**School Information**

***Stewart County Middle School***

***Parental Involvement Policy***

***2014/2015***

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**What is Title I?**

**Stewart County Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parental Involvement Policy.**

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?**

The Parental Involvement Policy describes how Stewart County Middle Schoolwill provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning Stewart County Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parental Involvement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

**How is it developed?**

Stewart County Middle Schoolwelcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parental Involvement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parental Involvement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Stewart County Middle Schoolalso distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parental Involvement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**Who is it for?**

All parents at Stewart County Middle Schoolare encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parental Involvement Policy. Stewart County Middle Schoolwill provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?**

 At the beginning of the year, the Parental Involvement Policy is included in the student handbook given out to all students. As a reminder, Stewart County Middle Schoolwill send another copy to parents prior to the Title I Annual Parent Meeting. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parental Involvement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school and on the school’s website.

**District Goals & School Goals**

The percentage of students scaring proficient or higher will meet or exceed state average in Science as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment End of Grade administered in Spring of 2015.

**Parental Involvement Program and Activities at Stewart County Middle School**

**Parent Involvement Activities at Stewart County Middle School**

Stewart County Middle School will host quarterly events, workshops, and activities to build parent capacity and increase student academic achievement. Invitations will be sent home, on the school’s website, and on the marquee. To name a few:

**Annual Title I Parent Night/Open House (July 2014)**

 **Title I Program Info**

 **Parental Involvement Policy**

 **School Improvement Plan**

 **Parent-School Compact**

 **‘Parents Right to Know’**

 **Meet your child’s teachers and school staff for the school year**

**CCGPS Workshop/Curriculum (September 2014)**

 **Info about Common Core Georgia Performance Standards**

 **Curriculum Info from our Guidance Department**

 **Set-up Parent-Teacher Conferences for September 2014 thru November 2014**

**CCGPS Workshop/Curriculum – (November 2014)**

**Math / Science Night**

**Hands on helpful websites for Math/Science**

**CCGPS Workshop/Curriculum - (January 2015)**

**Social Studies Help Night**

**Georgia Milestone Assessment Overview/Practice Night– (February 2015)**

**Parent Technology Workshop / Parent Conferences – (March 2015)**

**Special Education Workshop – (April 2015)**

**Transitioning from Middle School to High School – (May 2015)**

What is a School-Parent Compact?

As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, Stewart County Middle Schooland our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The School-Parent Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Area/Room. A copy will also be kept with each child’s teacher if parents need a copy.

**What is Parental Involvement?**

Stewart County Middle Schoolbelieves that Parental Involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement.

Stewart County Middle Schoolbelieves:

* Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
* Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education.
* Parents are full partners in their child’s education and included in the decision-making of their child’s education

**Assistance to Title I**

Effective parental involvement will not be an occasional event, such as a parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. Stewart County Middle School is committed to helping our parents by maintaining a Parent Resource Area/Room for parents to check out materials to use at home with their child. Please contact

Mrs. Cherrika Ashford at 229-838-4329 x 112 if you need assistance.

**School Measures to Provide Required Assistance**

Stewart County Middle Schoolwill take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

* Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in English, posted on the school’s website, included in monthly newsletters, and posted on school’s marquee
* Conduct staff development once a year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
* Share information in English in the school’s newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools’ academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child’s progress.
* Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities, through marquee, newsletters, flyers, and school’s website.
* Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home
* Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
* Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school
* Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.