

***Hart County Middle School  
Parent/Family Engagement Plan  
for Shared Student Success***

***2017-2018 School Year***

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**What is Title I?**

Hart County Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and Local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parent/family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents/families a written parental engagement plan.

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Hart County Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent/family engagement to support student learning. Hart County Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Hart County Middle School will support parent 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 developed?** Hart County Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school's website for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year via email and conferences with administration and teachers. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent/family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during frequently scheduled parent/family engagement events.

**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. Hart County Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?** At the beginning of the year, the plan is included as an addendum to the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will give the plan to all parents during the scheduled Open House events. Parents and new students can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the office or on our school website.



## 2017-2018 District Goals

The Hart County Charter System is committed to academic excellence. The mission of the district is to prepare all individuals to meet tomorrow's challenges by providing quality educational opportunities today. The district has set the following goals for 2017-2018:

- The Hart County Charter System's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score will be equal to or better than the state's CCRPI core.
- Students in the Hart County Charter System will demonstrate academic growth in the area of language (including reading, language, and writing) as measured by state and local assessments.

## 2017-2018 School Goals

Administrators, teachers, and parents have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our students.

- HCMS's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score will be equal to or better than the state's CCRPI score.
- HCMS will have writing scores equal to or better than the state average as measured by the Georgia Milestone Assessment.
- HCMS will have scores on the District Assessment in the areas of science and social studies equal to or greater than state average as measured by the Pre and Post Assessments.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Hart County Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This is an agreement that parents and teachers will develop together 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 a week-long planning session that parents, teachers, and community members are invited to attend. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need an additional copy.

## Parent/Family Engagement Opportunities:

Hart County Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent/family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement

**July 26, 2017 -Transition Camp 9:00-12:00pm** - Activities for rising 6th graders. Students will receive their schedules; learn use of Cornell Notes, explanation of the notebook, attendance, Infinite Campus, Remind 101. Parents will take part in a training on how to take academic notes, training on Infinite Campus and Remind 101, and organize notes for student's success in academic area from 9:00 – 12:00.

**July 28, 2017 – Meet the Teacher - 4:00-6:00** - Parents will receive student schedules and meet the teachers. Teachers will teach specifics, in response to requests from our school community, in each period: 1) Explanation of the notebook, 2) explanation of attendance (procedures and importance), 3) Cornell Notes (Explanation), 4) Tutoring/questions, 5) Infinite Campus (use of, etc.) teachers can teach parents how to sign up on their phones for Remind 101, 6) School Curriculum and location on school website of unit plans and resources. 7) Review of School Compact with and how it relates to their grade level and classroom.

**August 24, 2017 –Annual Title I Meeting 6:00pm** - An overview of the following will be provided: School Wide Plan, Parent/Family Engagement Plan, & Student/Teacher/Parent Compacts. Title I requirements will be explained. (Translation services available upon request.)

**August 24, 2017 -Curriculum Night 6:30 pm** - Parents will be provided with information about curriculum. Teachers will model an instructional session on note taking strategies (Cornell Notes), navigating Infinite Campus, Digital Citizenship, and current academic topics will be provided to parents.

**October 9, 2017 –Parent Conferences /Early Release Day 1:00** - Teachers will give out report cards; discuss students' classroom performance, review the Parent, Teacher, Student Compacts, and model instructional strategies. Conferences can be scheduled by calling the school. Translation services for conferences will be available upon request.

**December 14, 2017 – Writing Strategies 5:00 – 6:00pm** – Parents will attend an instructional session presented by students related to writing strategies (RACE (Restate Answer Cite Explain) & DBQ (Data Based Questioning). Instruction on current year's curriculum (examples: identifying textual evidence and incorporating it into the writing process), for local and state assessments (MAP & Georgia Milestones).

**January 9, 2018- Health/Wellness Fair 7:30-8:30am, 11:30-12:30pm or 2:00-3:00pm** – Parents will have the opportunity to see how and why practicing proper health and wellness can enhance student's achievement. Additionally, Parents will be given health and wellness literature/resources that will show important techniques/tips to help improve your child's quality of life in 2017-2018. Staff will tell about exercises that can improve your child's overall health and wellness.

**February 6, 2018 -End of Grade Assessments and Resources 4:30 – 5:30pm** - Parents will participate in a testing activity with their student that will provide information about the District Assessment System in Science and Social Studies, as well as Georgia Milestones in the areas of Math and ELA.

**March 12, 2018 -- Parent Conferences/Early Release Day 1:00** - Teachers will give out report cards; discuss students' classroom performance, review the Parent, Teacher, Student Compacts, and model instructional strategies. Conferences can be scheduled by calling the school. Translation services for conferences will be available upon request.

**April 10, 2018 – Scheduling Meeting/Career Paths—Parent Advisory Council (PAC) - 5:30 – 7:00pm** - Each grade level will provide parents information about scheduling for the upcoming year. Information about available classes, high school credits, and academic support will be explained.

**May 2, 2018 – Science Expo - 5:30 – 6:30pm** - Parents and students will participate in hands on science/math strategies related to their students grade level. The strategies will promote critical thinking and problem solving skills.

**June 2018 – Title 1 Planning Meeting** - Work sessions devoted to the development, review, and improvement of Title I programs and plans; all parents are encouraged to participate. The use of Parental Involvement funds will be discussed during these sessions.

### **Parent Family Engagement**

Hart County Middle School believes that parent/family engagement means the participation of parents in a consistent partnership and in meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. These ensure –

- Parents play an essential role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.

### **Hart County Middle School is Branching Out!**

Hart County Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an integral foundation of the school in order to strengthen and reach our academic goals.

We will –

- ✓ Ensure that information related to school and parent/family engagement programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on one or more of the following: school's website, Remind 101 (text service), automated school-wide phone calls, school marquee, school Facebook page, Twitter, Infinite Campus, and the Hartwell Sun.
- ✓ Conduct staff development throughout the year on parent/family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with elementary schools and the high school to share school information about parent/family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child to help school transition from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ✓ Share information in multiple languages 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.
- ✓ A translator will be available at our Open House on July 28th scheduled request for early release parent teacher conferences on October 9<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff and parents on the importance of parent/family engagement inside and outside of the school setting.(i.e. community meetings at Recreation Department, local restaurants, and churches)
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings inside and outside of the school setting, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parent/family engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent/family engagement



**Student Achievement**



### Hart County Middle School Vision Statement

Hart County Middle School's vision is to become a world class school that meets the needs of our student population by striving to attain high academic achievement and personal growth. This will be accomplished through continuous collaboration between school, community, parents and students. We will foster a school climate that is safe and supportive of individual students, enabling them to become active, successful members of the community.

#### At Hart County Middle School, we believe:

- That Hart County Middle School should provide a friendly, safe, and supportive environment
- That students, staff, parents and community should work together to promote learning
- That HCMS should provide a learning environment that recognizes social and cultural diversity
- That Hart County Middle School Student's needs should be met through challenging learning opportunities that recognize their individual learning styles.

### HCMS Parent/Family Engagement Team

Hart County Middle School invites all parents to join The Parent/Family Engagement Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team contact Bryan Edwards, Principal at (706) 376-5431 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

### Parent/Family Engagement Team

- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent/Family Engagement Team.
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent/Family Engagement Team
- ☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

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 plan that you feel is not satisfactory, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Comment(s):

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