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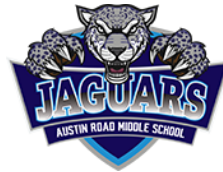
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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2025-2026 School Year



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What is Title I?

Austin Road Middle School 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 a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

School Plan for Our Ambitious Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Austin Road Middle School will improve opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Austin Road Middle School 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 various ways Austin Road Middle School will support family engagement and how parents can assist and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

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How is it Revised?

Austin Road Middle School invites all parents to attend our Parent and Family Input Meetings, held at least once a year in the spring to review and revise our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the School-Wide Plan, our School-Parent Compact, and give feedback on the Parent & Family Engagement Budget. Additionally, parents are invited to share their ideas on building staff capacity to effectively engage with parents. Parent input and comments regarding this Plan are welcome at any time during the school year. The plan is posted on our school website 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 (hard copy and online) to ask parents for their suggestions on the Plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. Any unsatisfactory comments from the parents about the Schoolwide Plan are shared with the district.

Who is it For?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A Program, and their families are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Austin Road Middle School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, disabilities, and/or migratory children.

Where is it Available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan will be available in the main office and presented during the Title I Annual Meeting. Parents may also request a copy from the Family Resource Center.

2025-26 District Goal & Strategic Actions

Henry County Schools is on an ambitious pursuit to become a high-performing school district

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access, and outcomes for every student by the following three Priority Student Outcomes:

- We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in Readiness to Learn and Access to Learning.
- We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in Literacy Proficiency.
- We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in College, Career, and Life Ready Skills.

2025-2026 ARMS School Goals

- Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of 6th-grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on the 2026 EOG from 35% to 38%
- Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of 7th-grade students scoring proficient or distinguished in ELA on the EOG from 31% to 34%
- Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of 8th-grade students scoring proficient or distinguished in ELA on the 2026 EOG from 33% to 36%
- Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of 6th-grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on the 2026 Math EOG from 21% to 25%
- Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of 7th-grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on the 2026 Math EOG from 30% to 33%
- Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of 8th-grade students scoring proficient or distinguished on the 2026 Math EOG from 37% to 40%

Austin Road Middle School will conduct an annual meeting 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' right to be involved, the school-parent and family engagement plan, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact. Invitations will be sent

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home in a timely manner with students.

School-Parent Compact

The ARMS School Parent Compact is an agreement parents, teachers, and students developed jointly explaining how parents and teachers will work together to ensure our students reach their grade-level standards. The compact has been placed in “Title I Resources” on our school’s website. Compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on stakeholder feedback. The Compact will be made available on the school website and during student conferences.

Building Capacity of School Staff - Staff will continue to be informed on the value and utility of the contributions of parents, and Austin Road Middle School will continue to develop and implement programs and build connections between home and school.

Austin Road Middle School remains committed to supporting our parents and families’ attendance to the family programs and/or activities listed in this plan. Please contact us at 770-507-5407 if you require assistance in participating in our programs.

Reservation of Funds

Austin Road Middle will reserve 1% from the total amount of Title I Parent and Family Engagement funds it receives in the 2025-2026 school year to carry out the parent and family engagement programs and activities listed in this plan and as described in federal law. The district will provide clear guidance and communication to assist each Title I school in developing an adequate family engagement budget that addresses their needs assessment and parent recommendations. Austin Road Middle School will host a Parent Input Meeting to allow parents to provide suggestions and feedback as to how the parent and family engagement funds will be used at ARMS.

Parent evaluations, feedback, and meeting minutes will be reviewed by the school to

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determine the areas of need for the upcoming school year and consider changes to the family engagement budget.

2025-26 Calendar of Meetings/Programs/Events

Austin Road Middle School will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings will be offered on various days, times, and in differing formats to accommodate our stakeholders. If you are not able to attend due to childcare or transportation issues, or if there is some other reason you cannot attend, please contact the school. Parents may request additional opportunities for meetings at any time. Information will be posted on our school website, Remind- our communication platform, notices will be sent home, and copies of the information will also be available upon request at the school.

