Howard Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2026-2027

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What is Title I?

Howard Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I Part A, is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards. Title I supports these efforts by reinforcing and enhancing 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. Title I schools must jointly develop, with all families, a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact and Schoolwide Plan. Parents and families are also involved in providing input on how Title I funds for Family Engagement Survey and during the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum.

Parents, Teachers, and Students will Share Responsibility for Success

What is this plan?

This plan describes how Howard Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. HMS values the contributions of our parents and stakeholders to strengthen our partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that HMS will support family engagement and how families can help participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed?

HMS invites all families to attend our Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum each year to review and revise this plan, as well as the school-wide plan, School-Parent Compact and Family Engagement Budget. These meetings are strategically scheduled to accommodate parent's availability. We will also distribute an annual survey requesting feedback from families including suggestions on ways to use funds for family Engagement. Feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year.

Who is the plan for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. HMS will provide full and equal opportunities for the participation of families of Second Language learners and disabilities. The Neglected and Delinquent Residential Facilities in the district are included in Family Engagement correspondence and activities.

Where is this plan available?

A copy of this plan can be found on the school's website. In addition, copies will be available in the Front Office, Media Center, and Parent Resource Center.

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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

ELA

- By the end of 2026, Increase the percentage of grade 6-8 students performing at proficient or above in ELA, as measured by the Georgia Milestones, from a baseline of 26.2% in 2026 to 32.2% in 2027.

Math

- By the end of 2026, Increase the percentage of grade 6-8 students performing at proficient or above Mathematics, as measured by the Georgia Milestones, from the baseline of 17.4% to 23.4% in 2027.

Note: ***Refer to https://bit.ly/3zeCES2 for any changes to school goals.***

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Partnership Opportunities

- Rewards Programs
- Book Fairs
- Fundraising
- PTO
- Volunteering:
  - Media Center
  - Classrooms
  - Front Office
  - Chaperoning
  - Field Trips

Volunteers are welcomed at Howard Middle School; however, a volunteer packet must be completed, in-person, at the front desk. Volunteers must be approved by the principal.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact the Family Engagement Representatives Raven Dolphus at 478-779-3500.

School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact is jointly developed by teachers, parents, and students. Our compact is an agreement between the school, parents, and students stating what each party will do to ensure that all students reach grade level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers at the Family and Community Engagement Forum (FACE) in the spring or at any time throughout the year using the online comment card located on the school website parent tab.

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Howard Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support families 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 English and Spanish, as needed on the school website, ParentSquare and in the HOWL Newsletter.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on family engagement's best practices and effective strategies for staff to work with parents as equal partners during grade level meetings, staff meetings, ParentSquare, emails and communicating parent tips in the weekly Howard Middle HOWL Newsletter.
- ✓ Partner with elementary and high schools, in our zone, to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the transitioning of rising 6th and 9th graders. Parents are invited to tour their respective school and participate in workshops to learn what to expect for the new school year.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events by mail, flyer, phone calls, school messenger, school marquee and social media.
- ✓ Provide a Parent Resource Area and Workshops with necessary materials and training for parents to gain an understanding of academic standards, curriculum, assessments, and ways to monitor their child's progress.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parent's requests for additional support for family engagement activities through workshops, evaluations, and district surveys. Submit parent feedback about any part of the schoolwide plan that is not satisfactory to the students and school goals for academic achievement to the local Title I office.



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- **HMS School Council Meetings: September 2026, December 2026, March 2027, and May 2027:** A decision-making opportunity that connects HMS & the community to meet the needs of our students.
- **August 2026-Open House:** Meet your child's teacher, tour the school, receive important information & helpful tips to a successful school year.
- **August 2026-Annul Title I Meeting:** Parents will receive information regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact, and the Family Engagement Budget.
- **September 2026-Standards & Curriculum night:** Teachers will present information that will help parents gain understanding of the school goals, curriculum, and the Georgia Standards of Excellence.
- **October 2026-Building Staff Capacity:** The principal, faculty, staff, & parents will meet, discuss, & share information on how to build stronger ties between home & school.
- **November 2026-Asessments and Technology Workshop:** Families will explore different assessments, Information about performance measures, Parent Portal, digital literacy, & learn about ParentSquare
- **November 2026-Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day (Nov. 19, 2026)/P.A.C. K Night November ,2026:** Parents will be invited to engage with the P.A.C.K as students share information about P.A.C.K. time, behavior, & additional instructions in all subjects. Rising 6th grade parents are invited to attend.
- **November 2026/December 2026-Title I Parent Survey:** Parents will have the opportunity to share feedback about the Family Engagement Program, activities, & budget.
- **February 2027-Georgial Milestones Assessment Workshop:** The presenter will share test taking strategies & information with families.
- **February/March 2027-Family & Community Engagement Forum (FACE):** Parents will provide input and feedback regarding the schoolwide plan, Parent & Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, & the family engagement budget
- **April 2027-Smooth Move:** Parents of rising 6th & 9th grade students will be provided with information about transitioning to middle school & high school