

**Chattahoochee County Middle School Parent
Involvement Policy 2015-2016 School Year**



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Title I Information

Chattahoochee 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 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

Description of School Parental Involvement Plan

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Chattahoochee County Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. C.C.M.S. values the contributions and involvement of parents 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 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 developed? Chattahoochee County Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. We invite parent to come out to the revision meetings throughout the year for this policy. The Parent Coordinator Ms. Hughes is also always open to one on one parent 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. Parents 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 distributed during Open House. As a reminder, we will send the plan home with all students during the first 9 weeks of school. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center by requesting a copy to be sent via email. Just send your request to ahughes@chattco.org. The plan will also be available on the school website chattco.org.

You can always reschedule

If the any Parent Involvement Activity conflicts with your current schedule please contact the Parent Coordinator to reschedule.

Parent Coordinator: April Hughes

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School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, C.C.M.S and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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 throughout the year. The school-parent compacts will be distributed to all parents at the beginning of the year. Extra copies will be available in the Parenting Center.

Parent Involvement Program and Activities

. Chattahoochee County Middle School 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 –

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent involvement 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

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

New Parent Orientation-

- ✓ Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year

Introduction to PowerSchool Class for parents

- ✓ Learn how to navigate your way through your child's PowerSchool account

PEP Pop up

- ✓ A mobile Parenting Center coming to a location near you. Check the newsletter for to see where we will Pop Up next.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences

- ✓ Scheduled updates on your child's progress

Curriculum Nights

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

Technology Talk

- ✓ Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning

Lunch n Learn – Monthly

- ✓ Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education

Town Hall Meetings

- ✓ Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans

Parent Appreciation

- ✓ A celebration of parent engagement and the recognition of parental involvement impact on school and student success

Definition of Parental Involvement

Parental Involvement

C.C.M.S. believes that parent 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Chattahoochee County Middle School is committed to helping our parents 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 programs, meetings, and other activities is printed and given to all parents and posted on the school website for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with the High School to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for High School and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information on the school website and 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 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 for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

