

Hart County Middle School
Title I Parent/ Family Engagement Plan for Shared
Student Success
2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

Hart County Middle School is identified as a Title I school under the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015**. Title I provides federal funding to support state and local efforts to help all students meet challenging academic standards and achieve academic success. These programs are designed to strengthen teaching and learning while promoting meaningful parent and family engagement. As a Title I school, Hart County Middle School works collaboratively with parents and families to develop a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan that outlines opportunities for involvement in supporting student achievement.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

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

How is it revised? Hart County Middle School invited all parents to attend our Parent Input Meetings to review and revise this Parental and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the Schoolwide Plan, our School-Parent Compact, and our Title I budget, which includes our 1% Parent and Family Engagement budget. We also invited all parents to provide ideas on building staff capacity. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey by sending it home with students and posting it online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

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. Hart County Middle School 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 included as an addendum to the student handbook that is given to all students. We will distribute the plan to all parents during the Annual Title I Meeting. Parents and new students can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the office or on our school website.

2026-2027 District Goals

The Hart County Charter System is committed to academic excellence. The mission of the district is to prepare all individuals to meet tomorrow's challenges by providing quality educational opportunities today. The district has set the following goals for 2026-2027:

- The Hart County Charter System's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) score will meet or exceed the state's CCRPI score.
- Students in the Hart County Charter System will demonstrate academic growth in the area of math as measured by state and local assessments.
- Students in the Hart County Charter System will demonstrate academic growth in the area of ELA (including reading, language, and writing) as measured by state and local assessments.

2026-2027 School Goals

Administrators, teachers, and parents have studied our student performance data to decide on the most important areas of improvement for our students.

- HCMS's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) will meet or exceed the state's CCRPI score.
- HCMS will have ELA and Math scores meet or exceed the state's average as measured by the Georgia Milestone Assessment.
- HCMS will have school level assessment scores in Science and Social Studies greater than the Pre Assessment as measured by the Pre Assessment.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Hart County Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This is an agreement that parents and teachers 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 a weeklong planning session that parents, teachers, and community members are invited to attend. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need an additional copy.

Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities:

Hart County Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

July 28, 2026 – 6th Grade Transition Camp/Meet Your Teacher – 1:00 pm-4:00 pm - Activities for rising 6th graders. Students will receive their schedules, guided tour, curriculum, Chromebook introduction, attendance, Infinite Campus, SchoolStatus, and Google Classroom. Teachers will be present to introduce the 6th grade curriculum to parents and students.

July 30, 2026 – 7th & 8th Grade Meet Your Teacher - 4:00 pm -6:00 pm - Parents will receive student schedules and meet the teachers. Teachers will present specifics, in response to requests from our school community, in each period: 1) Explanation of attendance (procedures and importance) 2) Tutoring questions 3) Infinite Campus and SchoolStatus 4) School Curriculum and location on school website of unit plans and resources 5) Review of School Compact with and how it relates to their grade level and classroom.

August 24, 2026 –Annual Title I Meeting - 6:00 pm- 6:30 pm - An overview of the following will be provided: School-Wide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, & Student/Teacher/Parent Compacts. Title I requirements will be explained. (Translation services available upon request.)
Redelivery - August 25 - 7:45 am-8:15 am - Media Center.

August 24, 2026 -Curriculum Night - 6:30 pm-7:30 pm - Parents will receive information about what students are learning in English Language Arts (ELA), Math, Science, and Social Studies. Instructional coaches, teachers, and media specialists will explain the curriculum, digital citizenship lessons, IXL, the HMH Literacy program, and the current Georgia Standards of Excellence, including any recent updates.

September 10, 2026 - GEMA/GBI Parent Training on Cyber/Social Media - 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Parents can learn everything they need to know about digital citizenship, social media safety, and how to monitor their child's phone/activity online. This will be located at the HCCSS' Agriscience Center.

