

Rutland Middle School

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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What is Title I?

Rutland 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 and schoolwide plan to strengthen student achievement.

District Goals

All students will reach high standards within a minimum attaining the following proficiency:

- ◆ Increase the percent of students achieving a Lexile measure at the targeted grade levels (3rd, 5th, 8th, HS American Lit) to 55% as measured by the Georgia Milestones assessment scores.
- ◆ Decrease the percentage of students absent from school 6 or more days from 48.4% to 30%.

School Goals

- ◆ RMS will increase the percentage of students with a Star Lexile at/above the National Star Level by 9% in 2023-2024. Students will participate in Accelerated Reader during Personalized Learning time.
 - ◆ RMS will show a 12% increase of students scoring Early On-Grade or Mid-Grade and Above on iReady from the Fall '23 diagnostic to the Spring '24 diagnostic as measured by the BAM indicator.
- RMS will use research base strategies for improving student performance in Math.

School-Parent Compact

Our School-Parent Compact is developed through a collaboration with teachers, parents, and students that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The Compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from teachers, parents, and students during the Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum. The School-Parent Compact is also shared during parent-teacher conferences, and it is kept on file with each child's teacher if parents request another copy.

What is this plan?

This Plan explains how Rutland Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Rutland Middle values the contributions and engagement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This Plan describes the different ways Rutland Middle will support family engagement and provides information on how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Parents are invited to attend the annual Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum to review and revise this Plan, including the Schoolwide Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the family engagement budget. Meetings are scheduled at convenient times for parents. Additionally, parents input and comments regarding this Plan are welcome during the school year through an online comment card. Feedback received will be used to revise the Plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask families for their suggestions on the Plan and use of funds for family engagement.



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. Rutland Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English proficiency, with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. The Neglected and Delinquent Residential Facilities in the district are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.

Where is it available?

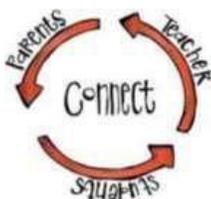
The plan will be available on the school website, in the front office of the school, and in the media center. The plan is also included in the Parent and Family Engagement Guidebook that is given to each child.

Family Engagement

Rutland Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will-

- ◆ Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is timely and published in the family's native language, as needed. We will provide parents and family members with a schedule of engagement opportunities and events and prepare meetings and workshop materials in a family friendly format. In addition, interpreter services are available upon request.
- ◆ Communicate with families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events. At RMS, we communicate with parents through the School Messenger automated system, e-mail, PTO, flyers, meetings, and phone calls.
- ◆ Provide, in collaboration with parents, training for staff to work with families, as equal partners, on improving communication and increasing family engagement through effective strategies shared at collaborative meetings, regular staff meetings, tip sheets, and other resources.
- ◆ Partner with the community, sponsors, businesses, churches, and other programs to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the full participation of parents in their child's education. We host transitional workshops for our families to support and prepare for students as they transition from one educational setting to the next. Planned activities are scheduled for incoming 6th grade students entering middle school and outgoing 8th grade students entering high school.
- ◆ Provide necessary materials and training for parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement. Provide parents with curriculum updates and changes on the State standards and assessments. Additionally, resources are shared with parents on test-taking strategies and study skills.
- ◆ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities by providing parent surveys throughout the school year to gain feedback, suggestions and concerns. Parent and family members may also provide feedback using the online "Share Your Ideas" comment card.
- ◆ Submit parent feedback about any part of this Plan and the Schoolwide Plan that parents feel is not satisfactory to the goals for student and school academic achievement to the local Title I office.
- ◆ The school administration, counselors, family engagement representative, community sponsors, and office staff will encourage student achievement by actively engaging in the education of our students.

All volunteers are welcome at Rutland Middle School. Volunteer application packets are located in the Family Engagement Representative Office. For more information, please contact Title I Family Engagement Facilitator at 478-779-4400.



Engagement Opportunities

The following events will be offered to parents in order to strengthen partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family members are held at flexible times and dates.

Open House and Classroom Visitation: August 2023

- ◆ Parents have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher, administrators, counselors, and staff.

Annual Title I Meeting: August 2023

- ◆ We invite you to this session of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact, and parents' requirements.

PTO (Parent, Teacher, Organization)

Georgia Milestones/Technology, Digital Literacy, and Copyright Piracy Information Session: September 2023

- ◆ Join us for discussions regarding test-taking tools and information about the Georgia Milestones assessment. Parents will learn helpful tools on how to monitor student progress and provide websites that promote learning.

Communication Module: Professional Development for Teachers, October 2023 (Ongoing discussions will be held during the year.)

- ◆ Administrators, faculty and staff, with the assistance of parents, discuss and share information on how to build stronger ties between home and school.

Veteran's Day Program: November 2023

- ◆ Rutland celebrates our parents, family, and community members by providing breakfast in honor of their services. RMS Band and Chorus will perform for honorees.

Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day: November 19, 2023

- ◆ Welcome and honor parents and family members in support of students and their academic achievements.

Title I Parent Survey: November-December 2023

- ◆ Provide suggestions on Rutland's Family Engagement Program and use of funds for family engagement.

Curriculum workshops throughout the school year January 2024

- ◆ Workshops will be provided for parents on topics such as State and local standards and assessments, how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with educators to improve academic achievement in middle school.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conference: Ongoing

- ◆ Teachers will provide updates on their child's progress. Student-led conferences will be held for student to share with their parents how they have progressed from the beginning of the year.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums: Spring 2024

- ◆ Join us for roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the Schoolwide Improvement Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the family engagement budget.

Smooth Move: May 2024

- ◆ Parents and family members will receive information about the school curriculum and expectations for middle and high school students.