

Temple Middle school

Parent and Family Engagement Plan



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Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2020-2021 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 our Title I Input meeting on August 17th, 2020 at 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact, and the 1% family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. 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 and by mail 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 www.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.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan will also 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 the front office.

2020-2021 District Goals

- ✓ The percentage of students at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.
- ✓ The percentage of students at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.

2020-2021 School Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by three percentage points.

TMS will focus on improving by:

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade ELA: will read and analyze literary and information text.

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Math: will focus on improving in the areas of:

6th Grade Math: Understanding of number sense, multiplying and dividing fractions, understanding of rational numbers.

7th Grade Math: Develop an understanding of operations with rational numbers and work with expressions and linear equations.

8th Grade Math: Define, evaluate, and compare functions as well as use functions to model relationships between quantities.

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 to accommodate the virus limitations of public gatherings.

6th Grade Virtual Orientation Camp – July 23rd, 2020 9:00 am

6th Grade Virtual Parent Q&A Meeting – July 23rd, 2020 12:00 PM *recorded

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 led by our lead 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Blair Cole. The session will be recorded and posted for those who cannot attend the live Zoom meeting.

Premier Live Experience Open House – August 12th – 17th, 2020 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Teachers will arrange scheduled open house meeting time slots with parents and students during this week. Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Premier Live Experience Band Camp – August 18th, 2020 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Parents can sign students up to attend Band Camp who are interested in participating in Band with Mrs. Martin. This is an introductory camp on what students can expect if they plan to participate in Band during the school year.

Premier Live Experience Art Camp – August 19th, 2020 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Parents can sign students up to attend Art Camp who are interested in participating in Art with Mrs. Lane. This is an introductory camp on what students can expect if they plan to participate in Art during the school year.

Title I Input Meeting – August 17th, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM *drop in

Provide important input on our School Wide Plan and Parent Compact during our Premier Live Experience Open House.

Annual Title I Meeting – September 22nd, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Conference Room

We invite you to a meeting of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and marquee. The session will also be hosted virtually for those that cannot attend face-to-face.

Building Parent Capacity – Zoom Google Classroom Night – October 5th, 2020 6:00 PM

Learn how to navigate through your child's Google Classroom to better support them in their assigned course work. This is especially helpful for parents supporting virtual learners.

Building Parent Capacity – Zoom Parent Infinite Campus Night – January 13th, 2020 6:00 PM

Learn how to login to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal to check your child's grades and assignments.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – October 2020 & February 2021

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Temple Cluster STEAM Night – April 2021 *date is being decided upon

Parents will enjoy hearing the latest writing samples and curriculum updates.

8th Grade Awards Ceremony – May 27th, 2021 *potentially virtual

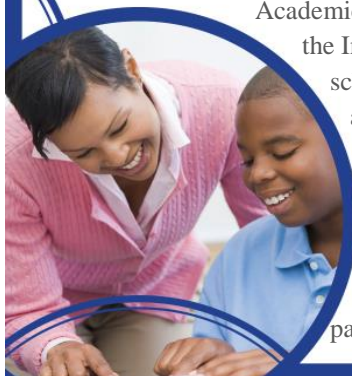
A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

6th & 7th Grade Awards Ceremony – May 28th, 2021 *potentially virtual

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

Final Title I Input Meeting – June 1st, 2021 9:00 AM Conference Room

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center 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. The center is located in the Front Office.

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.

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 schoolwide events and activities, through school website, Zoom/Google Hangout, school messenger, Remind, parent weekly principal emails, social media, Constant Contact, and flyers. 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 necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement and provide curriculum information.
- ✓ Provide parents with a detailed description of their child's assessment scores on the Georgia Milestones.
- ✓ 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.



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:

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

TMS School PBIS Council

Temple Middle invites all parents to join the School PBIS 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 10/6/2020, 12/1/2020, 1/5/2021, 2/2/2020, 5/4/2020, 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 PBIS 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 PBIS 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) _____

