

# Jordan Hill Elementary Newsletter

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## Parent Engagement Corner

Welcome back! I would like to introduce myself; my name is Dixie Johnston and I am the Parent Liaison for Jordan Hill Elementary. A Parent Liaison works to bridge the gap between home and school by assisting parents in understanding ways they can help their children with academics.

During this school year, you will have an opportunity to attend parent workshops that will be offered at flexible times. Please look for information throughout the year regarding these workshops.

If you are looking for additional resources to assist your student at home, please visit our school Parent Resource Center located in the JHE Media Center. Open during school hours, parents can browse through our assortment of games, manipulatives, brochures, pamphlets and handouts to find wonderful resources to work with your child at home. Please feel free to contact me any time if you need support or information on how to improve your child's academic performance in school. You can reach me at 770-229-3777 or [dixie.johnston@gscs.org](mailto:dixie.johnston@gscs.org).

Estimados padres:

Este es un documento importante de la escuela de su hijo. Si ustedes necesitan que traduzcamos esta información, por favor, llamen a Lisa Bates al 770-229-3710 ext.10327.

VISIT THE PARENT ENGAGEMENT PAGE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND CHECK OUT THE GREAT RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4CZ49F4C](https://tinyurl.com/4cz49f4c)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

8/17/  
2021

“On your mark, get set, GO....!”

Annual Title I Parent Meetings

9:00 am – JHE Media Center

4:30 pm – Virtual Meeting

Google Meet link:

<https://meet.google.com/ahd-yujc-vup>

## Title I Information Sheet

Have you seen a copy of the Title I Information Sheet? This document contains important information about Title I schools including information about Title I, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the Parent Engagement Program.

This informational sheet can be found in your student's agenda or on the GSCS district webpage at <http://tinyurl.com/GSCSPEWebsite>.

## 2021 Fall Parent Survey

Have you taken the fall parent survey? If not, please take it here:

English



Spanish





## 2020-2021 Spring Survey Results

Jordan Hill Elementary had 132 responses to the Title I Spring Parent Survey.

### Grades Reporting:

Pre-Kindergarten -13.74 %  
Kindergarten – 23.66%  
First – 24.43%  
Second – 27.48%  
Third – 18.32%  
Fourth – 11.45%  
Fifth – 24.43%

**93.02%** of parents believed their child was prepared to transition to the next grade.

**81.3%** of parents feel their child’s school should provide parents with opportunities to share feedback, ideas, participate in the decision-making about their child’s education and regarding the school’s parent and family engagement program and activities.

### Most effective forms of communication methods in giving parents information about their child’s education.

#1 — Automated phone calls (ParentLink) 80.92%  
#2 — Email 74.05%  
#3 (tie)— Personal phone call from teacher 35.11%  
#3 (tie) — Text message 35.11%  
#5 — Notes or written messages sent home with student 32.82%

### Top 3 staff training topics:

#1 — Building ties between parents and the school 60.71%  
#2 — Encouraging and supporting parents in more fully participating in the education of their children 60.71%  
#3 — Value and use suggestions of parents when making decisions 55.36%

### Parent Needs for Workshops

#1 — Events took place at inconvenient dates of times 66.67%  
#2 — I do not feel that events were relevant to me and my student(s) 27.62%  
#3 — The location of the event was not convenient 3.81%  
#3 — Events were not in a language I can understand 2.86%

### Parent engagement funds should be spent on:

#1 — Technology/hotspots/chromebooks/laptops 49.57%  
#2 — Instructional activities for parents and students to do together 41.88%  
#3 (tie) — Programs that reach parents and family members at home, in the community and at school 41.03%  
#3 (tie) — Distributing information about how best to engage all families in the education of their children 41.03%

## Parent Right to Know

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Griffin-Spalding County School System would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student’s teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

- Whether the student’s teacher:
  - has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
  - is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
  - is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child’s teacher’s and/or paraprofessional’s qualifications, please contact Candace Peek of the Human Resources Department by phone at 770-229-3700, by email at [candace.peek@gscs.org](mailto:candace.peek@gscs.org) or in person at 223 S. 6th Street, Griffin, GA 30224.

## Annual Title I Parent Meetings

In this meeting, we will discuss the topics below:

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- Intent and Purpose of Title I
- Title I Funding
- Programs/Supports in Place to Help your Students
- Academic Standards Expected of All Students
- Measuring Student Progress
- Parent Resource Centers
- Complaint Policy and Procedure
- District and School Parent and Family Engagement Policies
- School-Parent Compact

**We can’t wait to see you on August 17th at 9:00 am and 4:30 pm.**

## GSCS District Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Like the school level Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy outlines the expectations for parent engagement activities and describes how these activities will be implemented and evaluated at the district level. You can read the policy by one of the following ways:

- GSCS Parent Engagement Page website: <https://tinyurl.com/GSCSPEWebsite>
- New Student Orientation Packet found in the front office of your school
- The Parent Resource Center located at 234 E. Taylor Street in room B112

Additionally, the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be sent to all parents via U.S. mail on or before July 29, 2021.