- **Annual Title I Parent Meeting** –October 16, 2025: Families are invited to learn about our school’s Title I School Wide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compacts, & Title I Budget (including 1% Parent and Family Engagement budget), how our school participates in Title I, and your right to be involved.
- **Fall Curriculum Night**– October 29, 2025: Parents will have the opportunity to learn about the academic programs, instructional strategies, and classroom activities planned for the semester. Teachers will provide overviews of the math and English Language Arts (ELA) stations, including hands-on activities and examples of student work. There will also be discussions on upcoming projects, assessments, and ways parents can support their children’s learning at home.
- **School Council:** Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the Media Center at 8:00 am.
- **Spring Curriculum Night** - February 2026
- **ARMS Black History Program** - February 2026
- **GMAS Prep Academy** - March 2026

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Parent and Family Engagement

ARMS 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, which include ensuring that:

- Parents play a vital role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and participating on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Building Capacity of Parents

Austin Road Middle School will take the following action steps to promote and support parents and family members as an important and necessary foundation of our school in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals. We will:

- Ensure information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website, included in school communications, and posted on our Family Resource Bulletin Board.
- Provide necessary information on the:
 - Georgia Standards of Excellence
 - Georgia Milestones Assessment
 - HCS District Assessment
 - Title I, Part A Requirement
- Share information (by sending home with students, posting on the school website, parent-teacher conferences, email communications, and having available at school) in order for parents to understand the state and school academic content standards, the state and local academic assessments, including information on standardized testing content, testing procedures, and interpretation of test scores. Austin Road Middle School wants to ensure that parents are aware of the ways they can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Partner with feeder elementary schools, parent resource centers, or other programs (as appropriate) to help prepare parents for a successful school transition.

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- school-wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, school website, flyers, videos, Google Meets, etc.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant training, presentations, and/or resources to educate our staff on the importance of parental and family engagement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parent conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve student achievement.
- Provide materials and training to help parents and families work with their children at home in order to improve their children's academic achievement. The materials and training include, but are not limited to, literacy training, reading, writing, and math strategies. Technology training will be available and, in part, will include education about the harms of copyright piracy.
- Utilize our Partners in Education and our School Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events noted in our School Family and Parent Engagement Plan.
- Offer literacy and computer resources (to include education about the harms of copyright piracy) for parents and family members to help further enhance their skills and knowledge base.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at events, meetings, presentations, etc. in order to further support parents and family members effectively based on their needs.

All parent and family engagement correspondence, opportunities, services, and resources will also include students and staff affiliated with A Friend's House.

Building Capacity of School Staff

Each Title I School will conduct four training sessions during the school year for teachers, administrators, specialized instructional support personnel, and other school leaders and staff, with the assistance of parents, to learn and discuss strategies to increase family engagement, improve school-family communication, and build ties with parents and the community. After a review of parent input and survey results from our Parent Input Meetings, Austin Road Middle shall educate its school staff with ongoing training and support on the following:

- The value and utility of parent contributions
- Effective ways to reach out, communicate, and work with parents as equal partners
- Implement and coordinate parent programs
- Build connections between parents and Austin Road Middle School staff
- Provide information in a format, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand

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- Provide monthly training for staff on strategies to improve communication and connectivity with parents to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside the classroom.
- Receive ongoing training and support

Topics for Support May Include the Following:

- ❖ Creating a Welcoming School and Classroom Environment
- ❖ Encouraging Parent Leaders
- ❖ Communicating with Parents
- ❖ Empowering Parents to Support Their Child

Family Resources Center Information

Please contact Kimberly Tabron, Family Engagement Liaison, at 770-507-5407 for additional support or information.

Hours: Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 3:00 pm

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Austin Road Middle School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model for engaging parents, students, and the community. The six standards include:

1. Welcoming all families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking up for every child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with the community

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School Council

Austin Road Middle School invites parents to join the School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to enhance partnership building within the school. The Team will meet four times during the school year. However, parents may also submit ideas or suggestions throughout the school year. If you want to learn more about the School Council, please complete the interest form below and submit it through your child's homeroom.

School Council

- Yes, I am interested in joining the School Council.
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School Council.
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea. Please keep me posted about future meetings.

Name:

Child's Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

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Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any 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 Main Office. Your comments will be shared with the District.

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

Comments:

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