

Jonathan Valley Elementary
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Jonathan Valley Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

Philosophy Statement:

Families are a child's first teacher. Jonathan Valley strives to build strong family partnerships that encourage the support of parents, guardians, and families to improve student achievement. We will follow the guidelines of the Haywood County Family Engagement Policy to increase student success and improve school performance. The continued engagement of families in the education of a child is most important in fostering and improving educational achievement.

Mission:

To provide a safe and supportive environment in which we are all active learners. We provide effective and appropriate teaching and learning strategies to meet each child's developmental needs and build on their interests. Jonathan Valley is a school that fosters mutual respect within the global community.

We Believe:

- **Each child is valuable.**
- A safe and supportive learning environment promotes student achievement.
- Every child can learn and be successful.
- Children learn differently.
- Children learn best when parents and families are positively involved.
- Broadening our appreciation of each other's differences promotes a global learning environment.

Jonathan Valley Elementary promotes two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

- Families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Families are full partners in their child's education and are **included in appropriate** decision making and on the Panther Parent Advisory Committee to assist in the education of their child.
- Our school engages in activities to support parental engagement in the Title 1 program.
- Families will receive information about state curriculum and state and local assessment.
- Families are invited to attend an annual grade level meeting where the Title 1 policy will be explained.
- Parents are encouraged to communicate through the use of agenda books, Remind, Parent Portal, phone calls, emails, conferences, parent newsletters, and progress reports. These methods of communication provide opportunities for parents to make suggestions and be a part of decisions relating to their child's education.

Parents Are Teachers and Supporters

- Families are invited to attend activities at JVE such as: Grade Level Parent Nights, PTO Meetings, Fall Festival, School Wide Title 1 Nights, Music Programs, Lunch and Learns. These activities will be coordinated by the Principal, Lead Teacher, Title 1 staff, classroom teachers, School Improvement Team members, PTO and integrated with other programs when available taking place using flexible scheduling (morning, afternoon, evening).
- Families are invited to become active participants in their child's school and education by becoming members of the Panther Parent Advisory Committee, becoming classroom or school volunteers, becoming members of the JVE PTO, and / or by serving on the Haywood County / Jonathan Valley Parent Advisory Council.
- Families receive an open invitation to lunch and other special occasions throughout the school year.
- Families will receive a grade specific, JVE, School-Parent Compact outlining the responsibilities of JVE, the parent / guardian, and the student, in order to promote and sustain success.

Principal Jacob Shelton



Lead Teacher Rachel Jones

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible