

**Rossville Middle School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan
for Shared Success
2017-2018 School Year**



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What is Title 1?

Rossville Middle School is identified as a Title 1 school as part of the Every Student Succeeds ACT (ESSA). Title 1 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 1 programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop with parents and Family members a written School Parent/Family engagement plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a policy/plan that describes how Rossville Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Rossville Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents and families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Rossville Middle School will support parent engagement and how parents can help and participate in activities and events to promote learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Rossville 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 website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the 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. For families without Internet access, paper copies of the survey will be made available in the information rack outside the front office. Parents can also give feedback during any parent activity throughout the year.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title 1, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Rossville Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children. Residential facilities in our district are included in our family engagement activities and correspondences.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the policy/plan is sent home with all students. It will also be available in the parent resource center and on the school website.

2017-2018 Academic Goals

District Goal

By May 2020, increase by 9% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in English Language Arts in grades 3-8 as measured by the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.

School Goal

Rossville Middle School 's goal is to improve Student Growth Percentiles for identified SWD, multi-racial, black, Hispanic, and ED students in reading and math.

Area of Emphasis

Grades 6-8: Reading comprehension.

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School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, RMS and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This is an agreement developed jointly, which explains how each party will work together, to ensure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually, based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers via online school surveys, and various other functions throughout the year. The compacts are kept on file in the Family Center, if parents would like a copy.

Opportunities for Family Engagement at RMS

Rossville Middle will host the following events to build strong parental involvement to support a partnership between the school, parents, and the community, to improve student academic achievement.

AUGUST 2, 2017: Come and go OPEN HOUSE/5th Grade Transition Night 4-5pm

Meet your child's teachers and our friendly and helpful school staff.

AUGUST 8, 2017: Open House for 7th and 8th Grade Parents

AUGUST 30, 2017: School/Parent/Community Block Party: Vendors on location with community information, entire family fun activities, free haircuts, and great information to improve reading and math skills. You can learn better ways to help your child at home! Turn your home into a "fun, learning center."

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017: 2nd annual parent appreciation dinner. Dinner on us, and a time to express any input you might have with us. We really do care about what our parents think. Please join us, and be sure to RSVP for the evening. Time to be announced.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017: Annual Title 1 meeting at RMS. Time to be announced.

OCTOBER 24, 2017: MONSTER MASH DANCE AND TRUNK OR TREAT while PARENTS GET TO GO BACK TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AGAIN! You won't want to miss this family night of fun and learning. The entire family is encouraged to come. More information to follow.

NOVEMBER 15, 2017: Make plans for join us for a special time we call "LUNCH AND LEARN." More information to follow.

MARCH 22: ALL NEW "BULLDOG FAMILY RESORT" Guaranteed FUN for all!

Family Engagement

Rossville Middle School believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other schools activities, including ensuring-

- That parent 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.

Support for Parents

Rossville Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental involvement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Rossville Middle School Wants to Help Parents

Rossville Middle School 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 all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Share information on the school website and 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.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, flyers, and newsletters.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at meetings 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 parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Parent Council

Rossville Middle School invites all parents to join our Parent Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet once per grading period (four times each year). In addition to Parent Council meetings, 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 Parent Council, please contact Jason Pelham at 706-820-0638 or complete the interest form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.



Parent Council

Yes, I am excited about joining Parent Council. NO, thank you. _____

Name: _____

Child's Name & Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

**** Please return this section to the school, so we know that all parents received a copy of our school plan, and your opportunity to be an active part of RMS!**

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Rossville Middle School and or parents have 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

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have 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) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Comments:
