

Northside High School

Title I Information Session

September 10, 2025



What is a Title I School?

Title I is a program that provides federal funds through the Georgia Department of Education to local educational agencies and public schools with high numbers or percentages of children in poverty to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards.



How is Title I Parent and Family Engagement Money Spent?

NHS uses its Title funds for:

- Personnel
 - **Intervention Teacher** - supports students who need to recover credits
 - **Intervention Specialist** - work on graduation plans for students who are under-credited & over age limit.
 - **Family Engagement Liaison** – plans family engagement workshops and other activities that support student academic achievement and creates a welcoming environment
- Supplies
- Books/materials for classroom
- Technology
- Training for teachers – course team planning days



What are our Title I School wide goals?

Our goals are high quality instruction for all students and providing intervention and support for students who need them.



What programs/supports are in place to help my child?

- Structured after-school tutoring program
- IXL Software that utilizes MAP scores to build student's foundational knowledge and close gaps in learning
- PBIS to positively impact behavior goals



What curriculum does our school use?

NHS follows Georgia's Standards of Excellence with the help of various textbooks and resources



What tests will my child take?

- Normal classroom assessments
- MAP tests for 9th and 10th graders in ELA/Reading and Math
- EOC in Biology, Algebra 1CC, US History, and 10th Grade Literature & Composition II
- AP tests for those in the courses
- PSAT for all 10th graders
- SAT/ACT/ASVAB based on student needs



How do these tests measure my child's progress?

- **Classroom Assessments:** Teachers analyze the data of common summative and common formative to remediate and monitor student progress.
- **MAP Growth measures: Achievement:** Your child's current understanding and performance in a subject compared to other students nationwide at the same grade level. **Growth:** The progress a student has made overtime, from one testing period to the next.
- **End of Course Tests (EOC)** test students on their knowledge of the standards. Students are provided with a numerical score for grading and the designation of "Beginning Learner", "Developing Learner", "Proficient Learner", and "Distinguished Learner" for each EOC they take.

What proficiency level is my child expected to meet?

The NHS expectation is proficient or above for EOCs.



What is required, by law, for Parent and Family Engagement?

Northside High School is required to provide families opportunities to be engaged in the education of their child by providing:

- **Annual Title I Meeting** to explain what it means to be a Title I school
- **Academic-based activities** covering Literacy, Curriculum Standards, Technology, Testing and ESOL
- **Welcoming Climate**
- **Shared Decision-Making opportunities** to include surveys and input meetings
- **Professional Develop for Staff** on the importance of family engagement

What is the District's Parent and Family Engagement Plan?



Parent and Family Engagement is an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication and collaboration between families, schools and communities with the goal of increasing student academic achievement and success.

The Houston County Schools System works diligently to ensure that our families of students attending Title I schools receive extraordinary services and opportunities as we meet Title I regulations with meaningful and strategic actions.

Research is clear that when schools and families support each other, students of all backgrounds and various abilities achieve at higher levels.

The ultimate goal of family engagement is to increase student achievement by engaging and empowering parents to become actively involved in their children's education across all grade levels.

Houston County School District

District Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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What is Family Engagement?

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 and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents and families are encouraged to be actively engaged in their child's education.
- That parents and families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in the decision-making process to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA.

About the Parent and Family Engagement Plan

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Houston County School System (HCSS) has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes the district's expectations for family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent/family partnerships in the district's Title I schools. This plan will describe HCSS's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive parental engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve parents and family members in their children's education. The HCSS will work with its Title I schools to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement plans meet the requirements of the federal law and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact.

What is the NHS Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

This plan describes how NHS will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning.

ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Northside High 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
9 th Grade/New Student Meet & Greet	Transition	July 29, 2025
NHS Community Pep Rally	Community Collaboration	July 31, 2025
ESOL Parent Meeting	ESOL	August 26, 2025
Parent – Teacher Conferences	Monitoring Progress	On - Going
Annual Title I Meeting	Informational/Welcoming	September 8, 2025
Tea with Ms. Terry	Parent Action Team – Shared Decision Making	September 24, 2025
Math & Manners – From Spades to Grades	Curriculum Math & PBIS	October 20, 2025
Financial Aid Night	Transition	November 5, 2025
Literacy Night	Curriculum Literacy	November 18, 2025
Technology Night	Curriculum Technology	November 18, 2025
Let's Talk Testing	Curriculum Testing/Assessments	November 18, 2025
Families Finishing FAFSA	Transition	January 14, 2026
Title I Parent Satisfaction Survey	SDM	March 3 rd – 5 th 2026
Evening Advisement	Monitoring Progress	March 3 rd – 5 th 2026
8 th Grade Parent Information Night	Transition	March 13, 2026
Voices for the Vision Parent Meeting	Shared Decision Making	March of 2026
Data with Dr. Dykes	Parent Action Team – Shared Decision Making	April 29, 2026

NHS 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.

Family Engagement Liaison

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What is the School – Parent Compact?

This is an agreement between NHS, our students and their parents/families to work together to improve student learning and achievement.

School – Parent Compact

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

Northside High School will

- * Host literacy and math family events to support student learning and provide exposure to various strategies and methods of teaching and learning.
- * Train parents on the use of technology resources, such as Infinite Campus to monitor grades and attendance and academic based tech resources.
- * Invite parents to attend Evening Advisement to review graduation plans and graduation requirements.
- * Provide opportunities for the school and community to work together as partners.

Family will

- * Attend and actively participate in academic events to gain insight on how to support student learning at home.
- * Utilize Infinite Campus to monitor student progress, grades, and attendance on a regular basis.
- * Attend Evening Advisement to assist your child in class selections, review graduation requirements, and ensure that their child is on track to graduate on time.
- * Support the school's effort to partner with families and the community. Show up and be present.

Student will

- * Remind parents and attend academic-based family events to help support their learning.
- * Keep up with their grades by checking Infinite Campus frequently.
- * Attend Evening Advisement in order to make informed decisions about class schedules as well as graduation and post-secondary education and workforce opportunities.
- * Support the school's effort to partner with families and the community. Show up and be present.



Does my child's teacher meet professional qualifications?

Yes, 100% of NHS teachers and paraprofessionals are highly qualified.



What is a Parents Right to Know?

The federal education law – The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that all parents in a Title I school be notified and given the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals instructing their child.



What opportunities does the school provide for parent engagement?

Northside hosts academic events and activities meant to provide parents/families opportunities to engage with their child to support student learning and success. Northside parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in school activities both during the school day and after school.

Northside parents are encouraged to participate in our School Council and Parent Action Team along with contributing their feedback during our Shared Decision Making process in the Spring.



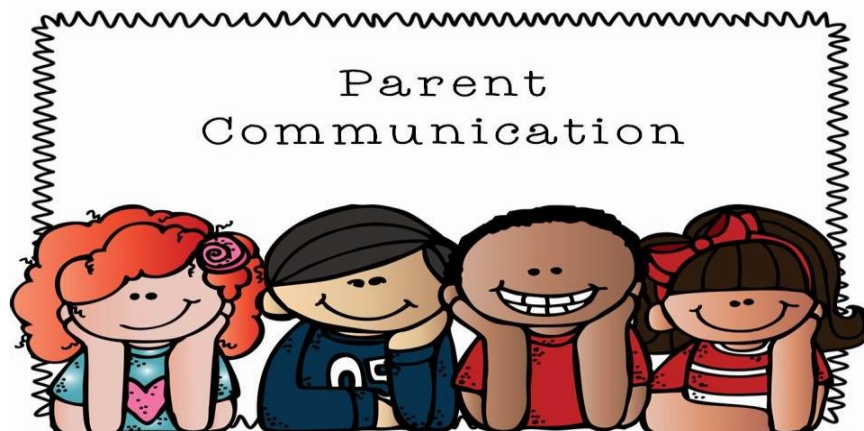
How does the school build staff capacity for parent and family engagement?

Northside's faculty and staff participate in professional development sessions focused on the importance of family engagement. 4 PD opportunities are provided each year covering topics such as effective communication, disengaging reluctant parents and customer service.



How responsive will the school be to my questions when staff is contacted?

Northside High has an open-door policy. Please feel free to reach out via email, phone calls or stopping by the front office to schedule an appointment. You will receive a reply to any questions or concerns within 24 hours.



What other federal programs are available to benefit my student?

- ESOL – Rosalin Rodriguez and Jessica Perez
- McKinney –Vento Homeless – Patricia Lane
- Migrant Education – Araceli Ulmer



Thank you for joining us!

If you have any further questions concerning the Title I program at Northside High School, please reach out to our Family Engagement Liaison.

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