

Temple Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan



2026–2027

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Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

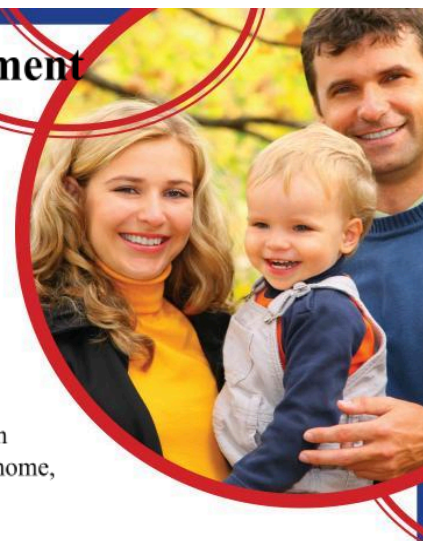
Temple Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective 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 policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Temple Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Temple 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 Temple Middle will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school, home, and virtually.



How is it revised?

Temple Middle School invited all parents to attend 26-27 final input meeting for an input on all Title I forms including the Parent/Family Engagement Plan. That information was brought into the design of the plan for 26-27. All parents were invited to Open House 6th/7th/8th grade session on August 4, 2026, as well as to our Title I Input meeting on September 8, 2026 at 12:00 or 4:30 PM to review and revise this parent & family engagement policy, the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, Building Staff Capacity, and the 1% family engagement budget. All parents were invited to attend our Annual Title I meeting on September 8, 2026 at 12:30 or 5:00PM. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through emailing the school family engagement coordinator. The plan is posted on our school website for parents and community members to view and submit feedback throughout the year. A final input meeting will be held at the end of the school year for any final parental input. 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 to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. If the school wide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of TMS students, parents can submit comments on the plan to the district Title I representative at heather.duke@carrollcountyschools.com.

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. Temple Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. Parents unable to attend due to transportation or childcare limitations will be provided transportation and childcare if the school is notified of the need ahead of time.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan will be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center, located in Student Services. The plan will be available in English and Spanish. Translation in another language is an option if notification is given in advance.

2026-2027 District Goals

Increase the number of students scoring Proficient and Distinguished on the ELA GMAS by three percent.
Increase the number of students scoring Proficient and Distinguished on the math GMAS by three percent.

2026-2027 School Goals

TMS will focus on improving reading levels and math proficiency on GMAS, with a 3% increase in the number of proficient and distinguished scores by:

TMS will focus on improving by:

Focusing on oral reading fluency daily in ELA classes and increased non-fiction texts in science and social studies
Focusing on the 4Cs instruction to increase rigor and student engagement.

Expanding student goal setting by implementing visual data charts and individual SMART student goal setting
Teachers will offer tutoring during one of their planning periods to work with students for remediation or acceleration in the areas of, but not limited to, Ratios & Proportions, Statistics & Probability, and Geometry

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Temple 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 feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Academic Parent Meetings and the Input meetings. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept in the Parent Resource Area if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Temple Middle 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. Meetings will be held at various times to accommodate parents as well as virtually as needed to accommodate the virus limitations of public gatherings.

Activities to Build Partnerships

July 28, 2026 - Tiger Camp for 6th grade students: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

6th grade students engage with their teachers in introductory activities involving reading, math, science, social studies, and STEM. 6th grade families meet their child's teachers and are introduced to the 6th grade curricula. They are also provided with a virtual walkthrough of the school grounds. Following the orientation camp, parents can virtually attend a question & answer session.

August 4, 2026 - Open House, All Grades, at TMS: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. Learn about and sign-up for Infinite Campus to have access to your student's grades. Provide input to draft Title I Documents.

August 26, 2026 - Ready to Roar Night: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Parents follow along with their student's class bell schedule to engage in hands-on content and connections activities and lessons similar to those that students do during a day of learning at Temple Middle School. Parents have the opportunity to explore course curriculum documents and provide feedback.

September 8, 2026 - Annual Title I Meeting: 12:00 or 4:30 PM

Learn about the Temple Middle School Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements and opportunities.

September 8, 2026 - Annual Title I Input Meeting: 12:30 or 5:00 PM

Provide important input on the Temple Middle School Parent Compact, School Wide Plan, Parent Family Engagement Plan, and 1% Parent Budget.

October 20, 2026 - Hispanic Heritage Night, Temple Cluster, Temple HS: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

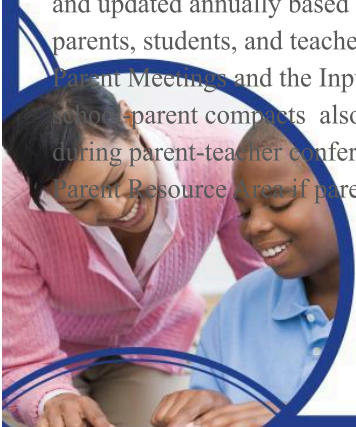
Parents and students participate in a Temple community celebration of Hispanic heritage and culture.

January 26-28, 2027 - Spring Student-Led Conference Night: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Parents and students participate in student led academic conferences. Student assessments and results information will be provided. Parents have the opportunity to explore course curriculum documents and provide feedback.

February, date TBD, STEAM Cluster Night, 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Parents and students participate in an evening highlighting STEM activities from across our cluster at Temple Middle School.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center inside of Student Services to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computer/printer is available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Temple 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, 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.

Temple 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.

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Temple Middle is Reaching Out!

Temple 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 information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, 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 high schools, 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

Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through school website, Zoom/Google Hangout, Infinite Campus messenger 2.0, Remind, parent weekly principal emails, social media, and flyers.

[Facebook.com/temple.middle](https://www.facebook.com/temple.middle)

Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations/videos to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning

Provide literacy/curriculum night, necessary materials and handouts for parents at Open House and conferences, meetings, and digital technology night sharing with parents how technology is used in student academic achievement and the proper ways for students and parents to be good digital citizens while using the internet. These activities are to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement and provide curriculum information for student success

Provide parents with a detailed description of their child's assessment scores on the Georgia Milestones in a language that best suits the parents needs, as well as provide a description/explanation of the assessments used to measure student progress and achievements for the challenging State academic standards upon request

Use our Partners in Education and School PBIS Council 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 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. Parents can also email the Parent Engagement Coordinator, emily.tucker@carrollcountyschools.com



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Temple Middle has adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

Welcoming All Families
Communicating Effectively
Supporting Student Success
Speaking Up for Every Child
Sharing Power
Collaborating with Community

TMS School Council

Temple Middle invites all parents to join the School Council 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 during the school year, 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 the School Council or to schedule a meeting, please contact the principal at (770) 562-6001 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



TMS School Council

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

Name:

Child's Name and Grade:

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)