John Lewis Invictus Academy

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2020-2021



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What is Title I?

John Lewis Invictus Academy (JLIA) is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how John Lewis Invictus Academy will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. This school values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that John Lewis Invictus Academy will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed?

John Lewis Invictus Academy invited all parents to attend our parent input meeting to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, our school-parent compact, and provide feedback on the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school's website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. John Lewis Invictus Academy will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is posted on the school's website, distributed to all parents and disseminated at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the Main Office.

2020-2021 Academic Achievement Goals

APS District Goal



ACADEMIC PROGRAM ...

Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

John Lewis Invictus Academy Goals

During the 2020-2021 academic year, we will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient and above by 5% in Math and ELA for all subgroups within the Georgia Milestones Assessment by April 2021.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, John Lewis Invictus Academy and our families will develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to ensure that our students reach grade-level standards.

The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School-wide Planning meeting and in school forums.

Parents and teachers work diligently to create compacts. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family.

Let's Get Together!

John Lewis Invictus Academy will host several events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. First guarter events included our Annual title 1 meeting, Curriculum Night, and several Family Engagement activities. Future events will be posted on the school website and announced through flyers, emails, text messages and voice messenger.

Summer/Fall **Annual Title 1 Meeting**

Curriculum Night

Community Food Bank

Family Dinner and Theatre

Parent Input Meeting

Winter/Spring **Black History Celebration**

Parent University

GMAS Tail Gate

Connect digitally with John Lewis Invictus Academy on all social media platforms to receive updates on family engagement events!



Parent Center Information

John Lewis Invictus Academy Parent Center is open and fully equipped with valuable academic materials and resources for parents.

Parent Center Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

John Lewis Invictus Academy believes that parent engagement means the participation of parents in two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents play a role in assisting in their child's learning;
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.
- Parents are full partners with the school and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

John Lewis Invictus Academy is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

John Lewis Invictus Academy is Branching Out

Choose Invictus, Choose Greatness!

We will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the school correspondence to all parents.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Send school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and students for school transitions.
- Share information on the school website, Twitter, and other social media forums.
- Provide information for parents detailing the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with teachers.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff and parents on the importance of parent and family engagement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan.
- Collect feedback from parents at events and distribute suggestions mailbox link on the school's website in order to respond to parents' requests.

Parent Engagement Standards

John Lewis Invictus Academy 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. Welcoming All Families

2. Communicating Effectively

3. Supporting Student Success

4. Speaking Up for Every Child

5. Sharing Power

6. Collaborating with Community

Family Engagement Committee

John Lewis Invictus Academy invites **ALL** parents to join the Title I Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents/guardians to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website.

If you would like to learn more about the Title I Family Engagement Committee, please contact:

> Ms. Lori M. Miller lori.miller@atlanta.k12.ga.us

In addition, you may complete the form and leave it in the Front Office.

Family Engagement Committee

- □ Yes, I am excited about joining the FEC
- □ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the FEC
- □ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings *Please print*...

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Best time to contact me: ______

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office.

Please provide your contact information if you would like someone to contact you.

Name: _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address: ______