

**Tattnall County Schools  
Annual Title I Parent Meeting  
2024 - 2025**



*Tattnall County High School  
In Person Meeting  
8-22-2024  
4:00 pm*



# Presenter

*Nick Tatum  
Academic Coach  
TCHS*



# Welcome

*TCHS is proud to be a partner with parents in educating our community's children.*



# Title I Annual Parent Meeting Agenda

- ❖ What is a Title I School?
- ❖ How does our district/school spend Title I money? How is Title I Parent and Family Engagement money spent?
- ❖ What is required by law for Parent and Family Engagement?
- ❖ What are our school's Title I Schoolwide requirements?
- ❖ Schoolwide Program participation – Past and Present
  - What are our Schoolwide goals?
  - What programs/supports are in place to help students?
  - What is the state's grades report for our school?
- ❖ What curriculum does our school use?
- ❖ What tests will my child be taking?

# Title I Annual Parent Meeting Agenda continued....

- ❖ Does my child's teacher meet professional qualifications and a parent's right to know?
- ❖ What opportunities does the school provide for family engagement?
- ❖ How responsive will the school be to my questions when staff is contacted?
- ❖ McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth
- ❖ Closing and evaluations
- ❖ BOE Contact Information

# What is a Title I school?

- ❖ Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools.
- ❖ The U.S. Department of Education provides each state with an allocation based on census poverty data.
- ❖ The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.
- ❖ For more information visit Georgia Department of Education website at [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org).
- ❖ All of Tattnall County's schools are Title I schools.



# Title I money



- ❖ Title I funds may only be used to supplement, not supplant existing services.
- ❖ Our district/school utilizes the 1% of our Title I funds for parent engagement – this pays for our student handbooks, agendas, printing, parent communication, parent newsletters, parent and family engagement activities, translations and interpretation, family resource centers, and other parent resources.
- ❖ Title I meeting supplies/materials.
- ❖ If you have any questions about the Title I budget for the county, please contact Dr. Tisha Holland at 557-4726.

# Title I Parent and Family Engagement Requirements

- ❖ District Parent and Family Engagement Policy
  - (Available at [www.tattnallschools.org](http://www.tattnallschools.org) under Departments tab then select Federal Programs from drop down.)
  - Available in the Student Handbook
- ❖ School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- ❖ School-Parent Compact
- ❖ Annual Title I Parent Meeting (prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>)
- ❖ Annual Evaluation



***While the ESSA has many requirements, there is a strong focus throughout the law on parent and family engagement notification and involvement.....***



# ***LEA Parent and Family Engagement Policy ESSA Section 1116 (a) (2)***

Each Local Educational Agency (LEA) that receives Title I funds must jointly develop, and agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of children receiving services a written parent and family engagement policy. The LEA parent and family engagement policy outlines how the district will implement programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents in Title I programs. The policy will establish the district's expectations for parent and family engagement and how the district will carry out the parent and family engagement requirements.

# *School Parent and Family Engagement Policy*

## *ESSA Section 1116 (b) and (c)*

Each school that receives Title I funds must jointly develop, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of children receiving services a written parent and family engagement policy. The school parent and family engagement policy describes how the school will carry out the parent and family engagement requirements to ensure effective engagement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

# *School-Parent Compact*

## *ESSA Section 1116 (d)*

Each school that receives Title I funds must jointly develop and revise with parents a school-parent compact as part of the school-level parent and family engagement policy. The school-parent compact is an agreement that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved 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 standards.

# *Annual Title I Parent Meeting*

## *ESSA Section 1116 (c) (1)*

- ❖ Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved.

# *Annual Evaluation*

## *ESSA Section 1116 (a) (2) (D) & (E)*

- ❖ Each Local Educational Agency (LEA) that receives Title I funds must conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the Title I schools, including identifying possible barriers to greater participation of parents in activities and programs.

