

Greene County Tech Intermediate School  
Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2022-23  
5205 West Kingshighway  
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<b>District Name:</b>	Greene County Tech School District
<b>Grades Levels:</b>	4-5 Grades
<b>Building Facilitator:</b>	Charity Andrews
<b>District Coordinator:</b>	Kem Drake

**Greene County Tech Intermediate School is a Title I School**

**Parent and Family Engagement Committee Members**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Charity	Andrews	Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator, Gifted, Talented, and Creative Teacher
Shayla	King	Media Specialist
Ryan	Carpenter	Assistant Principal
Dustin	Hedge	Parent
Laura	Holcomb	Parent
Kristina	Wenger	Parent

## **1: Jointly Developed**

The Greene County Tech High School Parent and Family Engagement Committee is responsible for creating the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan as well as evaluating the effectiveness of the program.

As part of the evaluation of the parent involvement program at Greene County Tech Intermediate School, the parent interest survey will be reviewed by the parent and family engagement committee to select, plan and implement parental involvement activities for the upcoming year, the survey will also collect specific information on the (1) growth in number of parents participating in workshops and meetings; (2) specific needs of parents; (3) effectiveness of specific strategies; and (4) engagement of parents in activities to support student academic growth. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator 870-215-4440)

Greene County Tech Parent and Family Engagement Committee will conduct an annual evaluation of the Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement efforts through an annual evaluation using a comprehensive needs assessment filled out by teachers, parents and school staff. The Title I committee, made up of teachers, parents and school staff, will determine the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan and make changes if warranted. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator 870-215-4440)

The parents of our students at Greene County Tech Intermediate School will be offered the opportunity to serve on the Parent and Family Engagement Planning Committee to plan for parent involvement initiatives at the district and school site level. Parents will be instructed of their rights concerning the use of Title I, Part A funds for parent involvement. (Contact Tammy Birmingham, Federal Programs Coordinator 870-215-4400, ext. 1029)

## **2: Communications**

Greene County Tech Intermediate will start this 22-2023 school year off with an Open House. Open House times will be presented using our building's Google Website. This site can be found by going to the district webpage looking under the Intermediate building. Each teacher will introduce his or herself and describe a little bit about their role in the building. Each teacher will also have an established website for their classroom that parents and students can get on from the Master

Intermediate Site. These sites will give parents and students easy access to the student's Google Classrooms. (Any questions about Website please contact, Shayla King, Media Specialist 870-215-4440).

Greene County Tech Intermediate School hosts two parent/teacher conferences during the school year in an effort to inform, communicate, and involve parents in the education of their children. (Contact Amie Cole, Principal 870-215-4440)

Tech Television and the school's website is available throughout the year to offer important information and useful tools to parents. (Contact Pamela Andrews, Tech TV Advisor 870-215-4400, ext. 6402 and Ryan Mason, Technology 870-215-4400, ext. 1913)

The school will provide to our parents reports/report cards every four weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress and upcoming classroom and school events. (Contact Lori Boyd, Counselor 870-215-4440)

Some of our specialty teachers in our building will be using Remind 101 to inform parents about building announcements throughout the year, as well as extra-curricular activities associated with certain classes like Music, Library, and PACE.

The Intermediate also has its own Facebook page. On this site parents are informed of upcoming events and can also see some of the cool things going on in our classrooms. (Contact Amie Cole, Principal 870-215-4440)

The teachers will be using a website called Class Dojo to inform parents about their child's behavior and other activities that are going on in the classroom. Teachers update this program several times a day and parents are notified immediately through their smart devices. Parents are also able to comment and send messages back to teacher through website. The website will even be used to spread "Eagle Family News" and the weekly broadcast of "In the Nest." Both programs are helpful in informing parents, students, and teachers about what is going on at our school.

