is it for?

J.A. Dobbins Middle has a school-wide, Title I program. Families and students in this program are encouraged to participate in all opportunities outlined in the plan. The plan is written in clear language, with translations available upon request. We welcome feedback year-round as we work with families to make continual progress.

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.



2025-2026 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.



2025-2026 School Goals

- For the 25-26 school year, we will increase the number of students reading at or above the grade level mid-point by 5% as measured on the 25-26 GMA EOG.
- For the 25-26 school year, Accountability Goal 2: For the 25-26 school year, we will increase our overall school percentage of GMA EOG Math Levels 2,3, and 4 by 5% by the end of the year.

Parent Engagement is Important

The staff at J.A. Dobbins Middle values parent involvement and works to build strong home-school connections. We meet with families to share grade-level updates, offer resources, and communicate regularly, recognizing that partnership with parents is key to student success. Regardless of income or background, students with families that are involved in school 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

Dobbins will host the following events and will provide support to build the capacity for strong family engagement. Meetings, activities and celebrations will be provided at a variety of times to help accomodate parent/guardian schedules. Families will receive notifications and invitations to events through weekly communication, phone calls, and emails. We look forward to you joining us!

Open House - July 29 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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

Curriculum Night - Meet the Teachers-August 26, 2025 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 for each class, as well as learn about Parent Portal and Canvas.

Annual Title I Meeting - TBD

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 13 & 14, 2025 and March 16-17, 2026

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

Family Engagement Activities

Family engagement events are aimed to strengthen teacher-family relationships and focus on student academic growth and achievement. Meetings will be held three times throughout the year

STEM/Curriculum Nights - November 18, 2025 and March 3, 2026 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.



J.A. Dobbins Middle School

Title I Team:

Jamye Pierce - Instructional Lead Coach

Rebecca Atkins-Instructional Lead Coach

Regina Evans - 6th grade teacher

Tori Martin - 7th grade teacher

Parental Involvement

Parental involvement means parents engage in regular, two-way, meaningful communication about their child's learning and school activities. Our school will provide opportunities for parents to:

- Support their child's learning;
- Be actively involved in school life;
- Partner in their child's education;
- Participate in decision-making and advisory committees;
- Join other informative activities offered.
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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 parent participation by sharing event details through newsletters, calls, bulletins, and our website. Meetings are offered 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,

jpierce@paulding.k12.ga.us or

Rebecca Atkins, Title I Family Engagement Coach,
rchandler@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 a clear format upon request to the teacher, office, or Title I Instructional Lead Coach, Jamye Pierce or the Family Engagement Coach, Rebecca Atkins. The request can be communicated via phone, via email, or in person.
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Email: jpierce@paulding.k12.ga.us or rchandler@paulding.k12.ga.us
- Train staff on parent engagement, including conferences, using Resource Center materials, and effective communication.
- Share academic standards, curriculum, testing info, and progress monitoring through websites, newsletters, meetings, and conferences.
- Regularly update families and the community about school events via newsletters, flyers, invitations, and websites.
- Use parent feedback to guide staff training and strengthen family partnerships.
- Provide materials and training at events to help parents support their child's learning.
- Partner with local stakeholders to promote the Parent & Family Engagement Plan through the school website.
- Offer educational and community resource information to parents upon request.
- Collect feedback through surveys and meetings to support future parent involvement activities.
- Collaborate with Pre-K programs to offer transition support and resources for incoming families.
- Coordinate services for students facing homelessness or in transition from facilities acting as parent proxies.



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 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 one of the Title I Instructional Lead Coaches to schedule an in-person visit:

Jamye Pierce, jpierce@paulding.k12.ga.us
Rebecca Atkins, rchandler@paulding.k12.ga.us
or at 770-443-4835

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 the school will be invited to multiple opportunities for providing input on the development of the Compact, which leads to the final revision.

The compacts will be shared this fall at the Family Engagement event as a reminder of our commitment to supporting J.A. Dobbins Middle students. Families will keep a copy to reference throughout the year, reinforcing our partnership in helping students achieve academic success.



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. The school will submit comments to Dr. Tameka Walker, Federal Program Director, tmwalker@paulding.k12.ga.us or Jacquelyn Allen, Title I Coordinator, jsallen@paulding.k12.ga.us, or via mail..... This form may be returned to the schools front office.

☐ Please contact me.

Name (optional): _____

Phone Number (optional): _____

