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"HOME OF THE RAIDERS"

Parent and Family Engagement Plan
2026-2027

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What Is Title I: Appling is identified as a Title I school as part of 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 academic achievement.

District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement

All students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.

Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness

All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives.

Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement

We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experience.

Refer to the detailed Board of Education 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category.

School Goals

- Increase the % of students performing at proficient level on ELA GA Milestones.
- Increase the % of student-led family member conferences attended and number of students utilizing student notebooks.

Focus Areas - Reading

6th Grade: Students will read for fluency and participate in the writers' workshop.
7th Grade: Students will cite textual evidence to support claims and analysis of themes/central idea of text.
8th Grade: Students will cite textual evidence and underline unfamiliar words and will use annotation strategies.

School-Parent Compact

A School-Parent Compact is developed through collaboration with teachers, parents, and students. The purpose of the compact is to show how all will work together to ensure that all students are successful. The Compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from teachers, parents and students. Each parent will receive a copy of the compact.

What is the purpose of the plan?

This Plan explains how Appling Middle provides opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Appling Middle 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 different ways that Appling Middle supports 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 the plan revised?

Parents and family members are invited to attend the annual Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, including the School-wide Plan, School-Parent Compact, and the family engagement budget. The meetings are scheduled at convenient times. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents and family members for their suggestions on the Plan and the use of funds for family engagement. 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 the plan for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to participate in multiple opportunities described in this Plan. Appling Middle School provides an equal opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is the plan available?

The Plan will be included in the Parent and Family Engagement Guidebook that is given to all students. The Plan is also available in the front office, media center, parent resource center, and posted on the school website.

Appling 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 parent programs, meetings, and other activities is timely and published in both English and Spanish, as needed. Interpreter services will be available at the request of the parents.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events, including monthly newsletters, website announcements, Facebook postings, flyers, and phone calls, as appropriate. At Appling, we provide at least three different methods of notifying our families of upcoming district and school activities.
- ✓ Provide professional learning on family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff in working with parents and families as equal partners. In-service training and ongoing communication tips are implemented throughout the school year. Parents are encouraged to help develop our professional development materials for our faculty and staff.
- ✓ Partner with elementary and high schools to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the full participation of parents as their child transitions from elementary to middle school and middle to high school.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and training for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments, as well as ways to monitor their child's progress to improve student achievement.
- ✓ Use our community partners to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in our school's parent and family engagement plan.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities through parent surveys, event evaluations, and Parent meetings.
- ✓ 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.

Appling Middle School will host the following events for parents and family members to strengthen family engagement and support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

July 2026 - Open House: Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the school year.

August 2026 - Annual Title I Meeting: During Raider Fest, we invite you to an activity-filled Saturday to learn about the Title I program, including our Schoolwide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and how to help your child be successful in school.

September 2026 - Technology and Digital Literacy: Gain information on how to monitor your child's progress using the parent portal and ways to use educational websites and apps at home, including education about internet safety and the harms of copyright piracy.

October 2026 (ongoing during the school year) - Building Capacity-Communicating with Parents: Faculty and staff members learn about effective ways to communicate with parents and family members.

October 2026 - Assessments and Performance Measures: Parents and family members are invited to an interactive session to learn more about Georgia Milestones and local assessments.

November 2026 *Georgia Family Engagement Month!* November 20, 2026: National Family Involvement Day!

November 2025: Curriculum Night: Learn about strategies to help your child excel in reading and other academic areas.

November-December 2026 – Title I Parent Survey: Be involved by providing feedback on our family engagement program, including the family engagement budget**.**

January 2027 - Curriculum Night: Discover exciting strategies to use at home to help your child.

February-March 2027 - Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums: Parents and family members are invited to provide input on the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, Schoolwide Plan, and Family Engagement Budget.

March 2027 - Smooth Move Transition: Fifth-grade students will tour Appling Middle, and Eighth-grade students will tour Northeast High. Information will be provided to families of students transitioning to middle school and high school.

April 2027 – Raider Milestone Mania: We invite you to come and receive information that will help you to help your children pass the Georgia Milestone Tests.

Appling's School Council Meeting: September, November, February, and April

Volunteer Opportunities

Open House	Field Day
PTO Meetings	Media Center
FACE Forum	Career Day
Raider Store	PBIS Celebration
Back to School Pep Rally	Smooth Move

We welcome and appreciate our parents, family members and community volunteers!
Call 478-779-2200 for more information.