



## School Parental Involvement Policy

*North Tattnall Middle School*

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **North Tattnall Middle School** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents of participating children a written parental involvement policy that contains information required by section 1118(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parental involvement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parental involvement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

**North Tattnall Middle School** agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1118:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy and the joint development of the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).
- Update the school parent involvement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parental involvement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b)(2) of the ESEA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school

- (C) 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
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1118 of the ESEA

**DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOLWIDE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

**North Tattnall Middle School** will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

- Survey parents
- Review survey results with School Council and School Improvement Team
- Review the Parent Involvement Policy and Parent Involvement Plan annually
- Revise and submit revisions for approval

**ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

**North Tattnall Middle School** will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school’s Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents’ requirements, the school parental involvement policy, the school-wide plan, and the school-parent compact.

- An annual review of the Title I program at NTMS will be held in the fall of the year. This meeting will present the NTMS Title I information to all parents/families. All parents will be invited to this meeting. A sign in sheet, agenda, and minutes will be kept by the Academic Coach as evidence of meeting.
- NTMS will utilize their webpage to advertise the meeting date and time.
- NTMS will utilize flyers sent home to parents/families of meeting date and time.
- NTMS will utilize the school marquee to advertise the meeting date and time.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**North Tattnall Middle School** will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs

- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- Three PTO Meetings
- Quarterly School Council Meetings
- Orientation/Open House
- Other scheduled meetings throughout the year (additional parent-teacher conferences, IEP Meetings, 504 Meetings, POI Meetings, etc.) will be scheduled at times during the day to better accommodate parents' schedules.
- Concerted efforts will be made to schedule meeting times that will coincide and be correlated with other school programs such as PTO, athletic events, academic events, club related activities, etc. in order to offer flexibility in participation in meetings and other school related activities.
- Annual Title I meeting
- Monthly newsletters
- School emails
- Automated attendance notification system
- Personal telephone calls
- Personal notes/letters/notices
- Flyers/brochures/invitations
- Student agendas
- Frequent parent-teacher conferences
- Parent portal
- School's webpage
- School's marquee
- Local newspaper
- School's social media posts (Facebook)
- Remind 101

## **SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

**North Tattnall Middle School** will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

- Parent surveys
- Teacher surveys
- Review survey results
- Review and revise school-parent compact annually

### **RESERVATION OF FUNDS**

**North Tattnall Middle School** will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent by:

- Annual parent surveys
- Title I Meeting
- School Council Meeting

### **COORDINATION OF SERVICES**

**North Tattnall Middle School** will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

- Parent Resource Center in Media Center
- Talent Search Program facilitated by local Concerted Services
- Offering a transition meeting for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Spring
- Offering support for rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders as they begin registering for classes in the Spring of their 8<sup>th</sup> grade year

### **BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS**

**North Tattnall Middle School** will build the parents' capacity for strong parental involvement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
  - The State's academic content standards.
  - The State's student academic achievement standards.
  - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments.
  - The requirements of Title I, Part A.

- How to monitor their child's progress.
- How to work with educators.

- Parent teacher conferences
- Annual Title I Meeting
- Open House
- Grade Nights
- Parent Resource Center in Media Center
- Informative Newsletters/Brochures/Pamphlets/Packets
- Teachers' Webpages
- List of online resources and links to GSE of school webpage
- Parents' and students' access to Study Island

### **BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF**

**North Tattnall Middle School** will provide training to educate the teachers, pupil services personnel, principal, and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and the school by:

- Professional development
- Professional Learning Communities
- NTMS Academic Coach
- System Parent Involvement Coordinator

**North Tattnall Middle School** will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1118 as parents may request by:

- Parents will be asked to volunteer at flexible times in a variety of mediums when needed.
- An email contact group will be used to notify parent volunteers when a need exists to encourage participation.
- Offering parent meetings more than once and at different times of the day to increase involvement.
- Keeping parents informed in multiple ways

### **DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS**

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.

- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
  - Train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.
  - To maximize parental involvement and participation in their child's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend conferences at school.
  - Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement.
  - Establish a school-wide Parent Advisory Council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs.
  - Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities.
- Parents will have access to the NTMS Media Center for research, computer utilization, and parent literature including parenting magazines, newspapers, and books geared toward parenting.
  - NT Middle School offers flexible scheduling of parent meetings including before and after school as well as phone conferences and scheduled quarterly evening meetings. In addition, when known in advance, child care can be provided for parents with young children. The volunteer caretakers will be selected from members of the Y-Club, BETA Club, or FCA.