
I. PURPOSE

Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish recognizes the importance of parental participation in the educational process in allowing for students to achieve and maintain high levels of performance. This policy is designed to help build consistent and effective communication among parent/guardian(s), teachers, and administrators.

II. POLICY

- A. Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish encourages parent/guardian(s) to provide a home environment that values education and send their children to school prepared to learn.
- B. Parents are additionally expected to:
 - 1. Actively participate in school activities, fundraisers, Student Led conferences, Back-to-School Night, and Open House;
 - 2. Attend school events with their children;
 - 3. Ensure that students care for school property and take ownership of any damage to school books or property due to carelessness or neglect by paying for that damage;
 - 4. Notify the school with a phone call by 9:00 a.m. when a student is absent;
 - 5. Inform the school of any special situation regarding the student's well-being, safety and health; and
 - 6. Complete and return to school any requested information promptly.
- C. Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish shall provide opportunities for parent/guardian(s) to be involved in establishing and implementing educational goals for the school and its students, including:
 - 1. Volunteering in the classroom or at school events; and
 - 2. Groups and organizations, like the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), that may provide instruction and training to parent/guardian(s) to take on leadership responsibilities in their child's academic success.
- D. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of parental participation in the educational process, Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish shall annually administer a stakeholder survey.
 - 1. This survey will be used to identify barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities, with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are

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- disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background;
2. Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish shall use the findings of the survey to design strategies for more effective parental involvement and revise, if necessary, this policy.
- E. In accordance with state law, beginning in 4th grade, each student and his/her parent/guardian shall annually sign a *Statement of Compliance*.
1. For students, the *Statement of Compliance* shall state that the student agrees to attend school regularly, arrive on time, demonstrate a conscious effort toward completion of homework, and follow all school and classroom rules.
 2. For parent/guardians, the *Statement of Compliance* shall state that the parent/guardian agrees to ensure his/her child's attendance at school, timely arrival, completion of all assigned homework, and attend all required parent/teacher/administrator meetings.
 - a. Signing the acknowledgement in the Family Handbook will meet this requirement.
- F. This policy shall be annually presented to, and revised in light of feedback from, the school's approved Parent-Teacher Organization, should one exist.

Legal References:

[20 U.S.C. § 6318](#) (*Parental Involvement*)

[LA. R.S. 17:235.2](#) (*Statements of compliance; students and parents; required*)