

Central Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement
Policy and Plan for Shared
Student Success

2023-24 School Year

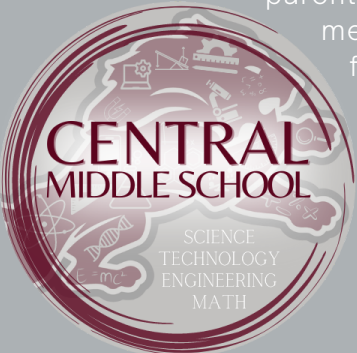
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What is Title I?

Central Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title 1 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 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop with parents and family members in a written family engagement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Central Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Central Middle values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Central Middle will support family 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 revised?

The Parent and Family Engagement Plan is jointly developed and revised annually. This year, Central Middle School invited all parents to attend an input session on July 12, 2022, at 9 am and 2 pm, to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as, build staff capacity the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, family engagement budget, and our 1% parenting budget. Additionally, the plan is posted on our school 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 online, or one can request a paper copy. This survey allows parents and family members an additional format to provide feedback to the school. Parents and family members are also provided the opportunity to give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Curriculum Nights. Meetings are held at a variety of times throughout the school year or virtually in hopes to include those that may not be available to attend sessions at CMS but can attend and give feedback virtually. Parents/guardians can also request home visits, individual meetings, or group meetings to accommodate parent/guardian needs. Please contact Maggie Bonner to set up an appointment date and time. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the policy at any time on the school district website or by submitting written comments to their child's school. All feedback received by August was included in the policy for this school year. If you have any concerns about the FEP policy that are not addressed by CMS, please contact the Director of Federal Programs, Heather Duke.

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

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan is given to all students. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Parents will be informed via social media that the plan was sent home with the students and is available on the website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Area.

2023-2024 District Goals

1. The percentage of students scoring at proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) will increase by three percentage points.
2. A 6% increase in the scores of ED, ELL, and SWD.

2023-2024 School Goals

An analysis of our data shows the need to focus on the following in each grade level: In ELA, we will focus on the following domains:

- 6th & 7th Grade - Key Ideas
- 8th - Reading & Vocabulary

In Math, we will focus on the following domains:

- 6th Grade - Ratios & Proportions
- 7th Grade - Expressions & Equations
- 8th Grade - Geometry

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Central Middle 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 the feedback from parents, students, and teachers **during the Input Session on April 27, 2023 at 8:45 am and 3 pm.**

The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and is posted on the school website.



Let's Get Together

Central Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Informational meetings for parents and family members will be held at two different times in order to provide more than one opportunity for attendance. Family Nights will be held throughout the school year to provide families the opportunity to be actively engaged with their student(s) and his/her teachers. Opportunities will also be provided for parents to attend meetings via social media through links to the presentations and informational sessions.



2023-2024 Family Nights (Please join us):

- Annual Title 1 Meeting - July 12, 2023 @ 10:00 am and 12:00 pm
- Virtual New Math Standards Parent Training - September 1, 2023
- Virtual Curriculum/Back-To-School Night - October 23, 2023
- "Cluster STEM Night" - November 14, 2023 @ 5-7 pm; Join the Central Cluster Schools for a night of STEM experiments, activities, and fun hosted at CMS!
- Virtual Literacy Night - Presented by: ELA Vertical Team - January 9, 2024
- Virtual Math Night - Presented by: Math Vertical Team - February 2, 2024

Important Dates:

- Progress Reports: Sept. 8, Nov. 10, Feb. 2, Apr. 23
- Report Cards: Oct. 19, Jan. 5, Mar. 20, May 22

PTO Planned Activities & Volunteer Opportunities:

- Homecoming Dance: Oct. 20, 3:40-5:00 pm
- PBIS Shopping Days: Sept. 25-29, Dec. 15, Mar. 5-8
- Valentines Dance: Feb. 14, 8:40 am - 3:40 pm
- GMAS Block Party: May 16, 8:40 am - 3:40 pm
- PTO Color Run: May 14, 8:40 am - 3:40 pm

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Area for available resources and information to assist you in supporting your child's academic progress. The resource center will provide access to Chromebooks for parents to use while at the school, copies of plans, and information related to Title I, and information to help you help your student. If additional items are needed to foster parent and family engagement, please contact Maggie Bonner at 770-832-8114 for additional assistance.

Parent and Family Engagement

Central Middle 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 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.

Central Middle is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Maggie Bonner
(770) 832.8114 or
maggie.bonner@carrollcountyschools.com

Central Middle is Branching Out!

Central Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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, and other languages as necessary posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.

Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

Partner with elementary schools and high school, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.

Share information in English and Spanish and other languages as necessary on the school blog 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. Translations to other languages will also be made as needed.

Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide 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 parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.

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. Parents will be provided individual academic assessment information and interpretation of those results twice a year: October 2023, January 2024, and March 2024.

Use our School Council and PTO to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Central Middle and our parents have adopted the following mission and vision:

Central Middle School PTO, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to engage families and our community in order to assist our efforts to support students and staff. Central Middle School PTO, Inc. will sponsor, organize, and/or support school events, fundraising opportunities, and enrichment programs that enhance our students' educational, social, and developmental experiences while at Central Middle School. It is our belief that the TEAM effort of our parent-teacher organization creates a positive environment within our school community.

School Community Team

Central Middle invites all parents to join the School Community team and PTO to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet annually during the summer, but parents and family members 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 our school community team and PTO, please contact:

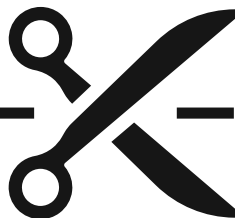
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jennie.redmond@carrollcountyschools.com

or call

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School Community Team

Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team. Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Team. Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

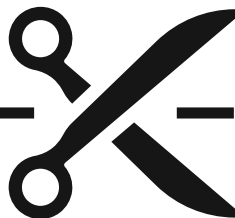
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Child's Name _____

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 policy 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): _____