

**Camden County High School
Parent and Family Engagement
Plan for Shared Student Success
2017-2018 School Year**



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What is Title I?

Camden County High 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 in order 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 policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Camden County High School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. CCHS values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that CCHS will support family 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 developed? Camden County High School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and on paper to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. A Stakeholder meeting is held at the beginning of the school year for the express purpose of soliciting feedback from parents and community members on the revisions to this plan.

What feedback indicated? In April 2017 Camden County High School (CCHS) asked parents to complete a Title I survey and 266 elected to provide feedback. The majority of parents who completed the survey were pleased with communications between home and school. Of the respondents, 95% responded favorably that parents feel welcome in the school, 93% responded favorably regarding the school keeping parents well informed about what children are learning at school, and 97% reported their child feels safe at school. A weakness was indicated in the area of parent input in school decision making with only 43% agreeing that parent input is considered and another 44% agreeing to some degree. Parents indicated a desire for more information on testing and test preparation, understanding state academic standards, and helping with homework.

Who is it for? All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Camden County High School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, parents of migratory children, as well guardians of children served through the Methodist Children's Home.

Where is it available? Once adopted, the plan is posted on-line on the school website, in the Parent Resource center, in the front office, and copies are sent home with students. The Parent Resource Center is located in the 10-12 Media Center. The Media Center hours of operation are Monday –Thursday from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm, and Friday from 6:30 am until 2:30 pm. A second Resource Center is located in the Ninth Grade Center Conference room, open Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 2:15 pm.

2017-2018 District Goals

-To increase the percentage of all students designated as proficient or higher on the ELA GMAS from 51% in 2017 to 54% in 2018, 57% in 2019, and 60% in 2020.

-To increase the percentage of all students designated as proficient or higher on the Math GMAS from 55% in 2017 to 58% in 2018, 61% in 2019, and 64% in 2020

2017-2018 School Goals

To increase performance in all EOC (End of Course) content areas by 3% by targeting the foundational skills of

- 1- ***Reading comprehension***
- 2- ***Effective writing strategies***
- 3- ***Problem solving in mathematics***

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Camden County Schools have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the county'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

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Camden County High School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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. Parents will retain a copy of the compact for their use. Additionally the compact can be viewed on-line, and will be provided to parents upon request. Teachers will review the compacts with parents during conferences.

Title I Meetings

Camden County High School invites all parents to participate in scheduled meetings, to share ideas and ways to involve other parents, and to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. Meetings are held throughout the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Title I meetings or provide input, please contact the Title I Intervention Specialist, Joanne Fry, (912) 729-7318

Parents and community leaders are an integral part of the total Camden County High School program. Community partners participate through providing resource personnel for mentoring, classroom presentations, acquiring materials and resources, judging competitive events, serving on Advisory Boards and hiring students in internships, co-ops and apprenticeships.

Parent and Family Engagement

Camden County High School believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including 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.

Camden County High School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Camden County High School is Branching Out!

CCHS will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 requested languages (per home language survey), and posted on the school website, sent home by flyer or email and included in media announcements (newspaper, radio ,etc.)
- ✓ Conduct on-going staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents and families.
- ✓ Share information to assist parents in understanding the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Assist parents in setting up parent PowerSchool e-mail alert messages and smartphone apps.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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 parent and family engagement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Assist parents and students in transitions between middle and high school, and between high school and post-secondary life.
- ✓ Involve parents in the school improvement process by inviting all parents to attend School Council meetings and to serve as parent representatives on any of the various Focus Teams that provide recommendations to the CCHS Steering Committee.
- ✓ Help parents take an active role in creating and evaluating their students' graduation plans and helping them with annual course selection and registration in a one-on-one setting.

Let's Get Together!

Camden County High School will host the following 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. These activities were planned based on responses from the Title I Parent Survey. Activities marked with * provide information to address parents requests for information on test preparation, understanding state standards and resources for helping with homework.

Month	Activity/Meeting
July	Open House – July 31* Title I Staff Orientation
August	Title I Program Evaluation/ Stakeholder Meeting – Aug 14 School Council Meeting – Aug 14
September	Focus Team Meetings – Sept 5
October	Title I Annual Meeting –Oct 16 Senior Beta Club Induction Ceremony School Council Meeting –Oct 16 CCHS Showcase/Parent Information Night * - Oct 3 Honor Roll Breakfast – Oct 19 Focus Team Meetings – Oct 10 Junior/Senior College Night and PROBE Fair* - Oct 19
November	Title I Staff Orientation Focus Team Meeting – Nov 7
December	
January	Academic Honor Roll Breakfast School Council Meeting – Jan 8 Focus Team Meetings – Jan 9
February	Advanced Placement Parent/Student Information Night*
March	Parent Conferences for Registration* Job Fair Focus Team Meetings – Mar 6 School Council Meeting - Mar 12
April	Dual Enrollment Information Meeting* Focus Team Meetings – Apr 17
May	School Council Meeting Senior Scholarship Night Academic Honors Night 8 th Grade Tour and Orientation Focus Team Meetings – May 8

High School Promotion Standards

In making the determination for grade placement in the secondary schools, the following numbers of Carnegie units must have been earned: students are considered sophomores after earning 5 or more Carnegie units, juniors with 12 or more units. and seniors with 20 or more units.