

Camden Middle School Parent

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2020 – 2021 School Year



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What is Title I?

Camden 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 Camden Middle will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Camden Middle 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 Camden Middle 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? Camden 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 provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by student to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Any parent comments indicating the plan is unsatisfactory will be submitted to the Director of Federal Programs.

What feedback indicated? In May 2018, Camden Middle School (CMS) asked parents to complete a Title I survey, 8% (86) of parents elected to provide feedback. Overall the results indicate satisfaction with the way CMS operates. Of the respondents, 98% responded favorably that parents feel welcome in the school, 89% responded favorably regarding the school keeping parents well informed about what children are doing at school, and 94% responded favorably when asked if CMS encourages parents to be involved in the education of their children. A weakness was indicated in the area of parent input in decision making with only 44% saying yes and another 32% saying to some degree. Parent were asked about information they would like to receive or workshops they would like to attend. Based on this information, workshops will be held and informational materials will be developed and shared. Forty-nine percent of respondents preferred evening meetings, 27% morning meetings, and only 16% lunch/noon sessions. All efforts are made to address opportunities for regular meetings and events as requested by parents.

Who is it for? All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Camden Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents of students with disabilities, parents of migratory children, as well as guardians of children served through the Methodist Children's Home. Camden Middle school will offer childcare and transportation to the extent practicable upon request.

Where is it available? Once adopted, the plan is posted on-line on the school website, in the school resource room, in the front office, and copies sent home with students. It also is provided in a language the parents can understand.

Parent Resource Center

Located in the media center, each school has a parent resource center stocked with a variety of materials for parents. Contact Shan Peters, Media Specialist, for more information. *Open school days from 7:10 – 3:40.*

2020-2021 District Goals

1. Increase the percentage of students in grades 3-12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS ELA EOC/EOG from 57% to 60% (MS) & 73% to 76% (HS)
2. To increase the percentage of students in grades 6 - 8 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS Math EOG from 54% to 57%.
3. To increase the percentage of students in grades 6-12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS Social Studies EOG/EOC, 50% to 53% (MS)

2020-2021 School Goals

Camden Middle School will increase the mathematics achievement of all students by three percent on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment: target foundational grade-level skills.

6th grade: Number Sense

7th grade: Algebraic Reasoning

8th grade: Algebraic Reasoning

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Camden 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. Parents will retain a copy of the compact for their use. Additionally the compact can be viewed on-line, and will be provided to parents upon request. Teachers will review the compacts with parents during conferences.

Parent Involvement Standards

Camden County Schools have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the county'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

Title I Meetings

Camden Middle invites all parents to participate in scheduled meetings, to share ideas and ways to involve other parents, and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community, and plan Parent Involvement expenditures. Each spring a Stakeholder meeting is held to collect feedback and review the school parent compact and Parent Family Engagement plans as well as gather input on expenditures for the Title I funds set aside for parent engagement expenditures. Input is also gathered on topics related to building the capacity of staff to collaborate with families for student achievement. An annual meeting is held each fall prior to November 1st to share the Title I documents and plans, and activities for the year. The school's status, parental rights to teacher qualifications, and, the Federal Complaints Procedure are also shared. Meetings are held throughout 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. Both input meetings and an Annual meeting are held. If you would like to learn more about the Title I meetings, please contact Andria Brimhall, (912) 729-3113.

Stay Informed

Please visit the CMS website: <http://cms.camden.k12.ga.us/> for information on upcoming events, school activities, parent information, Title I and school documents and to find links to teacher e-mail and

Middle School Promotion Standards

- All students in grades 6 – 8 must have passing final grades of 70% or higher in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and ½ of connections classes
- 8th Grade students must also pass the Reading AND Mathematics portions of the Georgia Milestones EOG.

Parental Involvement

Camden Middle believes that parent involvement 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 have the right to know the qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals
- That parents know there is a grievance procedure & how to access it
- Submitting negative feedback to the district if the Title I Schoolwide Plan is not satisfactory to parents
- 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 including Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting, Annual Title I Meeting, Monthly School Council meetings;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Camden Middle is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or e-mail us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Camden Middle is Reaching Out!

Camden Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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 requested languages (per home language survey), and posted on the school website and included in school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Conduct on-going staff development on the value and utility of parent involvement as well as practices for building ties between home and school and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Share information to assist parents in understanding the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Inform parents of promotion requirements.
- ✓ Assist parents in setting up parent PowerSchool accounts and e-mail alert messages.
- ✓ Assist parents in the use of the PowerSchool smartphone app.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, via phone messages, Facebook, e-mail, and flyers.
- ✓ 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 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 parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent workshops and information on relevant topics at various times and through various mediums.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Assist parents and students in transitions between elementary and middle and middle and high school.
- ✓ Promote a school-home dialogue by responding to parent calls and e-mails within 24 hours, keeping websites current (as applicable) and providing applicable resources to support home learning in a timely manner.
- ✓ Conduct on-going staff development on parent involvement practices including the value of parental contributions, communicating in understandable language and as equal partners & responding to parental requests for information and activities.
- ✓ Provide parents with a description and explanation of state & local assessments used to measure progress & achievements levels of the challenging State academic standards.

This year, CMS will be providing workshops and/or information on the following topics:

Title I Input Meetings

Annual Title I Meeting

Walk in My Shoes

7th/8th Grade Parent Information Session

Preparing for the EOGs

How to Use the Online Textbooks

How to Navigate Google Classroom

Productive Struggle in the Math Classroom

Effective Conferencing for Parents

5th Grade Orientation Night

Ongoing – Online registration help

Available on the Camden Middle School website under the Title I tab (<https://cms.camden.k12.ga.us>):

Camden Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

School Improvement Plan (Action Plans)

Parent Right to Know Teacher/Paraprofessional Qualifications

Federal Complaint Process

Information on the Parent Resource Center located in our media center

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Please contact Andria Brimhall by e-mail (abrimhall@camden.k12.ga.us) or by phone (912) 729 – 3113 if you have any questions regarding the plan.

All activities will be held to extent practicable and in the format permissible given Covid-19 requirements.