October 15, 2026 –Parent Conferences /Early Release Day 1:30 pm-7:30 pm - Teachers will give out report cards, discuss students' classroom performance, review the Parent/Teacher/Student Compacts, and model instructional strategies. Conferences can be scheduled by calling the school. Translation services for conferences will be available upon request.

November 9, 2026 – Literacy/SS Night 6:00 pm -7:00 pm – English Language Arts (ELA) and Social Studies teachers will explain the new HMH Literacy program and the reading strategies students use in class. During the school book fair, parents will learn ways to support reading at home, and students will showcase their reading skills by sharing selections from their Language Arts classes. Parents will receive information about their child's Lexile reading level, fall MAP assessment scores, and resources to help encourage reading at home.

January 29, 2027 - HCMS Community Connects: Where HART meets Art 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Families will have the opportunity to make a connection with our Fine Arts department, as well as, school counselors, learn about PBIS & Social Empowerment, and Infinite Campus Access for Middle School families.

March 25, 2027 - Parent Conferences/Early Release Day 1:30 pm-7:30 pm - Teachers will give out report cards, discuss students' classroom performance, review the Parent/Teacher/Student Compacts, model instructional strategies, and how to prepare for the Georgia Milestones. Conferences can be scheduled by calling the school. Translation services for conferences will be available upon request.

April 15, 2027 – PBL/ Buddenbaum STEAM Night 6:00 pm -7:30 pm – Students across the district will showcase Project-Based Learning (PBL) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) projects developed throughout the school year.

April 20, 2027 – Spring Parent Input Meeting 8:15-9:15 - We invite parents to provide their input on our Parent/Teacher/Student Compacts, Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan, how to build our staff capacity and how to utilize the 1% for Parent and Family Engagement Activities for the 2027-2028 school year.

June 2027 – Title 1 Planning Week - Teachers will work in sessions devoted to the development, review, and improvement of Title I programs and plans; all parents are encouraged to participate. The use of Parental Engagement funds will be discussed during these sessions.

Parent Family Engagement

Hart County Middle School believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in a consistent partnership and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. These ensure:

- Parents play an essential 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 on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Hart County Middle School is Branching Out!

Hart County Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an integral foundation of the school in order to strengthen and reach our academic goals.

We will –

- ✓ Ensure that information related to school and parent and family engagement programs, meetings, and other activities are posted on one or more of the following: school's website, SchoolStatus, automated school-wide phone calls, school marquee, school Facebook page, Twitter, Infinite Campus, and The Hartwell Sun.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop trainings to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with elementary schools and the high school to share school information about parent and family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child to help school transition from 5th to 6th grade and 8th to 9th grade.
- ✓ Share information in multiple languages for parents/families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments, as well as the ways parents/families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ A translator will be available upon request at our Transition Camp on July 28th, Meet the Teacher on July 30th, and for parent-teacher conferences on October 15th and March 25th.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant training and helpful presentations to educate our staff and parents/families on the importance of parent and family engagement inside and outside of the school setting. (i.e., community meetings at the Recreation Department, local restaurants, and churches)
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings inside and outside of the school setting, 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 parent and family engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Hart County Middle School Vision Statement

Hart County Middle School's vision is to become a world-class school that meets the needs of our student population by striving to attain high academic achievement and personal growth. This will be accomplished through continuous collaboration between the school, community, parents, and students. We will foster a school climate that is safe and supportive of individual students, enabling them to become active, successful members of the community.

At Hart County Middle School, we believe:

- Hart County Middle School should provide a friendly, safe, and supportive environment
- Students, staff, parents, and community should work together to promote learning
- Hart County Middle School should provide a learning environment that recognizes social and cultural diversity
- Hart County Middle School Students' needs should be met through challenging learning opportunities that recognize their individual learning styles.



**Parents of Migrant
Children: We want
your voice!**

**Scan QR Code for
Meeting Dates/Times**



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, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office.

Name:(optional)_____

Telephone Number: (optional)_____

Email Address:(optional)_____

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