# Title I Schoolwide Program requirements & participation

- A Title I Schoolwide Program (SWP) addresses the educational needs of **all students** with comprehensive strategies for improving the whole school so that every student achieves high levels of academic proficiency.
- SWP can improve academic achievement throughout a school so that **all students**, particularly the lowest-achieving students, demonstrate proficiency related to the state's academic content standards.
- SWP builds on schoolwide reform strategies, rather than separate, add-on services.
- The Title I Annual Schoolwide Plan is developed with input from various stakeholders.
- Title I districts and schools are required to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to identify student and staff needs and to determine appropriate programs, services and activities.

# \_\_\_ Schoolwide Goals

- #1 - *Tattnall County High School will implement targeted interventions to decrease the retention rate of 9th graders from 14% to 11% or better for the 2024-2025 school year.*
- # 2 - *Tattnall County High School will implement curriculum and assessment initiatives to increase the number of developing, proficient, and distinguished students by 3% or better on the End of Course assessment in all tested areas for the 2024-2025 school year.*



# Schoolwide programs/supports

- Goal #1:
  - Common planning for 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers
  - Provide additional support to 9<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Assistant Principal designated to focus on curriculum and data
  - Graduation Coach to identify student barriers and implement target interventions
- Goal # 2
  - Achievement level descriptors, common assessments, frequent data investigations
  - Common curriculum maps to insure viable curriculum

**\* You, as Title I parents, have the right to provide input in the development of the schoolwide improvement plan. You are encouraged to submit suggestions at any time throughout the school year to the school principal.**



# School State Report Card

Add the following link for the Georgia School Grades Report - can show parents how to access each school's state report card. Each school can add a snapshot of their grades report.

[https://schoolgrades.georgia.gov/school-search?f\[0\]=field\\_district:144](https://schoolgrades.georgia.gov/school-search?f[0]=field_district:144)

# School's Curriculum and Testing

*ACCESS Testing: January 13 to February 28, 2025*

*Winter (Spring) Main GMAS EOC:*

- *Dec. 9, 2024 (May 5, 2025) – American Lit Section #1*
- *Dec. 10, 2024 (May 6, 2025) – American Lit Section #2 & 3*
- *Dec. 11, 2024 (May 7, 2025) – Algebra Concepts*
- *Dec 12, 2024 (May 8, 2025) – Biology*
- *Dec 13, 2024 (May 9, 2025) – US History*

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards>

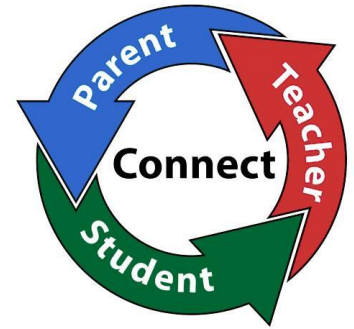


*Georgia's academic content standards establish high expectations for all students. The Georgia Standards identify what your child needs to know and be able to do in all content areas by grade levels. The Georgia Standards form the framework of everything taught at school.*

# Student Academic Expectations

- *How do these tests measure my child's progress?*
- *What proficiency levels is my child expected to meet?*
- *How to access previous test performance, standards, and attendance about my child using the [Statewide Longitudinal Data System \(SLDS\)](#) through the school's parent portal (if applicable)*

# Parents' Right to Know



- ❖ In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, parents may request professional qualifications of student's teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s).
- ❖ A copy of notification can be viewed on Tattnall County Schools district page by selecting Departments and Federal Programs from drop down. Copy of notice is located under Parent and Community section.
- ❖ If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher(s) and/ or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact the principal at your child's school or Mrs. Gwenda Johnson at the Tattnall County Board of Education (912)-557-4726.

# Family Engagement Opportunities

- List family engagement opportunities offered for school or home
- List volunteer opportunities
- List parent decision making opportunities/meetings/councils

## *School's Responsiveness*

Please add a statement if parents can contact teacher through email, Remind, Class Dojo or scheduled phone meeting. Provide staff contact information (email, Remind/Class Dojo codes)



# TCHS Contact Information

- *Principal – Justin Flowers*
- *Assistant Principals – Amy Scott, Allen Yancey, Sabrina Page*
- *Academic Coach – Nick Tatum*
- *Brianna Hill – Graduation Coach*

*TCHS*

*#1 Battle Creek Warrior Blvd.*

*Reidsville, Ga. 30427*

*(912) 557-4374*

# **McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth**

**Tattnall County Board Of Education  
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# What is McKinney-Vento?

- The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) is a program designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free and appropriate public education, including preschool, as other students.



