

Central Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan



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Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

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What is Title I?

Central 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 family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Central Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Central 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 Central 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?

The Parent and Family engagement Plan is revised annually. This year, Central Middle School invited all parents to attend an input session on either August 3, 2018, or August 6, 2018, to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as, the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and our 1% parenting budget. Additionally 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. We also distribute an annual survey online, or one can request a paper copy. This survey allows parents and family members an additional format to provide feedback to the school. Parents and family members are also provided the opportunity to give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Curriculum Nights. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the policy at any time on the school district website or by submitting written comments to your child's school. All feedback received by July was included with the policy for this school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Central Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan is given to all students. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Parents will be informed via social media that the plan was sent home with the students and is available on the website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Area.

Complaints?

If a parent has a complaint regarding a federal program, including the Title I Program, they have the option of filing a written complaint. All information regarding a complaint can be found on the Central Middle School website. cms.carrollcountyschools.com

2018–19 District Goals

1. The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.
2. The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.

2018–19 School Goals

Central Middle School will increase the percentage of students scoring Proficient or Distinguished in all content areas by 3 percent.

- *The focus for ELA is: Increasing Lexile Levels and Extended Writing- Ideas and Organization*
- *The focus for math is: Ratios and Proportions, Expressions and Equations, and Geometry*
- *The focus for science is: Force and Motion*
- *The focus for social studies is: Geography*

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Central Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that 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 during the

Input Sessions held on August 3rd and August 6th. The

school-parent compact also is shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and is posted on the school website.



Let's Get Together!

Central 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. Informational meetings for parents and family members will be held at two different times in order to provide more than one opportunity for attendance. Family Nights will be held throughout the school year to provide families the opportunity to be actively engaged with their student and his/her teachers. Opportunities will also be provided for parents to attend meetings via social media through links to the presentations and informational sessions.

Open House – 6th Grade: August 6, 2018, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

7th and 8th Grades: August 3, 2018, 4:30 – 6:00 PM

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

Annual Title I Meeting – August 14, 2018 – 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM

We invite you to a session of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, the 1% parent engagement funds, and parents' requirements. Reminders will be posted on the school website, via social media, and on the school sign.

Title I Parent Night – Journey through the Curriculum – September 10, 2018, 6:00 PM

Learn about the instructional resources, programs, and technology that Title I has funded in order to increase the academic achievement of our students as you follow your child's daily academic schedule. You will also receive information regarding the extracurricular opportunities that are provided by Central Middle School to address the needs of the whole child.

Student Opportunities for Advancement in Education – October 23, 2018, 6:00 PM

Parents are invited to learn about opportunities provided to their student in regards to advance placement options in both middle and high school. The purpose of the session is to familiarize parents and students so that they can begin preparations for the future in middle school.

Central Cluster STEM Night – November, 2018

We invite you for an evening of fun and learning as you to participate in STEM activities with your student.

Title I Parent Night – Milestones Mania – February 7, 2019, 6:00 PM

Parents and family members are invited to work with their student to interact with sample test questions and learn about resources to assist their student in mastering the Milestones Assessment.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Area for available resources and information. The resource center will provide access to Chromebooks for parents to use while at the school, copies of plans and information related to Title I, and information to help you help your student.

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Central 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.

Central 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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Central Middle School is Branching Out!

Central 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 published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Partner with elementary 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 in English and Spanish to allow parents the ability 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 schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, the school website and flyers.
- ✓ 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 in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ Present parents with a description and explanation of student assessments and provide them with assessment results and tools to assist in the interpretation of the results
- ✓ Provide parents with opportunities to attend regular meetings with school staff members, if requested, by contacting the school via email or phone call. Meetings will be scheduled at a time that is most conducive to attendance by the parent.



CMS Goals for Parent and Family Engagement

Central Middle School has established the following goals for parent and family engagement:

1. Provide a welcoming environment
2. Invite participation as equal partners in your child's education
3. Provide opportunities to acquire information and resources for supporting Student Success
4. Offer opportunities to volunteer in supporting school-wide, classroom, and parent involvement activities.
5. Present opportunities for open and productive communication

School Community Team

Central Middle School invites all parents and family members to join the School Community Team with the goal of building partnerships between the school, families, and the community. The team will meet periodically during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity or meeting, as well as, through our parent surveys. In addition to providing Central Middle School with suggestions and input, the School Community Team will also serve as a vehicle for parents and family members to volunteer at the school. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Team.
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Annual Title I Meeting

August 14, 2018

6:00 PM

CMS Media Center

Central Middle School will hold an Annual Title I meeting in which we provide information in regards to our Title I Schoolwide Plan and Program. At this meeting, we will also offer parents and family members the opportunity to discuss ways in which the school might effectively use the 1% parent engagement funds. We strongly encourage all parents and family members to attend this important meeting.