

Johnsonville High School School Improvement Council Report to the Parents 2015-16

Mission Statement of the 2015-16 School Improvement Council:

To promote success at JHS through collaborative efforts of students, teachers, parents, and community.

Summary:

Johnsonville High School is dedicated to helping all students develop life skills and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate by providing a safe, caring, and academically challenging environment that is conducive for maximizing students' learning potential. Our school cultivates such an environment through our school motto: "Empower the Learner." We incorporate this motto through the efforts of our students, teachers, parents, and community. Teachers continually strive to stay abreast of current research-based trends and best practices through attending various professional development opportunities. By implementing research-based best practices and establishing high expectations, students are challenged to optimize their academic potential.

The Council recognized the need for and benefit of establishing specific performance goals. With this in mind, there were initial areas of focus.

Performance Goal Area: School Climate

The committee was tasked with finding ways to incorporate more parental involvement in the school environment. One suggestion was to make orientation meetings mandatory for parents; however, the question was posed about what would happen to those who did not attend. JHS is currently at 87% attendance with respect to parents attending conferences. A recommendation was made to begin with a target of 90% attendance for this year; with an increase of 2% each year over the next two years.

Performance Goal Area: Student Achievement

EOC Testing will be given to ENG 1, ALG 2, US History, and Biology 1 students. ACT and WorkKeys were part of the testing module as well. Action Steps were discussed for student achievement. The council proposed a vision to incorporate dual credit courses for the students at JHS.

The council recognized our strong history of academic success. Professionally, teachers dedicate themselves to professional development with the goal of improving instruction and increasing student learning. We have incorporated ACT and WorkKeys Testing, Senior Portfolios, MAP testing for 9th and 10th graders, and teacher data notebooks. Trend data and learning styles are used to assist teachers in preparing students for the challenges they will face in today's global society.

The stakeholders of Johnsonville High School believe it is the responsibility of all stakeholders to take an active role in the education of our young people. Thank you for your continued support and efforts in helping mold the future graduates and leaders of our community, state, and nation.

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