### Chattahoochee County Middle School Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2022-2023 School Year



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#### Title I Information

Chattahoochee County 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 challenging State academic standards in order to 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all families a written family involvement policy.

#### **Description of Family Engagement Plan for shared Student Success**

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Chattahoochee County Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. C.C.M.S. values the contributions and involvement of families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that we 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 developed?** Chattahoochee County Middle School welcomes family input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All family feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. We invite families to come out to the revision meetings throughout the year for this policy. The Family Engagement Coordinator Ms. Hughes is also always open to one on one revision meetings.

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. Chattahoochee County Middle School is school wide which means that all students at C.C.M.S. are served under the Title I, Part A Program. Families can attain more information about Title I at our Annual Title I Parent Meeting at the beginning of the school year.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan will be sent home with students. Families can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Family Resource Center or by requesting a copy to be sent via email. Just send your request to <a href="mailto:ahughes@chattco.org">ahughes@chattco.org</a>. The plan will also be available on the school website chattco.org.

## You can always reschedule

If any Family Engagement Activity conflicts with your current schedule, please contact the Family Engagement Coordinator to reschedule.

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# **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, C.C.M.S and our families will develop a school-family compact, which is an agreement that families, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how families and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach gradelevel standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from families, students and teachers throughout the year. The school-family compacts will be distributed to all families at the beginning of the year. Extra copies will be available in the Family Resource Center.

# **Family Engagement Program and Activities**

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

### <u>Annual Title I Meeting –</u>

✓ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home with students and posted on the website, and at school.

## **Open House**

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

### Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences

✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress

#### **Curriculum Activities**

✓ Learn about the different areas of your child's academics

#### **Family Appreciation**

✓ A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of family engagement impact on school and student success

#### PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Chattahoochee County 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/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.

Chattahoochee County Middle School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need to schedule another time or place to meet in order to participate in our programs.

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#### **School Measures to Provide Required Assistance**

Chattahoochee County Middle School 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/family programs, meetings, and other activities is given to all parents and posted on the school website for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on family involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with the High School to share school information about family engagement activities that will help prepare families and their children for High School and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information on the school website for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways families 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 phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents/families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of family involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for families at conferences, meetings, and activities to help families work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities.