Dear Parent/Guardian,

Jefferson Elementary students participating in the Title I, Part A program and their families agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State’s high standards.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Parents, students, and staff at Jefferson Elementary develop this School-Parent Compact for improving student achievement. Teachers, parents, students, and other staff members work together to identify strategies to use at home to help students improve their reading and mathematics skills. Meetings are held annually to review the compact and make changes based on student needs. Parents are welcome and encouraged to provide feedback at any time.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district’s and school’s goals for student academic achievement.

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOALS:

Goal 1-Increase student engagement by providing authentic learning experiences that are academically challenging.

Goal 2- Develop and implement strategies to improve attendance.

Goal 3- Improve positive parent communication by increasing parent contacts through verbal and written formats.
To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together to:

**SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Jefferson Elementary will:

1. **Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the state's high academic achievement standards as indicated below:**
   
   Jefferson Elementary provides instructional assistance to targeted students by adding a Title 1 teacher and a paraprofessional in classrooms or through a pull-out model to support students in reading and math. An additional literacy block segment is provided at each grade level to provide extra instruction in literacy. Instruction at each grade level is based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Research-based programs are used to support instructional strategies daily.

2. **Provide parents with resources and strategies needed in reading and math to help support their education at home.**

   Teachers can provide resources and homework for students to practice at home. Teachers can help parents answer any questions regarding skills taught during the school day. Teachers also send monthly, or weekly newsletters that keep parents informed about topics students are currently learning during the day. Finally, teachers have created a video to explain how to complete homework for every lesson throughout the year. These videos are found on our school website. You can sample a video here.
   

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

We, as parents, will:

We, as parents, will support our children’s learning in the following ways: Parents will remain in constant contact with their child’s teacher through agendas, emails, phone calls, and conferences. Parents will support their children through homework and assignments. Parents will encourage and read with their child for 15 minutes daily to increase fluency. Parents will work with students on basic math facts and skills. Parents will commit to sending their child to school in order for them to actively engage in their learning. Finally, parents will participate actively in the JES community by attending PTO, Curriculum Night, Parent Nights, and volunteering for events.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the state’s high standards by doing the following: Students will work diligently to master Georgia Standards of Excellence in reading and math. Students will complete their homework nightly. Students will read daily for 15 minutes. Students will also utilize school software to practice core reading and math skills. Students will study sight words. Students will be an active participant in class and in their learning and regularly attend class.

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COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:

Jefferson Elementary is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children’s learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to communicate with you are listed below:
Weekly Folders, class newsletters, agendas, phone dialer, email, remind, and phone calls

Do you have questions about your child’s progress?
Contact your child’s teacher by phone (706-367-8242) or email. Email addresses can be found on the school website ([www.jeffcityschools.org](http://www.jeffcityschools.org)). Parents can also include a message in the student’s agenda, and the teacher will provide an update on the student’s progress.

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Jefferson Elementary School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

1. Involve parents in planning, reviewing, and improving the school’s parental involvement policy, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
2. Involve parents in the joint development of any targeted assistance plan in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.
3. Hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school’s participation in Title I, Part A programs and to explain program requirements and the right of parents to be involved in program activities. The school will convene the annual meeting at a convenient time for parents.
4. Other parental involvement activities will be offered throughout the year at multiple convenient times so that as many parents as possible can participate in such events. All parents of students eligible for Title I targeted assistance services will be invited to attend these activities.
5. Provide to parents of Title I eligible students information promptly. All information will be shared in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.
6. Provide to parents of students participating in the Title I targeted assistance program information about the school’s curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure students’ progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Parent Compact. Once signed, please return the form to your child’s teacher. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!

School Representative Signature: 

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature: 

Date:

Student Signature: 

Date: