

Northside High School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2018-2019 School Year



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What is Title I?

Northside High School (NHS) 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 plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Northside High School (NHS) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. NHS values the contributions and engagement of parents and family members in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes how parents and families can partner with NHS and help develop and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised? Northside High School welcomes parent input on the plan at any time during the year. Our post-event surveys are reviewed to help improve activities. The annual Title I Parent and Family Satisfaction Survey allows parents to give feedback on the year's events, required notifications, communication and budget. All families are invited to attend our annual Shared Decision Making Meeting held each spring. Families are asked to review and give feedback on Title I documents, (Schoolwide Plan, Compact, Engagement Plan and budget, including the 1% set aside). Parents and families unable to attend are welcome to have copies of materials sent home for review. All feedback is taken into consideration when planning for next school year. Unsatisfactory comments regarding the Schoolwide Plan are reported to the district.

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. NHS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the Parent Engagement Plan is included in the Title I Parent Handbook that is provided to all students to take home. This plan is available on NHS website, in the Parent Resource Room, and parents can request a copy to be sent home to them at any time during the school year.



District Achievement Goals

2018-2019

Increase the value of the overall district College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) score by 3% focusing on literacy, high quality standards-based instruction and Multi-Tier Systems of Support.

Increase the percentage of parents who feels their child's school provides various opportunities for engagement.



School Goals

2018-2019

We will increase the value of the CCRPI score from a baseline of 80.2 to 82.0.

We will increase the percentage of graduates in the four-year cohort from a baseline of 88.4 to 90.0 in the 2018-2019 school year.

NHS Parent & Family Engagement Events

Meet 'n Greet- July 30, 2018

Parents and Students will have the opportunity to explore the school and receive information that will help their student transition into high school.

Open House – August 27, 2018

Experience “A Day in the Life of your NHS Student”. Parents receive their student’s schedule and attend each class. Parents meet with teachers to learn about academic expectations for the year.

Annual Title I Meeting- August 27, 2018

We invite you to an evening of learning & sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parent’s requirements.

Senior Parent Night- August 27, 2018

Seniors and their parents will meet to review graduation requirements, and review their graduation plan. Important information about SAT/ACT testing and preparation will be distributed.

Financial Aid Night-October 2, 2018

Parents/families and students will participate in the college financial aid planning process with help from NHS counselors and representatives from the Georgia Student Finance Commission.

ESOL Family Night with Warner Robins High School- October 2018:

Parents and families will enjoy a festive ESOL night at WRHS and gain information on ESOL services at both school while celebrating with food and fun.

S.T.E.M. Night –November 14, 2018

Teachers and students will present helpful information and hands on presentations on science, technology, math, and engineering topics currently taught in class.

College Fair Night & Pre-Advisement for Parents and Students- January 24, 2019

Parents and students will meet with college and technical school representatives and learn which programs, admission requirements, and financial aid opportunities are available for different colleges. There will be information representing AP courses and MOWR opportunities available at NHS.

Evening Advisement- March 5-7, 2019

Parents and students will meet with academic advisors to schedule classes for the upcoming year. They will also discuss progress toward graduation. Parents will leave with their child’s graduation plan and with documentation of what is necessary for their child to be ready to graduate.

Pre-Advisement for Rising 9th Graders- March 20, 2019

Counselors and Dept. Chairs from academic and career tech programs will present choices available for students the 2018-2019 school year. Dual enrollment, AP Classes, Credit Recovery, Career Pathways, as well as course selection options.

Parent Action Team {PAT} Meetings – September 25, 2018; November 27, 2018; February 2, 2019; and April 23, 2019

All parents and community members are encouraged to participate. Meetings take place four times per year. This team will help plan parent events and review Title I documents for the school year.

Parent Newsletters- Monthly

An informative school newsletter distributed each month detailing school academics and events.

Parent Conferences for targeted Intervention-Ongoing

The Intervention specialist will select students that would benefit from academic intervention. These conferences will allow the families, students and teachers to discuss and formulate a plan to improve student performance.

Parent/Student Social Activities- Ongoing

Administrators and faculty will facilitate social activities for students and their families. These events will encourage positive interactions between students, their families and the staff at NHS in an informal social setting.

School-Parent Compacts

NHS and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be analyzed and revised annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. Please examine this document with your child. The compact is reviewed during parent/teacher conferences.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center
Monday – Friday
7:45 am – 3:00 pm

Northside High School 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.

478-929-7858 or email
Tarah.Faiella@hcbe.net

Our Pledge to our Parents and Families

Northside High School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as equal partners in their child's education. In order to reach our goal of the highest quality of student achievement, Northside High pledges to implement the following:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meeting, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the school newsletter.
- ✓ Provide training for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Provide high quality instruction that is aligned with the state standards so each student has every opportunity to master each standard.
- ✓ Implement standards-based classrooms while utilizing best practices in all subject areas.
- ✓ Share information in multiple ways 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 on a regular basis via phone calls, emails, text messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental and family engagement.
- ✓ Provide materials for parents at conferences, meetings and activities to help parents better understand Georgia Standards of Excellence and grade level assessments.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Provide information regarding literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental engagement activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Northside High School has adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, and families, 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

Parent Action Team

Northside High School invites all parents to participate in the **Parent Action Team** to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and families to build partnerships with our school, each other and the community. The team will meet our times during the school year: September 25, November 27, February 26, and April 23.

If you would like to learn more about Family Engagement at NHS, please contact Tarah Faiella, our NHS Family Engagement Coordinator.

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We Need You!

Parent Action Team

- Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Action Team
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Action Team
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings.

Name: _____

Student's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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) _____

Comment: _____

We, the faculty and staff at Northside High School, thank you for your engagement and continued dedication to the success of our students.