

**Camden County High School  
Parent and Family Engagement  
Plan for Shared Student Success  
2023- 2024 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 plan describes how Camden County High School (CCHS) will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. CCHS 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 also describes how CCHS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and home.

**How is it developed?** Camden County High School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. We use parent feedback to revise the plan for the next school year. We post the plan on our school website for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. We hold a Stakeholder meeting at the end of the school year for the express purpose of soliciting feedback from parents and community members on the revisions to this plan. If parents are unsatisfied with this plan, their comments will be submitted to the district for review.

**What did feedback indicate?** In March 2023, Camden County High School asked parents to complete a Title I survey. Most parents who completed the survey were pleased with the school's ability to communicate goals and activities effectively. Of the respondents, 93% responded favorably that they are pleased with the instructional program at CCHS, and 92% reported that we provide a safe learning environment. We noted a weakness in parent input in school decision-making, with only 45% agreeing that parent input is considered and another 35% agreeing to some degree. Parents indicated a desire to be kept well informed about what their child is learning at school. Parents also wanted to increase the lines of communication between school and home.

**Who is it for?** All students and their families are encouraged and invited to participate fully 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, and guardians of children served through the Methodist Children's Home.

**Where is it available?** Once approved, we will post the plan on the school's website, the Parent Resource Center tables, in the front offices, and send copies home to students. The Parent Resource table is in front of the 10-12 Building attendance window. A second Resource table is in the Ninth Grade Media Center, open Monday-Friday, 7:00 am - 2:15 pm.

### **2023 - 2024 District Goals**

- Increase the percentage of students in grades 3-12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS ELA EOC/EOG from 53% to 56% (ES), from 52% to 55% (MS), & from 59% to 62% (HS)
- Increase the percentage of students in grades 3-12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS Math EOC/EOG from 59% to 62%(ES), from 47% to 50%(MS), & from 50% to 53% (HS).
- Increase the percentage of students in grades 3-12 meeting proficient or higher on the GMAS Science EOC/EOG from 64% to 67%(ES), from 59% to 62% (MS), & from 66% to 69% (HS)

### **2023 - 2024 School Goals**

- To increase the percentage of students performing at proficient or distinguished learner levels on the Biology EOC from 68% to 71%
- To increase the percentage of students performing at proficient and distinguished learner levels on the American Literature EOC from 59% to 62%.
- To decrease the percentage of students who disagree with feeling connected to others at school from 23% to 20%

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Camden County High School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to ensure 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.

### **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 listed below.

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

### **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.

We hold meetings throughout the school year at various times and in different formats, 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 Instructional Specialist, Cynthia Brantley, (912) 729-7318

### **High School Promotion Standards**

In determining grade placement in the secondary schools, the following number 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.

### **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, to ensure the following:

- Parents play an integral 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.
- Parents are a part of 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 essential foundation to strengthen the school and reach our 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), posted on the school website, sent home by flyer or email, and included in media announcements (newspaper, radio, etc.)
- ✓ Conduct ongoing 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 curriculum, academic standards, and assessments, as well as how 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 training 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 children 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
June	Title I Stakeholder Meeting
July	Open House
August	Title I Annual Meeting School Council Meeting
September	Academic Honor Roll Breakfast Focus Team Meetings
October	Focus Team Meetings
November	PROBE Fair/CCHS Showcase* FAFSA
December	Focus Team Meetings
January	School Council Meeting Focus Team Meetings
February	Academic Honor Roll Breakfast Advanced Placement Parent/Student Information Night* College and Career Week Parent Conferences for Registration*
March	Job Fair
April	Dual Enrollment Information Meeting* Focus Team Meetings Academic Honors Night High School Transitioning Workshop
May	Senior Scholarship Night 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Tour and Orientation Math Summer Bridge
June 2023	School Council Title I Stakeholder Meeting

Parents and community leaders are integral to the total Camden County High School program. Community partners participate by providing 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.