***Northside Middle School***

***Parent and Family Engagement Plan***

***2020-2021 School Year***



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**What is Title I?** Northside Middle School 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 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan.

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Northside Middle (NMS) will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. NMS 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 NMS 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 revised?** Northside Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey and value the suggestions and feedback on Title I documentation. Any unsatisfactory feedback will be reported to the county district office. Parents are invited to participate in a variety of decision making capacities and all documents are available for review throughout the year on the school’s website or as requested. A Title I handbook will be distributed to all students and parents at the beginning of the school year and to newly enrolled students and families during the course of the year. The Parent Engagement Team (“NMS P.E. Team”) invites all parents and stakeholders to participate in an annual shared decision making meeting. All Title I Documents are reviewed and revised.

**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. NMS 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 in the Title I Parent Handbook that is given to all students. Parents can also view a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in the front office, and additional copies are available upon request. You may also access it online at www.nms.hcbe.net.

**2020-2021**

**Northside Middle School Goals**

**For Student Achievement**

We will increase our 2019 CCRPI score by 3%.

We will also continue to grow in our implementation of professional learning communities (PLCs) so that the percentage of students’ achievement grows by 3% between 2019 and 2021 as measured by Georgia Milestone Assessment and the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP).

Northside Middle will increase by 3% the number of students demonstrating reading comprehension at the midpoint of the College and Career ready “stretch” Lexile Band on the GMAS.

**Houston County System Goals:**

* Increase the value of the overall College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score by 3% focusing on literacy, high quality standards based instruction and Multi-Tier System of Supports.
* Increase the percentage of parents who feel their child’s school provides various opportunities for engagement.

**Let’s Get Together!**

Due to Covid-19, Northside Middle School (NMS) intends to host the following events in a virtual format to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Please note that these events may be subject to change.

Virtual Meet and Greet – August 2020

* Meet your child’s teachers and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year

Virtual Annual Title I Meeting – September 2020

* We invite you to join us online for an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents’ requirements. Invitations to this virtual event will be posted in the school, sent home with students, school website (on-line), and through local media.

Infinite Campus Training – ALL Year (On Going)

* Register and track your child’s progress in their various classes. Communicate with their teachers on a regular basis in an effort to maintain student success.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – ALL Year (On-Going)

* Scheduled updates on your child’s progress, review of the School–Parent Compacts, and other important relevant issues.

“A Virtual Day in My Shoes” Grade Level – September 2020

* This event is designed for parents to login and watch what a typical day is like for their student and see how they learn in their “new normal” environment. They will see examples of engaging activities prepared by the teachers. Parents are then encouraged to continue using the strategies they saw utilized online to assist their student as needed at home.

“NMS Parent Literacy Events” – October 2020 and January 2021

* These parent events are designed to inform and communicate to parents the curriculum and requirements of Language Arts for grades 6-8. During these events and in conjunction with covering the standards in Language Arts, teachers will share how reading is important in all classroom settings. Our goal for Literacy Events are to get parents involved with their students reading and writing success. We will be hosting a Facebook Live event to take a tour of the Media Center and learn more about the different genres we offer at NMS. We will also give reading tips to help our students jump back into the swing of things.

“NMS Parent Online Math Sessions” - Ongoing

* We will be hosting pre-recorded online sessions to help parents with Math content and curriculum. During these sessions, parents are learning strategic techniques to assist students at home.

“Cram Session Video Tutorial”- November 2020

* A teacher from each grade level and content area will provide study materials and strategies to assist parents and students in their preparation for upcoming final exams. This pre-recorded event will give parents the necessary tools to help their student study over thanksgiving break and prepare for finals.

“Honor Roll Recognition – October 2020, January 2021, and March 2021

* Honor Roll Students will be recognized for their academic success

**We strongly encourage all parents to login and participate in our virtual family engagement activities. Incentives, personal calls, and emails will be used to garner support for our parent programs. YOU ARE IMPORTANT… WE NEED YOU!**

**Parent and Family Engagement**

Northside Middle School believes that parent engagement means the participation of parents 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.

**Parent and Family Engagement Standards**

Northside Middle School and our district have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

**Reaching Our Goals!**

Northside Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as equal partners in their child’s education. In order to reach our goal of the highest quality of student achievement, the school pledges to implement the following:

* Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and in an understandable language. They will be posted on the school website and included in the 9 week school newsletter for parents.
* Conduct at least (4) staff development trainings on parent engagement practices, and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
* Provide high quality instruction that is aligned with the state standards so each student has every opportunity to master each standard, to transition to the next level.
* Utilize best practices in all subject areas using manipulatives; communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, via phone messages, social media, flyers, and other outlets; these will be communicated in English and Spanish.
* Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
* Listen and respond to parents’ requests for additional support for parental engagement activities.
* Provide parents with at least 7 academic workshops per school year, so as to keep parents informed of curriculum standards, tools for learning at home, and promote a strong school to home connection.
* Survey parents at least annually to evaluate the success of the school, parent-student workshops, and student needs.
* Provide parents opportunities to serve on various decision making committees to help implement policies, student remediation/enrichment opportunities, safety concerns, and be an integral part of Northside Middle School.
* Activities/Events are provided to all parents with the basic skills they need to assist children transiting at all levels. These events occur before school starts and near the end of the year.
* Advertise information on literacy & computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
* Partner with community and business organizations to enhance activities and events listed in the Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

**Parent and Family Engagement Team- “NMS P.E. Team”**

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

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**School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Northside Middle and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students 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. Invitations to review will be posted in the spring of 2021. The school-parent compacts are kept on file with each child’s teacher if parents need a copy. The compact will be reviewed with parents during conferencing times.

**Parent Action Team**

Northside Middle School invites all parents to join the Parent Engagement Team (“NMS P.E. Team”) to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet every other month, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys. If you would like to learn more about the NMS P.E. Team, or have any ideas or suggestions, please see Mrs. Kyna Williams, our Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator.

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**The Parent Resource Center** is located in the NMS Front Office lobby… if you can’t find what you need, please feel free to let us know!

**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 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) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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