The school will use the student handbook to make information available concerning policies and procedures and to disseminate forms and documents that are of special importance to parents. (Contact Ryan Carpenter, Assistant Principal 870-215-4440)

Greene County Tech Intermediate will hold two parent nights yearly, planned by the parent involvement committee, for the purpose of involving parents in our efforts toward school improvement and supporting classroom instruction. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator 870-215-4400)

One meeting, apart from all other meetings, will be held each year to educate parents concerning our efforts toward school improvement and our plans for parent involvement. (Contact Tammy Birmingham, Federal Programs Coordinator 870-215-4400, ext. 1029)

The school will use the student handbook, school Web site, signage at the school entrance, and parent orientation meetings about the School-wide Title I Plan and how to get a copy upon request. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator, 215-4440)

The school will distribute informational packets at open house or first Parent Teacher conferences each year. This includes a copy of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan, survey for volunteer interests, recommended roles for parents/ teachers/students and school, suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education, parental involvement activities planned for the current school year and information about the system that will be used to allow parents and teachers to communicate (notes, phone calls, e-mail...). (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator or Amie Cole, Principal 870-215-4440)

**Greene County Tech Intermediate School will hold the following parent meetings, conferences, and activities throughout the school year to increase parental involvement and build staff/parent communication:**

Open House- August 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00

First Day of School—Aug. 15, 2022

First Day Back After Christmas—Jan. 2, 2023

Title I/Parent Orientation- October 5, 2022 5:00pm

State Mandated Parent/Teacher Conference- October 27, 2022 4:00-8:00 pm

Book Fairs- October 3-7, 2022 and March 6-10, 2023

Parent Night for Fall Semester- Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Vocabulary Parade- (Some 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes) October 31, 2022  
State Mandated Parent/Teacher Conference- February 16, 2023 4:00-8:00 pm  
Parent Night Spring Semester- Tuesday, March 7, 2023  
Quiz Bowl Tournaments—During School Day: one per semester TBA  
Odyssey of the Mind Regional- TBA  
Odyssey of the Mind State- TBA  
State Testing- ASPIRE—April  
See You at the Pole—September 21, 2022  
4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip: Parker Pioneer- September  
“I Can...” Clubs –November 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Depends on Weather  
Science Fair Parent Nights—March 14, 2022 (5<sup>th</sup> Grade) March 16, 2022 (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Battle of the Books—December and March  
Wax Museum- (Some 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes) April TBA  
Choir Concert—December 8th @ High School 7:00 pm  
Spelling Bee—December TBA  
“One School, One Book”—Spring Semester  
(Responsible parties include Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator; Tammy Birmingham, Federal Programs Coordinator; Amie Cole, Intermediate Principal. Contact numbers are 215-4440, Mrs. Andrews; 215-4440 ext. 1029, Ms. Birmingham)

### **3: Building Staff Capacity**

Greene County Tech Intermediate School recognizes that parents play an integral role in supporting their student’s academic success. The Intermediate strives to make its campus a welcoming place for parents and encourage their participation and support in their child’s education. Procedures and training are in place to assist teachers in communicating and working with parents in this process.

The State Board of Education's Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts shall require no fewer than two hours of professional development for teachers designed to enhance the understand of effective parental involvement strategies. No fewer than two hours of professional development for administrators designed to enhance understanding of effective parent involvement strategies and the importance of administrative leadership in setting expectations and creating a climate conducive to parental participation. (Contact Amy Lucius, Assistant Superintendent and Amie Cole, Principal 870-215-4440)

The principal of each school in a school district shall designate (1) certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. (Contact Amie Cole, Principal 870-215-4440)

Include in the school's policy handbook the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. (Contact Ryan Carpenter, Assistant Principal 870-215-4440, ext. 4011)

Greene County Tech School District employee's four social workers to support services for our students and families. The following are some of the services they provide to our families:

- Food Backpacks
- Clothing Closet
- School Supplies
- Hygiene Products
- Home visits
- Transportation
- Medical, Dental, and Eye care appointments and assistance
- Thanksgiving Boxes
- Christmas Adopt a Child
- Hair Cut Program
- Application Assistance for Food Stamps, Medicaid, and other services
- Referrals to outside agencies
- Attendance/Truancy

For more information on these and other services available to parents please contact Ersula Bruner, Social Worker 870-215-4440.

