

Arkansas Indistar
School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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Bryan	Jenkins	Assistant Principal
Brandon	Craig	Assistant Principal
Cindy	Calhoun	PFE Coordinator
Andrea	Abernathy	Parent
Pamela	Young	PAT President/Parent

1: Jointly Developed

(Describe/List how parents will be involved in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan and how parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of parent and family engagement programs.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Hint

- A DMJHS Parent and Family Engagement Committee has been formed to develop a plan that will involve all stakeholders affiliated with the school campus. It is the intent of this committee to take suggestions, data and comments to develop a plan to service the needs of all stakeholders. Parents will be asked to serve on the PFE committee to offer another perspective.
- Parents will be asked to complete a survey during the current school year to evaluate campus programs and give suggestions.
- Any and all comments or suggestions will be welcome at any time throughout the school year. That information will be reviewed and used to improve the PFE plan to make all parts of the plan inclusive to all stakeholders.
- Any requested meeting regarding the PFE Plan will be entertained and addressed.

2: Annual Title I Meeting

(Describe/List when (provide the month/year or month/day/year) the school will hold the Annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights to be involved. The Annual Title I meeting should not be used to ask for parent input, but provided as an opportunity to disseminate information and distribute copies of the revised parent and family engagement policy.)

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- The DMJHS Title I meeting will be held in September to inform parents of the Title I program on the campus of DMJHS. Information will be shared with parents regarding:
 - Parent and Family Engagement Plan
 - Title I
 - Parents Right to Know

Parent rights under Title I

- A parent friendly version of the Parent and Family Engagement plan will be available for parents in a hard copy form upon request, Parent Center website and MacArthur Newsletter

3: Communications

(Describe/List how the parent and family engagement policy will be distributed to parents and how the school is going to communicate with parents including information about how the school will provide information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format, to the extent practicable, and in a language that parents can understand.)

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- Communication between parent, home and school should be a regular, two-way and meaningful process for getting information to all stakeholders.
- To conduct effective communication from school to home and from home to schools about school programs and the progress of their children/our students DMJHS will:

Distribute informational packets

Student Compact

To encourage communication with parents, DMJHS will schedule no less than 2 parent/teacher conferences per school year.

School calendar

Open House: 7th grade night and 8th-9th grade night

- Social Media
- Classroom websites
- Monthly PAT meetings
- Parent Center
- Parent and Family Engagement Plan: The PFE Plan may be found on the Parent Center webpage, DMJHS Newsletter in parent-friendly format. Questions regarding the plan can be answered by contacting Cindy Calhoun @cindy.calhoun@jonesboroschools.net
- Standardized testing dates
- School menus
- Teacher websites are maintained and updated by each classroom teacher...
- Lesson plans
- Homework assignments
- Classroom information
- Tutoring opportunities
- The Alert Now System is a parent/staff notification system to alert all stakeholders with information concerning DMJHS
- Community and business partners will be recruited to provide incentives for good behavior and attendance.
- DMJHS Newsletter via social media and email
- DMJHS will disseminate information clearly and specifically by using language that is understandable to all parents in a multi-method approach
- Grade notices are sent home every two weeks to apprise parents of academic progress
- TransPerfect is a call-in interpreting service. An interpreter is available when the school calls into TranPerfect to all the school land parent to have a conversation in the parent's home language. Conversations longer than 10 minutes extend and invitation to parents for a face-to-face conference with an interpreter present. Cost is \$1,600.
- A parent survey will be available for volunteer interests

4: School-Parent Compact

(Describe/List the process the schools will follow to jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact.)

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- The School Compact was developed in previous years identifying the responsibilities of all parties, student, parent, staff, in the learning process. This document will be reviewed each year with additions and deletions made to meet the needs of all involved in the learning process.
- The School Compact is part of the Student Informational Packet that goes home at the beginning of the school year. These are returned, alphabetized by grade, stored and filed in the Media Center. Those forms

not returned by students in a reasonable amount of time will be contacted by phone and a 2nd, 3rd form sent home.

- DMJHS has established a two-way, meaningful means of communication through:

- 2 conferences held each year, fall and spring

- Interim grade reports

- Access to staff through email, conferences, etc.

- Through the building and development of a partnership to help our students achieve the State Academic Standards

- Observation of classroom activities

- Encouraging parents to be involved through a variety of role opportunities: PAT, volunteering, choir, band, drama, athletics, etc.

5: Reservation of Funds

(If the district receives more than \$500,000 in Title I allocation, then it must reserve 1 percent for parent and family engagement activities. A minimum of 90% of that 1% must go to the schools, with priority given to high-need schools. If the school is allocated a percentage of the 1 percent, describe/list how the school will share with parents the budget for parent and family engagement activities and programs and how parents will be involved in providing input into how the funds are used.)

