

## **Northside Middle School**

### **THE CONNECTION**

#### **Family-School Engagement Plan and Compact**

**2025 - 2026**



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### **What is Title I?**

**Northside Middle School** is identified as a Title I school as a part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I 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 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 parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan and compact.

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### **What is it?**

**The Connection** is a comprehensive document joining our School-Family Engagement Plan and Compact together with the purpose of strengthening the bond between school and home. The Engagement Plan describes how our school will provide opportunities to improve family engagement that will support student learning at school and at home. All students and their families are invited and encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. The school will provide information and as many opportunities as possible for the participation of all family members. The Compact explains what teachers, parents and students each will do in an effort to work together to make sure that our students reach grade level standards. The Compact is discussed with families during parent-teacher conferences throughout the school year.

### **How is it revised?**

The Connection is jointly developed and revised by our school's stakeholders. All families are invited to attend our annual Shared Decision-Making Meeting (SDM) held each spring. Families are asked to review and give feedback on the Engagement Plan, Compact, and budget including the 1% set aside. All feedback forms from the SDM Meetings are collected, reviewed and used to revise this document and to improve program planning for the next school year. Families who are not able to attend the SDM Meeting have the opportunity to provide input by completing an online feedback form and completing the Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey that seeks suggestions regarding the plan, compact and budget.

### **Who is it for?**

The Connection is for all students attending a Title I school and their families. We encourage and invite families to fully participate in the opportunities described in this document. Our school will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, of migratory children and caretakers of students served in Neglected and Delinquent Centers.

### **Where is it available?**

The Connection is included in our Title I Handbook that is provided to all parents and families at the beginning of the year or whenever a new student enrolls. The Connection is also available on our school website and in our Parent Resource Center. Families can request a copy at any time during the school year.

## Let's Stay Connected

Northside 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. Here are the ways to stay connected and informed.

- HCSD App
- Progress Reports and Report Cards
- Infinite Campus
- School Website
- Social Media
- Callouts
- Emails
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Newsletters

## Access to Staff

- Our school has an open-door policy.
- All teachers and staff are available through email. See the school webpage for contact information.
- Conferences may be scheduled directly with your child's teacher or through the Main office at (478) 929-7845.



## ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

**Northside Middle School** plans the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement and to support a partnership among school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings and events are scheduled at various times and in different formats to accommodate the needs of our families. These events may be held in person or virtually.

Event	Focus	Date
Meet and Greet	Welcoming	July 25, 2025
Open House/Technology	Curriculum Standards	August 28, 2025
Annual Title I Meeting	Informational	August 28, 2025
EL Night (A Comprehensive Overview)	Informational	October 2, 2025
Spanish Heritage Night	Welcoming Climate	October 2, 2025
Fall Festival & Technology Night	WC/Technology	October 23, 2025
Math & Science Night/MAP	Curriculum/Testing	November 20, 2025
ELA & Social Studies Night/MAP	Curriculum/Testing	December 18, 2025
Parent Action Team Meeting	SDM	December 4, 2025
Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey	SDM	January 2026
Voices for the Vision	SDM	March 2026
Milestones Workshop	Testing	January 2026
Rising 6th Grade Parent Night	Transition	March 17, 2026
Parent Teacher Conferences	Curriculum	Ongoing

**Northside Middle School** wants to help all our families participate in our family engagement activities. If you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to attend the events listed in this plan, contact our Family Engagement Liaison for more information and assistance.

**Tiffany Davis**  
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## Family Engagement Liaison

Our FEL is **Tiffany Davis**. She is available to assist families in a variety of ways from finding resources, connecting with teachers and administrators, navigating Infinite Campus and providing opportunities for you to learn how to help your student at home.

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## Parent Resource Center

Visit the Parent Resource Center to get pamphlets, brochures, and other resource materials to use at home with your child.

Located in the NMS Front Office Lobby  
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Serve on the NMS Parent Engagement Team
- Serve on the School Council
- Serve as chaperone for field trips
- Attend and/or assist with Book Fairs, student performances and sporting events
- Organize Staff Appreciation

## Our Pledge to our Parents and Families

**Northside Middle School** will take the following measures to promote and support parents as equal partners in their child's education. To reach our goal of the highest quality of student achievement, Northside Middle School pledges to support our students and their families as the foundation of the school. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is published in both English and Spanish and posted on the website or on social media.
- ✓ Provide training for staff on the value and contribution of parents, on ways to improve communication, on ideas to build strong partnerships with families, on providing information in a friendly format, and on responding to parent requests four times during the school year.
- ✓ Partner with college and career-ready organizations to provide resources to help prepare families and their students for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information/materials related to school and parent engagement activities, meetings and workshops in English and Spanish.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events through school messenger, social media, school website, newsletters and flyers.
- ✓ Work with 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 information for parents to better understand Georgia Standards of Excellence and assessments for all grade levels.
- ✓ Collaborate with stakeholders and community/business leaders to increase awareness of family and community engagement programs.
- ✓ Connect families to classes or support groups to help further enhance our parent's various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members after academic events to respond to parents' requests for additional support for engagement activities.

## 2025 - 2026 District Goals

Increase by at least 2 percentage points the number of students performing at or above proficiency in core content areas in grades 6-8 as measured by Milestones assessment scores.

Increase the percentage of parents who feel their child's school provides various opportunities for engagement.

## 2025 - 2026 School Goals

Northside Middle School will increase our 2025 CCRPI content mastery score by 3% in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Northside Middle School will also implement, with fidelity, research-based programs designed to address positive behaviors.

In addition, by the end of the 2025-2026 school year, 50% of the student population will meet or exceed their projected growth in reading and mathematics as measured by MAP (Measure of Academic Progress).

## Grade Level: 6-8

### Focus Areas

- Literacy
  - Reading fluency and comprehension
- Math
  - Operations with rational numbers

## ***Our Compact:** Teachers, Families and Students –Together for Success*

### **NMS will...**

- Provide parents with their student's Lexile score and help families set goals for improvement through the use of the IXL program.
- Provide parents with their student's MAP scores and encourage use of IXL for additional support in reading and math.
- Provide families with resources such as websites, newsletters, and videos related to Literacy and Math.
- Offer a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in their student's education, such as academic-based workshops, and Shared Decision-Making Meetings.

### **Families will...**

- Set goals for students to help improve their Lexile score through working with IXL.
- Encourage students to work on skill plans using IXL.
- Utilize the school resources available, such as websites, newsletters and videos related to Literacy and Math to assist their student.
- Be an active participant in student's education by taking advantage of academic-based workshops, meetings, and surveys initiated by the school.

### **Students will...**

- Read daily and strive to reach the goal set to increase their Lexile score through IXL.
- Be diligent in accessing IXL to improve Math skills.
- Utilize school resources provided on websites, newsletter, and videos related to Literacy and Math.
- Attend academic-based workshops with parents.