



School Introduction:

Jackson Preparatory School believes that children are everyone’s priority. Our teachers, parents, community partners and the St. Paul Promise Neighborhood Initiative are all committed to nurturing each Jackson student as a remarkable individual.

Mission: Jackson provides a safe, nurturing, respectful and inclusive environment that offers all children opportunities for acceleration and enrichment to develop their full potential and prepare them to be successful, responsible citizens.

The Family Engagement Plan (FEP) is organized into four impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school developed this plan together.

Welcoming Environment	
Our school has staff member(s) available for families to discuss this plan and ask questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson Family Center • Bilingual Family Liaisons
Our school communicates with families in many ways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom newsletters sent home weekly, with a minimum of bi-monthly newsletters and posted on website • All school news are on our website • School-home folders sent home daily or weekly • Fliers and notices sent home for events and important district news • ConnectEd, Email, Facebook, stickers • Our customer service expectation: When families call, email or send a note, we do our best to respond within 24 hours. • Office staff and Family Center staff knows the staff and departments to direct inquiries efficiently.
The achievement gap, or rather the “opportunity gap,” between students of color and white students in Saint Paul Public Schools is unacceptable. Our school is working to change practices and systems by identifying the barriers that make it harder for students of color to succeed and for their families to support their learning.	<p>For more about our work on racial equity, contact: Administration and the Equity Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with HAP Elder Navigator to increase cultural wellness for Hmong and African American families. These are the dominant cultures in the school • Focus on the SPPN Health Initiative to promote cultural and healthy practices • Education Navigator bridge culturally relevant systems among business partners, families and staff
Transitions between schools can be challenging, and we work to help families as their children start and leave our school.	<p>For new students and families, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal-setting conferences will be scheduled for opening week: students and parents meet their teacher, parents share hopes and dreams • Incoming Pre-K & K Orientation in May • School tours and orientation for new families • Pre-K to 5th Grade Take Your Parent to School Day

	<p>For students and families moving to the next school in their pathway, we support the transition by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th Grade Transition to Middle School: Introduction to Middle School
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Family Partnerships	
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<p>Our school-parent compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families, and students. Families and teachers work together to develop the compact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of the compact are available: Office, website, classrooms, Family Center, Title I Meeting, shared with families at goal-setting conference during opening week, and sent home in backpacks the first week of school. • The compact will be updated: By first day of opening week
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<p>There are many opportunities for families to build connections to the school and to each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I Annual Meeting where we will share information about school programs at Muffins with Mom/Donuts with Dad • National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) will be on February 13, 2017, Hmong New Year, Carnival/Open House, • Home visits • Pre-K₂ to 5th Grade Take Your Parent To School Day • Family Center
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<p>We work to make these meetings and events available for every family in the school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have Bilingual EAs for our Hmong families. We offer other languages as needed. • We have weekly events at different times and days. Child care, food, and transportation are available for families. • Bilingual and culturally relevant family events.
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<p>Our school supports families as advocates and provides opportunities for parent leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents can be directed to their child’s teacher or administration. • Parents can ask Family Center Liaisons to provide literature and outside services. • Staff have opportunities to attend workshops, staff meetings, and coaching sessions. • Families will be invited to review the draft of the Family Engagement plan, come to the Title I meeting and attend meetings that focus on academics and family partnerships.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families are encouraged to participate in the parent group. • Parent Power offers opportunity for African American parents to build leadership and involvement in addressing the student achievement gap
<p>Parent Academy provides the foundation of parents' information and skills for becoming more involved in our school. Parent Academy is a six-week program for families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Academy will be held in: Spring 2016

Teaching and Learning	
<p>Our school shares information about student achievement with families in multiple ways</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report cards and progress reports will be distributed at Fall and Spring conferences and end of the year progress reports will be sent home. • Parent-Teacher conferences are held Fall 2016 & Spring 2017 • Weekly communication sent home with homework and daily assignments. • Communicating with parents at conferences and conferencing with them as needed throughout the year. • Teachers will communicate with parents when their child is below grade level in reading. • We provide suggestions of activities families can do at home to increase their reading skills at the following events: Muffins with Mom & Donuts with Dad, Literacy Night, Math Night, Science Night, Pre-K – 5th Grade Take Your Parent School Day, Showcasing Hmong Culture • Reading and math standards are shared with families at events • Parents have access to the library, make and take activities that are literacy based, students read 20-30 minutes and complete reading logs.
<p>Our school will engage families in Personalized Learning as a key strategy to accelerate student achievement, as these changes come to our school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Portal is available by contacting: Parent portal is not accessed by parents at this time Educational ipad applications and online website resources are available through the Jackson school website.

	Parent Orientation PBiS - Personalized Learning expectations
Many before- and after-school enrichment and support opportunities are available for students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended Day Learning, Summer School, Freedom School, St. Paul Firefighters in Kindergarten classrooms, Reading Buddies

Community Partnerships	
Our school develops community partnerships to provide additional support for students and their families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List partners and their programs, especially academic programs <p> Hmong American Partnership Wilder - Hlub Zoo St. Paul Promise Neighborhood Children's Dental Services Cultural Wellness Center Thad Wilderson Youth Farm Networking of Children of African Descent (NdCad) US Bank Community Stabilization Project S.P.I.R.I.T </p>

This plan is available as part of our school's SCIP, or School Comprehensive Improvement Plan at scip.spps.org, is on our school website at jackson.spps.org, and printed copies are available in the office.