

Teasley Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2020–2021 School Year

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About Title I

Teasley 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 challenging 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 a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan with parents and family members.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This plan describes how Teasley Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Teasley Middle School 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 Teasley Middle School supports 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 revised?

Teasley Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual Parent Revision Meeting (virtual window) last spring to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan and our Teacher-Parent-Student Compact for Student Success. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year is considered when revising the plan for the next year. We also distribute an annual survey online and a hard copy in the front office to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities throughout the school year.

Who is it for?

All students served through the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Teasley Middle School provides multiple opportunities for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, disabilities, students in a residential facility and migratory children.

Where is it available?

The School Parent and Family Engagement Plan is posted on our school's website <http://cherokeek12.net/teasleyms/>. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Room, in the front office, at the Title I Meeting, and at the Title I Parent Revision Meeting.

2020-21 District Goals

Increase the number of students scoring at level 3 and/or 4 by 3% on the Georgia Milestone ELA/EOG/EOC assessments by the end of the 2020-21 school year (Grades 3-5) and by the end of the 2020-21 school year (Grades 6-8) and by the end of the 2022-23 school year (Grades 9 and 11).

2020-21 School Goals

Teasley Middle School Improvement Goals
Teasley MS will improve the academic achievement of all students in grade 6 and grade 7 scoring a L2 (Developing Learner) or higher by 5% as measured by the Georgia Milestones ELA and Math by the year 2021.

Teasley MS will improve the academic achievement of all students in grade 8 scoring a L2 (Developing Learner) or higher by 5% as measured by the Georgia Milestones ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies by the year 2021.

Teacher-Parent-Student Compact for Student Success

As part of this plan, Teasley Middle School and our families developed a Teacher-Parent-Student Compact for Student Success. This is an agreement between teachers, parents and students that explains how we work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The Teacher-Parent-Student Compact for Student Success is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from teachers, parents and students through revision meetings. The Teacher-Parent-Student Compact for Student Success is also shared during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if additional copies are needed.

Let's Get Together!

Teasley Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement as well as to support the partnership among the school, parents and community to improve student academic achievement.

6th Grade Walkthrough

Engaging new families of incoming 6th graders on a tour of the school and informational session.

July 29, 2020

Annual Title I Meeting (Virtual)

Learning and sharing about our Title I program. Topics include our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the School-Wide Plan, the school-parent compacts and parental requirements.

September 10, 2020

Curriculum Night (Virtual)

Meet your child's teacher and various school staff for the year. Also discover ways to support your student.

September 10, 2020

Literacy Interacting with Technology at Teasley Night (Virtual)

L.I.T.T. Family technology night for all families. A night of gathering and learning more about the programs offered as well as Canvas training.

October 1, 2020

S.T.E.A.M Night (Virtual)

A night of fun while incorporating math reasoning and science.

December 3, 2020

Transition to 9th Grade @ CHS

Cherokee High School provides 8th grade Teasley students with an overview of High school life.

January 2021

Choose Your Own Adventure (Writing and Reading Workshop)

Explore the writing process and learn how to create a story with your family.

February 4, 2021

Family Game Night

Strengthen number sense while having fun through games. Learn new strategies to work at home with your student.

March 25, 2021

Title I Parent Revision Meeting

Review and provide feedback on the Family Engagement Plan, Teacher-Parent-Student Compact and School-Wide Plan.

April 29, 2021

Transition to 6th @ TMS

Rising 5th grade students transitioning to Teasley receive a warm welcome and an overview of the school.

April 2021

Parent/Council Conferences - Ongoing, as Requested

Parent-student-teacher conference

Parent Resource Room

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials and activities to use at home with your child. Computer access is available for parents' educational resources.

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
or by appointment

Parent and Family Engagement

Teasley Middle School believes that family engagement means the following:

- Parents and family members participate in regular and meaningful two-way communication related to student academic learning and other school activities
- Parents play an integral role in assisting with their child's learning
- Parents are 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 advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

Teasley Middle School is Branching Out!

Teasley Middle School 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 achieve our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other schoolwide events activities is shared and published in both English and Spanish, via the school website, school marquee, TMS and PTA Facebook pages, TMS Twitter Page and school newsletters emailed to all families.
- ✓ Conduct Staff development each quarter for parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Provide information for parents and families regarding student assessments and the interpretation of results.
- ✓ Partner with feeder elementary schools, Cherokee High School, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in the monthly school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our School Advisory Council to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Teasley Middle School parents and staff have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model for 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 Advisory Council

The School Advisory Council of Teasley Middle School consists of parents, school personnel and community representatives. The Council meets at least four times a year to keep parents and families informed of school matters and to build partnerships between school, families and the community.

Any parent interested in being a member of the School Advisory Council is invited to contact Ms. Kathie Monti via phone 770-721-5420, email kathie.monti@cherokeek12.net or by visiting the school. School Advisory Council meetings are open meetings; all stakeholders are welcome to attend.

Share your Thoughts

Teasley Middle School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email Ms. Carolina Zavala if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in one of our programs.

Please contact Ms. Zavala as well if you have any suggestions or questions related to student and/or school goals for academic achievement.

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