GCT Intermediate participates in the Partners in Education program through the Paragould Chamber of Commerce. Partners in Education is a volunteer program

structured to build effective partnerships between the community and local schools to promote and enhance learning. Opportunities include Lunch Buddies, Career Orientation, Tutoring, School Event Participation, Job Shadowing, Christmas Sponsorship, etc. GCT Intermediate Partners in Education are Simmons Bank and Ridge Kids Dental. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator, 870-215-4440)

#### **4: Building Parent**

To promote and support responsible parenting, the school shall, as funds are available: Purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting through the school library, advertise the current selection, and give parents the opportunity to borrow the materials for review. Materials are located in the Intermediate Library housed in the Rainbow Building. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30 am until 3:30 pm. Also, various materials and pamphlets are available in the lobby of the main building of the Intermediate School. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator 870-215-4400).

The Intermediate will also provide links to helpful videos and apps that regard helpful parenting tips through our school's Facebook page. We will also provide links to videos that keep our parents up with the new challenges our students are facing as our culture and atmosphere changes around us. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator 870-215-4440)

During the orientation of our parents and the scheduled parent nights, Greene County Tech Intermediate School will provide a list of volunteer opportunities and solicit ideas for other types of volunteer efforts. Parents will be informed concerning the school's parent involvement plans, their role in those plans, and will be encouraged to become involved in the school. Parents and community members will be provided with the information they need to participate in our school's efforts to improve education in order to put them at ease and make their experience here pleasant and successful. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator, 870-215-4440)

The counselor will offer parents opportunities each year to provide an explanation of the statewide assessment system, standards, and other accountability measures. (Contact Lori Boyd, Counselor 870-215-4440)

Greene County Tech Intermediate realizes there will be times during this school year when parents have questions about certain things concerning their child's lessons or even working technology. We are committed to helping you with any needs you might have. Here are a few people you can contact to assist you with some of those needs: (870-215-4440)

- Literacy Assistance—Misty Drope, Literacy Facilitator
- Math Assistance—Teresa Chipman, Math Facilitator
- Technology or Google Websites—Email [gctintermediate@gctschools.net](mailto:gctintermediate@gctschools.net) (Shayla King—Media Specialist)
- Virtual Learning—Michelle Moore, virtual coordinator.
- Zoom—Contact your child's classroom teacher through email or Class Dojo
- Special Events—Check Intermediate's Calendar on our Webpage or Charity Andrews, Family Engagement Facilitator
- General Questions—Office 215-4440

## **5: Coordination**

During our parent orientation training or regularly scheduled parent nights, parents will be instructed on the topics of how to incorporate developmentally appropriate learning activities in the home environment, including without limitation: roll play and demonstration by trained volunteers, the use of and access to the Department of Education website tools for parents, assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation and other strategies or curricula developed or acquired by the school district for at-home parental instruction approved by the Department of Education. (Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator and Amie Cole, Principal 215-4440)

To take advantage of community resources, the school shall consider recruiting alumni from the school to create an alumni advisory commission to provide advice and guidance for school improvement. (Amie Cole, Principal 215-4440)

The school shall enable the formation of a Parent Teacher Association or organization that will foster parental and community involvement within the school. (Lori Boyd, Counselor 215-4440 ext. 4021)

Include parents in the School Support Plan and school improvement planning committee. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator and Amie Cole, School Support Plan Chairperson, Principal 215-4440)

## **6: Annual Title I Meeting**

Greene County Tech Intermediate School will hold a Title I meeting (October 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm), separate from any other meetings or activities to provide a description/explanation of school curriculum, information on forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress and information on proficiency level students are expected to meet. The agenda, the sign-in sheet, and the minutes for this meeting must be generated separately from any other events and kept on file in the school's office. (Contact Tammy Birmingham, Federal Programs Coordinator 870-215-4400, ext. 1029)

## **7: School-Parent Compact**

A committee comprised of Greene County Tech School District staff, parents, and students will develop a school-parent/student compact. This compact will outline how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards.

This compact will appear in the student handbook for parents to read, sign, and return. (Contact Ryan Carpenter, Assistant Principal 870-215-4400, ext. 4011)

GCT Intermediate School will update its volunteer resource book annually and encourage teachers to utilize parent volunteers whenever possible. (Contact Charity Andrews, Parent and Family Engagement Facilitator 870-215-4440)

## **8: Reservation of Funds**

The school district will reserve a minimum of 1% of the Title I, Part A allocation for parental involvement. All Title I, Part A schools will include parents in deciding how these funds will be spent. (Tammy Birmingham, Federal Programs Coordinator 215-4400 ext. 1029.)