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- DMJHS will make available to parents the budget for parent and family engagement activities and programs during the Title I meeting and PAT meetings.
- Parents at DMJHS will have the opportunity during the year to take a parent survey to provide input for our campus and its programs.
- Input from parents for the allocation of Title I funds is welcomed at any time

6: Coordination of Services

(Describe/List how the district and/or school will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional supports and resources to families.)

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To recognize that community resources strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning DMJHI:

- Engage in activities that the school determines will use community resources to strengthen school programs, family practices and student learning
- DMJHS will partner with business and community group resources for school supplies, clothing, etc. for students in need.
- Utilize the resources of our PAT organization to provide resources for families in need of support.
- Use our Career Development facilitators for the JPS district to disseminate valuable information to students.
- Resource people from our PAT group to help with support for families in need. (backpack program, clothing, etc.)
- Community Resource book-a list of community resources available to staff to support the curriculum
- DMJHS has a student clothes closet that is stocked by the general public and PAT.
- Backpacks for Kids is a program supported by donations and a budget item for our PAT organization. DMJHS Student Council sponsors a food drive to help fill the shelves with food items. Backpacks are provided for students each Friday to have food for the weekend. They are also provided during Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break holidays.
- Junior Auxiliary of Jonesboro partners with DMJHS to provide large item needs for our students who may have lost their home, parent/guardian death
- School supplies are provided through Stuff the Bus, Valley View Church of Christ, PAT, Arkansas State University
- Wish List Program-anonymous student profiles are created for those students in need at Christmas including clothing, toys, supplies, toiletries. Parents and organizations select a profile and provide Christmas using the profile.
- Nationwide Insurance of Jonesboro provides a Thanksgiving meal and food for the entire Thanksgiving break for students who are on a compiled list but together by our school counselors.
- Dillard's Department Store provides clothing, shoes and jewelry for students who are elected by the student body to serve on the Snowball court.
- Student physicals are provided free of charge in April by Arkansas State University and St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center

- DMJHS School Nurse provides a list of students in need of glasses after the hearing and vision screening to the Brandon Burlsworth Foundation. Each student name submitted is provided glasses through this foundation.
- Flu shots are offered free of charge by the Arkansas Health Department to the students and staff of DMJHS.
- Band students have scholarships provided by community stakeholders through the efforts of our band director, Seth Jansen.
- Community donations are provided across our campus for students in need. DMJHS staff, counselors, nurse, etc. reach out across the community and seek help where and when needed. Our community is there to give to any need asked for the students of DMJHS.
- Parent Center
- PAT is an organization made up of DMJHS parents supporting programs, academics and activities for all DMJHS stakeholders.

7: Building Capacity of Parents

(Describe/List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings, and any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to support parents in helping their student's academic success.)

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DMJHS will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology to help the parent and family engagement process. Training school employees will be made available as needed for parents.

- PAT meetings are scheduled monthly in the Media Center and is open to all parents to attend and become involved.
- A description and explanation of the curriculum can be found in the curriculum syllabus or teacher webpage.
- Progress reports are distributed regularly. Access for parents to student grades is available through HAC.
- Common and formative assessments
- Parent Center is located inside the DMJHS Media Center. Materials are available to check out or view in house. The Parent Center webpage provides resources for parents.
- Parents may check out materials from the Parent Center, use the computers to check grades or educational resources.
- DMJHS Newsletter via social media is available for parents to view important campus information
- A parent interest form is offered to parents to find where/how they can volunteer on campus
- Parents are encouraged to join the PAT group and get involved on campus
- Title I meeting
- Arkansas Academic standards
- State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
- Teachers, counselors and other staff members may offer strategies to parents to support academic success
- Use and make accessible the ADE website and tools for parents: <http://www.arkansased.gov>
- Counselors work with 8th and 9th grade students to ensure they are making the proper course selections and career planning
- Assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation is also available

8: Building Capacity of School Staff

(Describe/List activities such as workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, online resources, and Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings that will be used with school staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners. Describe/List methods of parents' assistance for building staff capacity. Describe/List actions the school will take to provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities.)

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DMJHS faculty and staff are given professional development and training opportunities to build on their capacity to work with parents as equal partners.

- Staff is provided multiple opportunities during the summer and school year to keep current with professional development supporting the curriculum.
- Selected DMJHS staff attended the Professional Learning Communities at Work conference the summer of 2019 to learn best practices for school.
- Solution Tree
- RISE training
- Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Mental Health training
- Suicide training
- PLC (Professional Learning Community)
- Teacher websites

9: Building Capacity - Discretionary

(The school parent and family engagement policy/plan may include additional sections describing other discretionary activities that the school, in meaningful consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build capacity.)

Did the School and Parents choose to include any Discretionary (Optional) Components in the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

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(See complete [Arkansas Guide for School Parent and Family Engagement Plan](http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/Public_School_Accountability/Federal_Programs/Arkansas_Guide_and_for_references)
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District Feedback

- ☐ Attention: Changes Needed!
- ☐ In Compliance

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