

# Telfair County Middle School

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 requires that parents or guardians who have children attending a Title I school be notified of how well their school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, as well as the school's designation status under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Also, under current guidelines outlined in Georgia state law (H.B. 251), school districts are required to provide notice to all parents of their rights concerning school choice options. This letter is intended to satisfy that requirement and offers interested parties a way to seek clarification if needed. According to HB 251, all Title I schools must notify parents of their Intradistrict Transfer rights, even when there is no Intradistrict Transfer Option available. This is the case for Telfair County Schools under the following circumstance:

- Does not apply to districts with only one school at each level (i.e., one primary school, one elementary school, one middle school, one high school, or one combination school).

(For further information, please contact Cindy Jones, Federal Programs Director for Telfair County Schools, at 229-868-5661 or [cjones@telfairschools.org](mailto:cjones@telfairschools.org).)

In addition, under the 2015 renewal of Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools continue to be designated as Reward, Priority, or Focus Schools. The Waiver allows the use of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) as the comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia, providing a score between 0-100 for each school—measuring how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career. The 2015 CCRPI score for Telfair County Middle School was 70.1. The 2016 CCRPI scores have not been released by the State at this time. For more information regarding the College and Career Ready Performance Index, please visit the Georgia Department of Education website at <http://www.gadoe.org/CCRPI/Pages/default.aspx>.

I am very proud to tell you that Telfair County Middle School **has not been given** a school designation this year, which means we are a Title I school that is continuing to provide a quality education to all of our students.

At Telfair County Middle School, we take pride in the teaching we provide for our children. Our teachers and staff members work very hard to meet the needs of all students to ensure they achieve at their highest potential.

An important part of our success is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that you will become involved in our school improvement work as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in the development of our school improvement plans, being a part of our family engagement team or have questions about how you can better help your child in school, please contact Christopher Ellis, Principal, Telfair County Middle School, at 229-868-7465 or [cellis@telfairschools.org](mailto:cellis@telfairschools.org).

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education.

Sincerely,



Christopher D. Ellis  
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