If you have any comments, concerns or suggestions, please contact Melinda Owens at (770) 229-3710 ext. 10363 or [melinda.owens@gscs.org](mailto:melinda.owens@gscs.org).

### Back to School Academic Tips and Websites

- <https://www.atlantaparent.com/back-to-school-guide-for-fall-2021/>
- [https://www.healthnet.com/portal/home/content/iwc/home/articles/tips\\_for\\_back-to-school\\_transition.action](https://www.healthnet.com/portal/home/content/iwc/home/articles/tips_for_back-to-school_transition.action)
- <https://novakdjokovicfoundation.org/back-school-tips-parents/>

### Rigorous Curriculum Dialogue (RCD) for Parents

- <https://sites.google.com/gscs.org/rigorous-curriculum-dialogue>

### McKinney-Vento Information

In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the Griffin-Spalding County School System will work with homeless children and youths and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Larry Jones, the system's McKinney-Vento liaison at [larry.jones@gscs.org](mailto:larry.jones@gscs.org) or 770-229-3700.

## School-Parent Compact

A School-Parent Compact is an action plan for our school. The compact states our school's goals which have been agreed upon by parents, teachers and students and how we can relate them to increased student academic achievement. The compact outlines how the parents, entire school staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Our school goals are:

- Increase the percentage of K-5 students scoring at or above grade level on the May 2022 Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment in reading by 5 percentage points.
- Increase the percentage of K-5 students scoring at or above grade level on the May 2022 Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment in math by 5 percentage points.
- Increase the Economically Disadvantaged subgroup average mean RIT on the May 2022 Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment by 5 percentage points.

In order to meet Title I requirements, the compact cover sheet must be signed, dated and returned to the school. Compacts were distributed during Open House. If you did not receive a compact or if you would like to give us feedback on the compact, please contact Dixie Johnston at 770-229-3777 or [dixie.johnston@gscs.org](mailto:dixie.johnston@gscs.org). I look forward to working with you to help your student achieve greater academic success.

## Jordan Hill's Parent & Family Engagement Policy

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is the foundation of home, school and community partnerships. It sets forth the expectations for parent engagement activities and describes how these activities will be implemented and evaluated. You can read the policy:

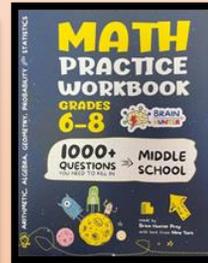
- On the school's website at <https://tinyurl.com/GSCSPEWebsite>
- In the Front Office
- In the Parent Resource Center located in the Media Center

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## GRIFFIN-SPALDING COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

### PARENT RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)

Did you know that the Griffin-Spalding County School System also has a Parent Resource Center? Find hands on activities, books and brochures for your student in our District Parent Resource Center. The center is designed to provide educational resources for parents to help your student succeed academically. Parents can also find computers with internet access at the center. **The best part is resources are FREE!** You can find the Parent Resource Center located in the Parent Services Building, Room B112 on 234 E. Taylor Street, Griffin, GA 30224. The Center is open, by appointment, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. If you would like more information or want to make an appointment, please contact Melinda Owens at 770-229-3710, ext 10363 or at [melinda.owens@gscs.org](mailto:melinda.owens@gscs.org).



### EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT (ESSA) HIGHLIGHTS

ESSA includes provisions that will help to ensure success for students and schools. Below are just a few. The law:

- Advances equity by upholding critical protections for America's disadvantaged and high-need students.
- Requires—for the first time—that all students in America be taught to high academic standards that will prepare them to succeed in college and careers.
- Ensures that vital information is provided to educators, families, students and communities through annual statewide assessments that measure students' progress toward those high standards.
- Maintains an expectation that there will be accountability and action to effect positive change in our lowest-performing schools, where groups of students are not making progress and where graduation rates are low over extended periods of time.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) can be found on the U.S. Department of Education website at <https://www.ed.gov/essa?src=rn>.

## Infinite Campus Resources



[Link to Resources](#)

- Parent Portal Resources
  - Create an account for a parent or student
  - Infinite Campus Parent Portal
  - Instructions for parents to create their own account (Click here for Spanish version)
  - Mobile App for Parent Portal
  - Reset a password for a parent or student