# McKinney-Vento Law

- ❖ Definition of Homeless Students
- ❖ Individuals whose nighttime residence is NOT:
  - Fixed – stationary, permanent, and not subject to change
  - Regular – used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis
  - Adequate – sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home (42 U.S.C. § 11434A(2)(B)(i))

# “Homeless” includes children who are:

- ❖ Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- ❖ Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or camping ground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- ❖ Living in an emergency or transitional shelter
- ❖ Abandoned in hospitals

# “Homeless” includes children who are:

- ❖ Living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation
- ❖ Living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar setting
- ❖ Migratory children

# McKinney-Vento Act

## **Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)**

- ❖ Unaccompanied = not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
- ❖ There is a 2-Step Process for determining
- ❖ Unaccompanied youth have the same rights as other students experiencing homelessness.

# How many are there?

- ❖ **The number of students experiencing homelessness has decreased:** The number of identified students experiencing homelessness in Georgia increased every year from 2011-12 (34,379) to 2018-19 (40,337); however, the number identified in 2019-2020 has decreased (36,753). There was a 9% percent reduction from 2018-19 to 2019-20.
- ❖ According to HUD, the state's homeless population was 7,905 in 2022, including 2,784 people in families with children and 479 unaccompanied homeless youth.
- ❖ In Tattnall County we had the following number of homeless students:
  - ❖ 2018-2019 - 34
  - ❖ 2019-2020 - 34
  - ❖ 2020-2021 - 22
  - ❖ 2021-2022 - 18
  - ❖ 2022-2023 - 28
  - ❖ 2023-2024 - 25

# Common Signs of Homelessness

- ❖ Lack of continuity in education
- ❖ Poor health/nutrition
- ❖ Transportation and attendance problems
- ❖ Poor hygiene
- ❖ Lack of personal space after school
- ❖ Social and behavioral concerns
- ❖ Reaction/statements by parent, guardian, or child

# Who do I contact for help?

- ❖ The local Homeless Liaison is Dr. Tisha Holland. You can contact her at any time with questions or concerns.

(912) 557-4726

[tholland@tattall.k12.ga.us](mailto:tholland@tattall.k12.ga.us)

146 West Brazell St. Reidsville, Ga

(Board of Education)



*Help!*

# Questions/Evaluations

- Please complete the survey at the following link or use the QR Code.
- The results of this survey will be utilized to help in the development of the Title I School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan and future parent and family engagement activities and events.
- If you have a question or suggestions, please contact your child's school at the number previously provided.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd\\_FpwrDDmTy2HWoRK4h9pCzeqJ3Oz86jZNJ1wzblYl7uMv0w/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_FpwrDDmTy2HWoRK4h9pCzeqJ3Oz86jZNJ1wzblYl7uMv0w/viewform?usp=sf_link)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT**



# Tattnall BOE Contact Information

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Reidsville, GA 30453

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Monday - Thursday  
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(8:00-4:00)

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Tattnall County Schools	<a href="http://www.tattnallschools.org">www.tattnallschools.org</a>
North Tattnall Elementary School South Tattnall Elementary School	<a href="https://ntes.tattnallschools.org">https://ntes.tattnallschools.org</a> <a href="http://stes.tattnallschools.org">http://stes.tattnallschools.org</a>
North Tattnall Middle School South Tattnall Middle School	<a href="http://ntms.tattnallschools.org">ntms.tattnallschools.org</a> <a href="http://stms.tattnallschools.org">stms.tattnallschools.org</a>
Tattnall County High School	<a href="http://tchs.tattnallschools.org">tchs.tattnallschools.org</a>
Georgia Department of Education	<a href="http://www.gadoe.org">www.gadoe.org</a>
U.S. Department of Education	<a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>
Georgia Standards	<a href="http://www.georgiastandards.org">www.georgiastandards.org</a>

# *“Whatever It Takes”*



The Tattnall County School District is committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure a quality education that affirms ALL students' value and worth and will lead to high school graduation and productive citizenship.