

**Toombs County Middle School  
Parent Involvement Plan for Shared  
Student Success  
2021-2022 School Year**



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**What is Title I?**

Toombs County 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 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 plan.

**School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Toombs County Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Toombs County 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 Toombs County Middle will support family 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?** Toombs County Middle School invites parents to attend our annual Comprehensive Needs Assessment meeting in the Spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding the plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on the district website under the “Parent Engagement” tab 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 or in hardcopy to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and families can also give feedback during parent meetings and other school activities during the school year.

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

**Where is it available?** At the beginning of the year, the plan is copied and sent home with all students. As a reminder, we let parents know how to access the plan on the school website and copies are available in the school office.

## 2021-2022 District Goals

The district goals for 2021-2022 will focus on these areas:

Student Achievement  
Climate, Culture, and Communication  
Staff Learning and Growth  
Efficiency of Operations

## 2021-2022 School Goals

**CCRPI**-Increase the percent of students scoring at level 3 or 4 in ELA and Math standards on the GA Milestones EOG Assessment by 3%.

**Literacy**-Increase the percentage of students meeting growth targets on Reading Inventory (RI) by 3%.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Toombs County Middle School 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 during the Comprehensive Needs Assessment meeting and the Title I Parent Survey. The school-parent compact is sent home with students annually and is available on the Parent Engagement tab of the school website. The school-parent compact is also shared with parents during parent conferences and parents can request another copy from the school office.

## Let's Get Together!

Toombs County 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 may be held virtually as necessary.

Individual Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled with each student's parent to discuss academic progress, and student assessment results (local and state assessments).

### Open House/Meet Your Teacher – August 5, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 PM

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

### Annual Title I Meeting-September 28, 2021 4:30-6:30 PM

- Learn about our Title I program including our parent and family engagement plan, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

### September, 2021

- Parents may contact homeroom teachers to discuss your child's GMAS, iReady, RI, and/or Reading Growth Measure scores.

### Parent Resource Night/Conferences/Open House-September 28, 2021 4:30-6:30 PM

- Information regarding Georgia Standards of Excellence, Grade Level Expectations, Connection Classes, Parent Resources, and Parent Portal will be provided to Parents.
- Visit your child's team.

### Literacy Info, Tech/Class Resources, Copyright Piracy Info, Community Resources – January 24, 2022 (Virtual)

- Learn about resources available to parents regarding literacy, technology, classes, and the community.
- Learn more about copyright piracy.

### Parent Engagement Night, Science Fair, FFA/Agricultural Presentation Georgia Milestones Test Prep Session, Federal Programs/School Climate Survey Night – March 1, 2022 at 5:00-7:00 PM

- Browse the world of scientific investigation through the eyes of a middle school child.
- Learn more about our middle school FFA program and student involvement.
- Computer Lab will be open for Migrant, School Climate Surveys, and Title I Surveys. Parents are encouraged to go to the Computer Lab to complete surveys before they leave campus.
- Visit your child's team for information regarding the Georgia Milestones Assessment. Teachers will share preparation materials and resources.

### Moving to Middle School – April 11, 2022 (Virtual)

- Orientation for next year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students.

### Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Visit TCMS – May 3, 2022 during the school day

- Upcoming students will have the opportunity to tour our school and learn about classes and extracurricular activities.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation at Toombs County High School – Date TBA

- Learn all you need to know about transitioning your middle school 8<sup>th</sup> grade student to high school and how to ensure a successful high school journey.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration-Date TBA– during the school day

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will register for 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes at TCHS.

## Parent and Family Engagement

Toombs County Middle 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.

Toombs County Middle is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family 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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## Toombs County Middle is Branching Out!

Toombs County 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 all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school social media outlets for all parents.
- Conduct staff professional development each quarter to build staff capacity which includes effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with early childhood programs, 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.
- Share information in English and Spanish 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 in a variety of ways such as phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, 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 parent and family engagement plan and activities.
- Offer parent information sessions to help enhance their knowledge of their child's goals and how to assist their child in the school setting.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

### **Parent and Family Engagement Standards**

Toombs County Middle and our 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

### **Parent Partnerships**

Toombs County Middle invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Parents can submit their ideas or suggestions during all school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and CNA meeting. If you would like to learn more about parent and family engagement activities, please contact Renee Garbutt, Principal, at 912-526-8363 or complete this interest form and leave it in the TCMS office.

### **Parent Participation**

- Yes, I am interested in serving on the school council for my child's school.
- Yes, I would like to be involved in providing input in regard to the School Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
- Yes, I would like to provide input on school improvement by being invited to attend the Annual Comprehensive Needs Assessment Meeting.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Parent Resource Center**

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child.

Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

### **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 TCMS office. The information will be shared with our District Title I Director.

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

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

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