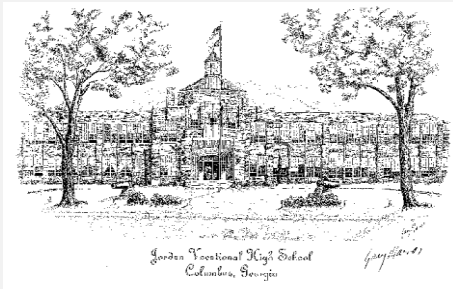


Jordan Vocational High School Parental Involvement Policy

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2013-2014

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What is Title I?

Jordan Vocational High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parental Involvement Policy.

Parental Involvement Policy for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

The Parental Involvement Policy describes how Jordan Vocational High School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Our school values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parental Involvement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it developed?

Jordan Vocational High School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parental Involvement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parental Involvement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. We will also distribute a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parental Involvement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

Who is it for?

All parents at Jordan Vocational High School are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parental Involvement Policy. We will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with Limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the Parental Involvement Policy is included in the student handbook given out to all students. As a reminder, a copy will be mailed to each home. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parental Involvement Policy in the Parent Resource Room.

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District Goals

- By 2014, all schools will meet or exceed the state average in reading on the CRCT/EOCT
- By 2014, all schools will meet or exceed state average in math on the CRCT/EOCT

School Goals

- By 2014, the number of students with fourteen or more absences will decrease by 20%
- By 2014, the number of students scoring exceeds on the EOCT assessments will increase by 10%
- By 2014, the number of students graduating will increase by 5%

What is a Home-School Compact?

As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, a **Home-School Compact for Achievement** is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The Home-School Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Room.

Parent Involvement Activities at Jordan Vocational High School

Jordan Vocational High School will host monthly events, workshops, and activities to build parent capacity and increase student academic achievement. Invitations will be sent home, on the school's website, on the marquee, and through Connect-Ed Message. To name a few:

Annual Title I Parent Night/Open House (August 2013)

- Title I Program Info
- Parental Involvement Policy
- School Improvement Plan
- Parent-School Compact
- 'Parents Right to Know'
- Meet your child's teachers and school staff for the school year

CCGPS Workshop/Curriculum (September 2013)

- Info about Common Core Georgia Performance Standards
- Curriculum Info from our Guidance Department
- Set-up Parent-Teacher Conferences for September 2013 thru November 2013

Parenting Teen Parents (October 2013)

Parent Review of School Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement Policy, and School-Parent Compact Workshop (October 2013)

Transitioning from Middle to High School – (November 2013)

Effective Parental Involvement Practices/Staff Workshop – (December 2013)

Literacy in High School - (January 2014)

Math Night/FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Knowledge – (February 2014)

Parent Technology Workshop – (March 2014)

Special Education Workshop – (April 2014)

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What is Parental Involvement?

Jordan Vocational High School believes that parental Involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and included in the decision-making of their child's education

Assistance to Parents

Effective parental involvement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. Jordan Vocational High School is committed to helping our parents by maintaining a Parent Resource Room for parents to check out materials to use at home with their child or for themselves. Please contact our Family Services Coordinator:

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School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

Jordan Vocational High School will take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, and posted on school's marquee
- Conduct staff development twice a year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
- Share information in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities, such as Connect-Ed, marquee, newsletters, flyers, and website.
- Provide materials at workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school
- Collaborate with the community to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.

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Parental Involvement Standards

Jordan Vocational High School and our parents have adopted the **Parent-Teacher Organization, known as PTO** as a model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

What's the goal for PTO?

To provide special programs, equipment and opportunities that can enhance children's education. These goals can only be met with participation from parents and guardians.

Who makes up PTO?

- Volunteer Parents
- Teachers
- Principal or Designee

If you would like to learn more and/or join PTO, please complete Parent Comments below.

Local School Council (LSC)

Jordan Vocational High School invites parents to be a part of our **Local School Council (LSC)** to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and community. This team will meet two times (Fall/Spring) during the school year, but parents can share ideas and suggestions during all activities, workshops and events.

If you would like to learn more and/or join our Local School Council team, please complete Parent Comments below.

Parent Comments

All parents at Jordan Vocational High School are invited to give suggestions, comments, and feedback if there is any part of the Parental Involvement Policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement.

Please send your comments, feedback or suggestions to Michelle Ogletree, Family Service Coordinator.

Parent Name _____ Would you like to learn more and/or join PTO? ____ YES ____ NO

Telephone Number _____ Would you like to learn more and/or join LSC? ____ YES ____ NO

Email Address _____

Comments or Suggestions
