Appling County Middle School

School-Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

Appling County Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents, a written parental involvement policy.

SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Appling County Middle will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support students' learning. Appling County 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 Appling County Middle will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote students' learning at school and at home.

How is it developed? Appling County 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 the school website under Title I for parents to view. We also distribute an annual Title I survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during parent meetings, Parental Advisory Council meetings and the annual Title I meeting for next school year.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program and their families are encouraged and invited to participate fully in the opportunities described in this plan. Appling County Middle will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the year, the plan is copied and sent home with all students. As a reminder, we let parents know how to access the plan on the school website and in the school office.





2026-2027 District Goals

- **Goal 1: By June 2027, overall content mastery in ELA will increase by 3 percentage points, with a focus on closing achievement gaps between identified subgroups.**
- **Goal 2: By June 2027, overall content mastery in math will increase by 3 percentage points, with a focus on closing achievement gaps between identified subgroups.**

2026-2027 School Goals

- **Goal 1: By June 2027, students will show measurable progress in ELA as evidenced by a 3 % growth in content mastery as measured by the Georgia BEACON assessment.**
- **Goal 2: By June 2027, students will show measurable progress in Math as evidenced by a 3 % growth in content mastery as measured by the Georgia BEACON assessment.**
- **Goal 3: By June 2027, students will show measurable progress in Science as evidenced by a 3 % growth on a teacher created Illuminate Science benchmark.**
- **Goal 4: By June 2027, students will show measurable progress in Social Studies as evidenced by a 3 % growth on a teacher created Illuminate Social Studies benchmark**

School-Family Engagement Compacts

As part of this plan, Appling County Middle and our families will develop a school-family engagement 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 during the Parental Advisory Council meeting and Annual Title I meeting. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.





Let's Get Together at ACMS!

Appling County Middle will host events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House/Meet Your Teacher/6th Grade Transition – July 30, 2026 @ 1:30–3:00 pm

- Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff. Learn about making a smooth transition to the middle school setting.

6th Grade Transition – July 30, 2026 @ 12:30

- Orientation to prepare 6th Grade students to attend Appling County Middle School in the fall.

ACMS Stakeholders' Meeting #1 – August 25, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

- Parents, teachers, administrators, and community come together to share ideas for school improvement and help the board of education develop and nurture participation. Review District policy, school parent plans, and compacts. All parents are welcome.

Annual Title I Meeting, Curriculum Overview, & Technology Rally -September 15, 2026 @ 3:30 pm

- We will share information about our Title I program including District policy, school parent involvement plan, school-parent compacts, parents' requirements, ACMS curriculum, and updated test scores.
- Learn more about the many technology programs used at ACMS and how to use Parent Portal.

Family Fun Math Rally – October 20, 2026 @ 3:30

- Learn more about helping your child make math fun at home, the State's math curriculum, Math Milestones, and math resources/programs used at ACMS.

ACMS Stakeholders' Meeting #2- December 08, 2026 @ 2:00 pm

- Parents, teachers, administrators, and community come together to share ideas for school improvement and help the board of education develop and nurture participation. All parents are welcome.

Family Fun Reading/Writing Rally – February 09, 2027 @ 3:30 – 4:30 pm

- Learn more about the State's ELA standards, writing strategies, ELA Milestones, and ELA resources/programs used at ACMS.

ACMS Stakeholders' Meeting #3 – March 23, 2027 @ 2:00 pm

- We invite you to provide input into Appling County Middle and Appling County's parental involvement plans, compact, and the use of 1% of parent involvement funds to increase student achievement.

Parent Grab-N-Go Milestones Review Rally – April 13, 2027 @ 7:30 – 9:30 AM

- Learn more about Title I and receive resources to help your child be successful.

Parental & Student Input Meeting - April 13, 2027 @ 2:00

- Provide input from parents, community, and school concerning Parent Involvement Compacts, Policies, and Budgets.

ACMS Stakeholders' Meeting #4, May 04, 2027 @ 2:00 pm

- Parents, teachers, administrators, and community come together to share ideas for school improvement and help the board of education develop and nurture participation. Title I survey results are shared during the meeting. All parents are welcome.

Translators Available For All Events

Progress Report 2026-2027 (Dates May Change)

*09/16/26 *11/14/26 *02/17/27 *04/24/27

Report Cards 2026-2027 (Dates May Change)

*10/09/26 *01/09/26 *03/24/27 *05/23/27

- **Social Media Postings and ShoutPoint Calls Will Be Sent Prior to Each Meeting Date**

Parent-Family Engagement

Appling County Middle believes that family engagement means the participation of parents/families in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Appling County Middle School 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 in order to participate in our meetings and parent/family engagement workshops.

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Appling County Middle is Branching Out





Appling County Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents/families 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 Spanish and posted on the school website for all parents.
- Conduct staff professional development each quarter on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with Appling County Elementary, Fourth District Elementary, and Altamaha Elementary to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their children for school transition.
- Share information in English and Spanish (other languages as needed) for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities such as phone/text messages, social media, school web page, and flyers.
- Work with our parents/families 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 classes to help further enhance their various educational backgrounds.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support or activities.

Parent-Family Engagement Standards

Appling County Middle and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school'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





Parent-Family Engagement Advisory Council

Appling County Middle invites all parents to join the Family Engagement Advisory Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The council will meet three times during the school year, but parents may also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and Title I meetings. If you would like to learn more about the Family Engagement Advisory Council, please contact Dr. Cathy Campbell, Principal, at 912-367-8630 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IS OUR BUSINESS!

Family Engagement Advisory Council (PAC)

◯ Yes, I am excited about joining the School Family Engagement Advisory Council
◯ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School PAC
◯ 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: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have 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:

Name: (optional) _____
Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Comments: _____
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