



Joseph Brown Elementary School

2022-2023 Family Engagement Policy

Revised August 2022

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

We understand the importance and benefits of having families involved in their child's education. This plan explains how opportunities will be provided by Joseph Brown Elementary School to support family engagement. Our hope is that increased family engagement will help our students as they strive to learn and improve their academic achievement. Within this plan and throughout the year, we will communicate information about our family engagement events and how families can be involved and participate with the goal being on student learning.

How is it revised?

Families are invited to attend a meeting in the spring and fall to review and revise the parent and family engagement policy, family – school compact, the school improvement plan, and the family engagement budget. Family and community input, feedback, and comments regarding this plan are welcome throughout the school year through an online survey. This plan is posted on our school website for families/community members to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received will be used to review and revise the plan for the following school year. An annual survey will be shared online and through a form send home to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. We invite feedback throughout the year at our various events.

Who is it for?

All families and students are encouraged to be a part of the different opportunities in this plan. Joseph Brown Elementary will provide the opportunity for parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children to participate in these plans.

Where is it available?

The plan will be posted on the school website and social media. Families can also obtain a copy in the front office of the school.

What is Title I?

Joseph Brown Elementary School Randolph Howell Elementary STEM School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

“Families and Teachers need to work together in harmony. We all have the same goal: To help make our kids’ lives better.”

Reading

For grades K-2, decrease the percentage of students below 90th percentile in the national norms on Aimsweb.

For grades 2-4, increase the percentage of on-track or mastered from 29% to 45.0% Increase the percentage of students who are on track or mastered from 29% to 45% on TCAP for grades 3-5 in ELA.

Math

For Grades 2-4, increase the percentage of on-track or mastered from 26.8% to 33%.

2022-2023 Joseph Brown Elementary School Goals

Reading - Increase the percentage of on-track or mastered from:

- ✓ 12% to 23% in 2nd grade
- ✓ 11% to 22% in 3rd grade
- ✓ 12% to 23% in 4th grade

Math - For grades 2-4, increase the percentage of on-track or mastered from:

- ✓ 12% to 23% in 2nd grade
- ✓ 17% to 27% in 3rd grade
- ✓ 16% to 26% in 4th grade

SEL – By implementing RTI2B, percentage of Tier III behavior will be lowered.

Chronic Absenteeism – Decrease the percentage of chronically absent students from 17.2% to less than 13%.



Parent and Family Engagement [\(additional information\)](#)

Joseph Brown believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.



School-Parent Compacts

At Joseph Brown, we are a community. In a community, each person has different roles and responsibilities. A School-Family Compact is an agreement, a promise, that explains how families, students, and teachers will work together to ensure all students have the support needed to reach their potential.

Families, students, and the staff of Joseph Brown Elementary worked together to develop this School-Family Compact. A sampling of students and parents participated in a survey to collect information about school, community, and student needs. Parents are an integral part of Brown's Title/Leadership team. Joseph Brown is a school that strives to continually grow. We appreciate input from families and the community.

The Family – School Compacts are sent home at the beginning of each year, posted on our school website (<https://www.mauryk12.org/bres>), and copies are in the front office. For comments, questions, or contributions, please contact Stephen Richardson at strichardson@mauryk12.org

Joseph Brown is Reaching Out!

Joseph Brown Elementary will take the following measures to empower and support parents and family members as an important foundation of our school to strengthen the school and reach our goals.

We will:

- ❖ Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish; posted on the school website; and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ❖ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement and/or provide strategies in Reading and Math for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share promising practices during regularly scheduled Data meetings.
- ❖ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ❖ Share information on the school website and in the school newsletters for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ❖ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, our website, social media, and flyers.
- ❖ Work with our families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events and through emails, social media, or in person discussions.

Family Nights!

Joseph Brown Elementary will have the following family engagement events this year. We hope to use these events to provide strategies and opportunities for families and schools to improve student academic achievement. Follow our social media, Class Dojo, and our website to stay up to date on school events and information.

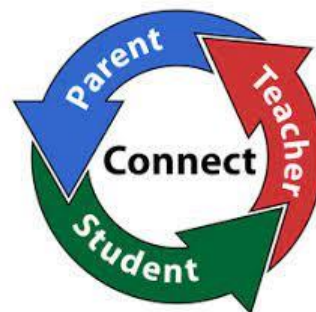
- July 28 – Back to School Night
- August 16 – Kindergarten Night/Annual Title I Meeting
- August 25 – 1st – 4th Grades Open House/Annual Title I Meeting
- October 18th – Math Night
- December 6th - STEAM Night
- February 28th – Reading Night
- May (TBD) – Kindergarten Transition Event
- May (TBD) – 4th Grade Transition Event

Parent Teacher Conferences

Families can choose to schedule a conference with their child's teacher on the set dates, or they can opt for virtual or phone conferences. Teachers and families can also work together to schedule additional conferences as needed.

Parent teacher conferences will be held:

- September 19
- November 7
- February 7
- March 21



Parent Vols

Our Parent Vols organization is supports Joseph Brown Elementary in a variety of ways. We invite all families to join the Parent Vols to become more involved with the school. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Vols, please contact the school or complete the interest form below and leave it in the front office.

Join the Parent Vols



Joseph Brown Elementary School Parent Vols

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade Level: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Title I Family Survey