

# J. E. BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## **School Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2019-2020 School Year**



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### **What is Title I?**

**J. E. Brown Middle School** is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeed Act of 2017 (ESSA). Title I is:

- *A federally funded program which provides services to schools based on student economic needs.*
- *Designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students.*



## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes **how J. E. Brown Middle School** will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. **J. E. Brown Middle 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 **J. E. Brown Middle School** 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?**

**J. E. Brown Middle School** invites all parents to attend our Title I Information meeting, School Wide Planning and Budget meeting to review and revise the parental involvement policy, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through surveys, written statements and face to face contact. The plan is posted on our school Web site and in the parent center 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 online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during parent meetings, workshops 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 fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. **J. E. Brown Middle School** 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 Website, parent center board, sent home and hand delivered to parents, distributed at the Annual Title I meeting for review. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the Parent Resource Center and in the main office.

## 2018-2019 District Goal



### ACADEMIC PROGRAM ...

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

## 2019-2020 J. E. Brown Middle School Goals

Increase the percent of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the GA Milestones ELA(English Language Arts) EOG(End of Grade) from 40% to 43%; Increase the percent of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the GA Milestones math EOG or EOC from 42% to 45%; Increase the percent of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the GA Milestones science EOG or EOC from 27% to 30%; Increase the percent of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the GA Milestones social studies EOG from 45% to 48%.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, **J. E. Brown Middle School** and our families will develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards and are successful.

The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents/guardians, students and teachers during the School wide Planning meeting and the Annual Title I meeting.

Parents and teachers worked diligently to create compacts that are beneficial for all. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family to use as a guide during the year.

## Let's Get Together!

**J. E. Brown Middle School** will host the following events to build capacity for strong parental involvement/engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

### School Wide/School Improvement Planning Meeting – August, 2019

#### Open House – August, 2019

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Receive valuable information regarding school updates, as well as upcoming parental involvement activities.

#### August 2019

Registration and receive school status and other important information re: your school.

#### Title I School wide Planning and Budget Meeting – August, 2019

Parents participate in discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parental involvement budget and revisions of the parental involvement policy and school-parent compacts. Parents are provided information re: school status, staff qualifications, volunteer activities and community and business partners.

#### PTA - Bi-monthly

Important insight from parents; receive school updates, school designation letter, FLP information, etc.

#### Partnership and Parent Day – September, 2019

Introduce grandparents to the academic curriculum of their grandchild/children. Grandparent/guardians have lunch with the grandchildren.

#### Parent Workshop (academic, etc.) – monthly

#### Volunteer Day - monthly

#### Curriculum Night – Once a semester

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night-September, 2019

Receive information re: 8<sup>th</sup> grade academics, expectations, requirements and activities.

#### Principal's Chat-Monthly

Empowering parents with knowledge, around their student's education and various topics

#### Parent Liaison Sip N' Say & Academic Workshop – Monthly

Engaging Parents in multiple ways, including academic workshops (some facilitated by students).

#### School-Parent Compact/Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan Review/Revision – May 2019

Future Events will be posted on the website, parent center board, flyers, in the main office, text, email, etc.

## **Parent Resource Center**

### **Room: 133**

Operating Hours are:

M-F 9:30am – 4:00p.m.

Extended hours are available if necessary.

If you have questions: Contact, Kim Owens, Parent Liaison  
404-802-6811- Kimyuta.owens@atlanta.k12.ga.us

## **Parent and Family Engagement**

**J. E. Brown Middle School** believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play a role in assisting their child's learning;
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education 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.

**J. E. Brown Middle School** is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if have questions or ideas regarding times and location of the various activities.

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## **J. E. Brown Middle School**

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 Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for 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 grade level meetings, as well as faculty meetings.
- Encourage parents to visit the school and volunteer in various ways, i.e. classroom, halls, bus monitor.
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school blog and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, flyers & face to face contact
- Work with our parents to develop trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement/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, as well as motivate parents to further their education.
- Use our Partners in Education and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, surveys will be a major means of collecting feedback; however comments from our parents by word of mouth will be accepted. Implement changes as a result of parent/guardian feedback.
- Meet parents where they are i.e. holding some meetings in various places within the community, such as the library, parks, and recreation centers.
- Offer flexible times for meetings, such as in the mornings, evenings and weekends.
- Hold Annual Title I meeting to discuss components of Title I and assist parents with understanding Title I to ensure that every child has an equal opportunity for a quality education.
- Provide opportunities for parents to attend various parent engagement conferences.

## Parent Involvement Standards

J. E. Brown Middle School 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. 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

J. E. Brown Middle School 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 **Parent Liaison Kim Owens at [Kimyuta.Owens@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:Kimyuta.Owens@atlanta.k12.ga.us)** or complete the form and leave it in the labeled basket in the Parent Resource Center.

## Family Engagement Committee

- Would You like to see a Family Engagement Committee developed at Brown Middle School Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_
- 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 or Parent Resource Center:

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Please provide your name and number if you want someone to contact you.

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Telephone Number: (optional)

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