

Henderson Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2018-2019 School Year

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What is Title I?

Henderson Middle 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 members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Henderson Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Henderson Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Henderson Middle School will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Henderson Middle School invites all parents to join the school council and/or complete the annual survey that is sent home to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year by contacting Staci Jones, the Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year.

Who is it for?

Henderson Middle School is a Title I school. All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are invited, encouraged, and given multiple opportunities to participate in the activities described in this policy. Henderson Middle School serves all students and families regardless of race, ethnicity, or disabilities.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is either included in the student handbook or sent home with students in an orange packet once it has been revised. The plan will also be posted on the school website and/or parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office.

2018-19 District Goals

Butts County Schools will implement formative instructional practices and processes to maximize student growth and achievement in literacy.

Butts County Schools will implement processes for planning, delivering, checking, and revising instruction to maximize student growth in ELA and Math.

2018-19 School Goals

Henderson Middle School will increase the weighted percent of students scoring Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts EOG from 52.7 percent to 55.7 percent. Therefore the goal is to improve literacy skills by providing reading, writing, and discussions in every classroom.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Henderson Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement. It describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback. The compacts are discussed with parents during parent-teacher conferences and a copy is sent home. Additional copies can be provided by requesting in the front office.

Let's Get Together!

Henderson Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House – August

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year

Annual Title I Meeting - September

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school-parent compact, and budget.

Curriculum Night – September

Come see your student's work, learn about the standards being taught, and discuss ways you can assist with learning at home.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – October - November

Meet with your child's teacher to discuss academic progress and School-Parent Compact.

Monitoring Student Progress - November

Share and discuss effective ways to monitor student progress.

Working with the School to Help My Child Succeed in Literacy– January 2019

Share and discuss the many ways to work with the school to help your child succeed in Reading and Language Arts.

Math and Science Night -February 2019

Visit HMS to meet with your child's teacher and get support with our Math and Science Curriculum.

Testing Information- March 2019

Henderson Middle school will offer an information session in the month of March to keep parents informed on the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

Parent Resource Room

Come visit the Parent Resource located in the front office to pick up information on how you can assist your child academically, also available for check out - activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the parent portal and educational resources.
Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:00pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Henderson Middle School 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Henderson Middle School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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WE ARE HENDERSON! GO TEAM!

Henderson Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school website, social media, and included in the teacher's weekly newsletter for all families.
- Provide monthly trainings for staff by discussing, the value and utility of contributions of parents, ways to effectively communicate with parents, and providing testing information.
- Partner with early childhood program and middle school to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- Share information via the weekly newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, school website, and/or flyers.
- Provide parent workshops to promote student achievement, such as monitoring student progress, ways to help students achieve, and transitional activities.
- 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.
- Offer literacy and math nights for parents and family members to display work and share educational expectations with families.
- Collect feedback from parents at events that are hosted throughout the school year.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Henderson Middle School and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. At Henderson we strive to:

"Welcome All families, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share our power with parents, and collaborate with our community!"

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name:

Telephone Number: