

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

Crawford County Middle School

Parental Involvement Plan: Plan for Shared Student Success

2016–2017 School Year

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What is Title I?

Crawford 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 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 plan.

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Crawford County Middle will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Crawford County Middle 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 Crawford County Middle will support family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Crawford County Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parental involvement plan, 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 by emailing Family Engagement Coordinator Scarlet Sanders at scarlet.sanders@crawfordschools.org. The plan is posted on our district 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 that can be completed either online or by paper requesting 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.

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. Crawford County Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. Request for special accommodations, such as an interpreter must be made in writing 24 hours prior to the event, so adequate accommodations can be made.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is given to all parents/guardians at the scheduled Open House event. The plan will also be posted on the district website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Family Resource Center.

2016-2017 District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement

Strategic Goal 2: Stakeholder & Community Engagement and Loyalty

Strategic Goal 3: Efficient & Effective Organizational Processes

Strategic Goal 4: Continuous System & School Improvement

Strategic Goal 5: Enhanced Technology

2016-2017 School Goals

Goal 1: Improve reading comprehension and writing skills in all content areas

Goal 2: Close the achievement gap between sub-groups on Milestones assessment.

Goal 3: Improve student attendance rates at all grade levels, in order to increase students' academic achievement.

Goal 4: Improve student achievement in math, specifically geometry standards, numeracy skills and problem solving strategies.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Crawford County 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 compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School Forums held in the spring. Once you read and review the school-parent compacts, the signature page should be returned to the school. A copy of the school-parent compact is kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Crawford County Middle 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. Other events may be announced throughout the year. Visit <http://crawfordcounty.schoolinsites.com>, Parent Engagement Tab for updated event information.

Open House – August 9, 2016

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

State of the District Meeting– August 30, 2016

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning about our Title I program, including updates to the parental involvement plan, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.

Homework Help – September 29, 2016 at CCHS Media Center

- ✓ Acquire information on time management techniques and how to help support your child's learning through homework.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 13, 2016 & March 29, 2017

- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Treats of Knowledge – October 13, 2016

- ✓ Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics and get tips to promote literacy.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 18, 2016

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning about our Title I program, including updates to the parental involvement plan, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.

Marching Into The Milestones – March 29, 2017

- ✓ Parents will get information on the Georgia Milestones assessment.

School Forum – April, 2017

- ✓ A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parental involvement plan, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.

Rising 6th Grade Orientation – May 01, 2017

- ✓ A packed night of information the curriculum and standards of Sixth Grade to help support your child's learning and a tour of the school.

Family Resource Center

Come visit the Family Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 12:00 pm, and by appointments at other times.

****New Location Opening Soon!****

Parental/Family Involvement/Family Engagement

Crawford County Middle 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/families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.*
- *That parents/families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.*
- *That parents/families 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.*

Crawford County Middle is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan.

Please call or email us if you need assistance in order to participate in our programs. Scarlet Sanders, Family Engagement Coordinator at (478) 836-3131 or scarlet.sanders@crawfordschools.org.

Crawford County Middle is Soaring!

Crawford County Middle 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:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the district website.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- ✓ Conduct parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for transitioning into the middle school.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the district website and in the school kiosk 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, through phone 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 involvement.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Council Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement plan.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, and post suggestion form on the district website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

Parental Involvement/Family Engagement Standards

Crawford County Middle has 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

School Council

Crawford County Middle invites all parents to join the School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet three times 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 School Council, please contact Academic Coach Debbie Vaughn at (478) 836-3181 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Crawford County Middle Main Office.

School Council

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

Name: _____

Child'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) _____
