

## **Fannin County Middle School Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success**

*2016–2017 School Year*

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### **What is Title I?**

FCMS is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

Section 1118(b)(1), (f)

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how FCMS will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. FCMS values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that FCMS will support parent 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?**

FCMS invited all parents to attend our annual stakeholder meeting last spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. 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 to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual stakeholder meeting.

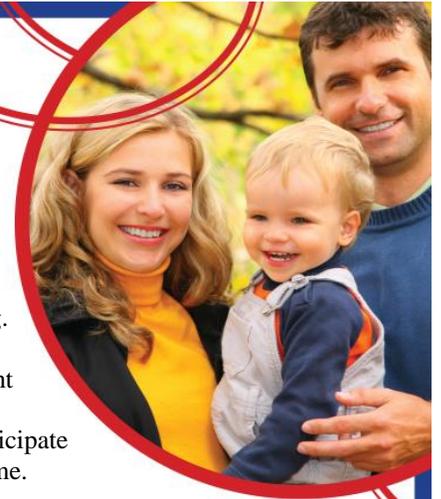
### **Who is it for?**

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. FCMS will provide full opportunity 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 plan is given to all students in August. The plan will also be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

Section 1118(b)(1)(c)(3), (f), (c)(4)(C)



### ***2016–17 District Goals***

The Fannin County School System is committed to graduating all students on time with the skills they need to be successful. We believe this can best be accomplished in a high-performing learning environment focused on continuous improvement.

### ***2016–17 School Goals***

On the 2015 CCRPI report, increase the CCRPI performance indicator in reading and mathematics by 5 percent.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, FCMS 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 compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on

feedback from parents, students and teachers during the stakeholder meeting. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Section 1118d

## **Let's Get Together!**

FCMS will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

### ***Annual Title I Meeting – August 3, 2016***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted via Blackboard Connect, on the school website, and local media.

### ***Open House – August 3, 2016***

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

### ***Curriculum Night – August 3, 2016***

Parents meet their students' team of teachers to learn about content and expectations for the school year.

### ***Parent Advisory Team– Monthly***

Parents meet to support learning, offer input, and help involve other parents at FCMS.

### ***Family STEM Nights - Quarterly***

Parents and students will participate in interactive activities while learning about the STEM program at FCMS.

### ***Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 7, 2016, November 18, 2016 and March 31, 2017***

Parents attend meetings with teachers to become informed of academic progress and overall achievement. (Conferences are also available throughout the year).

### ***Transition Meetings– Various times throughout the year***

Parents will be offered opportunities to participate in meeting ensuring a smooth transition from elementary school to middle school and from middle school to high school

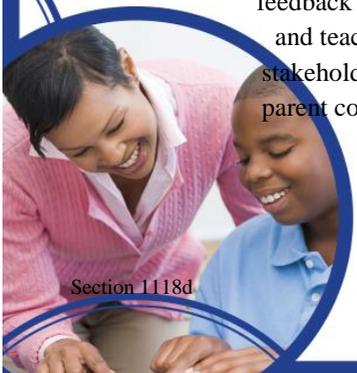
### ***School Governance Team -Monthly***

SGT provides advice, recommendations, and assistance to principals and the local board of education.

### ***Federal Budget Stakeholder/Parent Meeting – Spring 2017***

Parents are invited to meet with FCSS Director of Instructional Services and School Improvement to offer input to the Title I – A federal budget allocation.

Section 1118 (c)(1)(2), (c)(4)(8), (e)(1)(2)(5), (c)(3)



## Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers and iPads are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. Located across the hall from the counselor's office.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

## Parental Involvement

FCMS believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents 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.

Section 1118 (c)(3) and (c)(4)(C)

FCMS is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

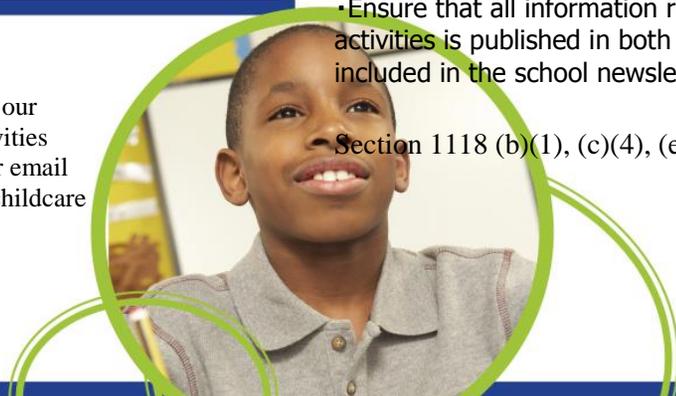
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## Fannin Middle is Branching Out!

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

- Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with elementary schools to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for middle school and improve school transition.
- Share information in English and Spanish in the school 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 schoolwide events and activities, such as Alert Now, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- Ensure that all residential facilities in its school attendance are included in the parental involvement correspondence and activities.
- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the school newsletter for all parents.

Section 1118 (b)(1), (c)(4), (e)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (14)



# Parental Involvement Standards

FCMS and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

Section 1118(e)(1)

# Parent Advisory Team

FCMS invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet monthly during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Team, please contact Deb Cantrell at the principal at 706-632-6100 or by email at [dcantrell@fannin.k12.ga.us](mailto:dcantrell@fannin.k12.ga.us).



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# Parent Advisory Team

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 1118 (c)(3), (c)(4)(C), (8)

# Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan 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: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Section 1118 (c)(3)