

2022 - 2023

SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

RENAISSANCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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WHAT IS TITLE I?

Renaissance Middle School participates in Title I, Part A, Section 1116 of the “Every Child Succeeds Act” (ESSA), which supports State and local school efforts to challenge academic standards by reinforcing and enhancing efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students. The Renaissance Middle School (RMS) Title I School-Wide Program requires effective means of improving student achievement by including strategies to support Family Engagement.

All students participating in the Title I program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Renaissance Middle School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

- The parents, students, and staff of Renaissance Middle worked together to develop our School Family Engagement Plan during our yearly Title I Spring Parent Input meeting. The plan outlines ways the school, parents, and families will work together as equal partners, and how the school will provide opportunities, resources, and support for parents and families to help their children learn at school and at home.
- The School-Family Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Plan is made available on our school website, shared on social media, distributed throughout the school (Family Resource Center, Front Office, and Parent Information table), placed in new Registration Packets, offered at Parent Workshops, and provided to parents upon request, it is also available in the community i.e., Fairburn Library and in the Evergreen Terrace Welcome Center Apartment complex.
- This is a plan that describes how Renaissance Middle School will provide opportunities to improve Parent Engagement to support student learning. Renaissance Middle School values the contributions and engagement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Renaissance Middle School 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.
- Renaissance Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time. Each spring, parents and the community are invited to a Parent Input Meeting to initially provide feedback and input on the plan. We also use surveys to gather input. This meeting invitation was given via Blackboard, E-flyer, online input survey, newsletter, Family Resource Center, school website, social media, and posters throughout the school. The plan was jointly developed and revised with input from parents last spring to review and revise the School-Family Compact, Family Engagement Plan, School Wide Plan, and the Family Engagement Budget. Parents had the opportunity to give input on how the 1% of parent engagement funds should be used at Renaissance Middle School.
- If the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, Renaissance Middle will submit comments on the plan to the local educational agency or district.

District Goals

2022 - 2023 Fulton County Schools' District Goals

- Increase the graduation rate by 2.5% from summer 2022 to summer 2023
- Increase the percentage of students meeting grade level expectations on the Reading/Language Arts Georgia Milestones Assessment by 3% from summer 2022 to summer 2023

School Goals

Increase the percentage of scholars meeting or exceeding expectations on the GA Milestones assessment in Mathematics, English/Language Arts (ELA), and Reading.

*40% of all Renaissance Middle School scholars will score at Meet or Exceed on the MATH portion of the Georgia Milestones test by May 2023.

*40% of RMS scholars will score at Meet or Exceed in emphasis in English Language Arts (ELA) and Reading on the Georgia Milestones test by May 2023.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

- Our Annual Title I Parent Meeting will be held on August 18, 2022, at 6:00PM in the RMS Café'. All families will be invited to attend via: Black Board (calls/emails/texts), social media, weekly and monthly newsletter, and the school's website.
- Parents will be informed of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parent's right to be involved and the opportunities the school provides to get engaged in their child's education.

Communication

- The School Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School Family Compact are written in family-friendly language using a uniform format to the extent practicable, provided in a language parents can understand.
- Renaissance Middle School encourages two-way communication between parents and teachers and offers several virtual and face2face opportunities throughout the school year for parents to offer input and be involved in school activities and events. Parents can monitor their child's progress by using Infinite Campus, Class Dojo, Remind and Parent-Teacher conferences.
- Renaissance Middle communicates with all families and the community through Black Board (calls/emails, texts), weekly school newsletter, school website, social media, school marquee, and postings in neighborhood forums.
- Virtual and Face2Face Parent Workshops are offered at different times of the day (i.e., morning, mid-day, and evening) and different days of the week to maximize the opportunities for parents and families to participate. Webinars or TEAMS meetings may be set-up by contacting the school.
- The residential facilities for students in the Renaissance Middle School attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.
- Renaissance Middle School will provide temporary childcare for parents during Family Engagement meetings that are face-to-face. Should transportation prevent a family from attending a Family Engagement event that is face to face a parent may contact the school for assistance (470) 254-4330.

School-Family Compact

- The School-Family Compact was jointly developed with input from parents/guardians, teachers, and students. The Compact explains how parents, teachers, and students will work together and share responsibility to make sure that all students reach grade-level standards. The School-Family Compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Title I Parent Input Meetings.
- To help children achieve the State's high standards. In addition to being sent home and emailed, School-Family Compacts are available on our website, Wildcat Weekly newsletter, posted to social media, in the Family Resource Center, offered at virtual and face2face Parent Workshops, and may be mailed upon request. To build equal partnerships, feedback is welcome throughout the year.

Reservation of Funds

- Renaissance Middle school receives feedback at Title I meetings and from parent surveys as to how they would like to see the 1% Title I funds allocated for Family Engagement.
- Parent input determines how the 1% Budget is spent (i.e., Family Resource Center, Math, ELA/Reading materials, supplies, staff, and educational games).
- In accordance with the Spring Budget Input, RMS will use 2022-2023 Title I funds to impact ALL students by providing additional teachers and paraprofessionals to reduce class sizes, and by putting in place extra academic supports which will include Professional Development, Data Support, and Instructional Coaches.

Coordination of Services

Renaissance Middle will integrate and coordinate family engagement programs, strategies, and activities with our incoming sixth grade and outgoing eighth grade through transition meetings with families at Langston Hughes High School, school tours, and parent meetings. Our activities integrate AVID strategies to provide resources for parents to help their child achieve College and Career Readiness.

Building Capacity of Parents

Renaissance Middle has a focus on building capacity between home, school, and the community. We have created partnerships with corporations, businesses, and organizations in our surrounding community to improve academic achievement through the following:

- Provide training and materials to help parents work with their child to make sure he/she is working at their full potential.
- Remind parents throughout the year of the resources available to them in the Family Resource Center and show them how to use Infinite Campus on a consistent basis to monitor their child's progress.
- Make sure the school's website is parent friendly and contains updated information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities. www.fultonschools.org/renaissancems
- Provide virtual workshops and face 2 face meetings during various times of the day in a timely manner that provide the curriculum and the State's standards focused on the Georgia Milestone Assessment.
- Math, ELA/Literacy, and Science Curriculum is provided to parents at our Annual Title I Parent Meeting, Parent Workshops, and Parent-Teacher conferences virtually/face2face every third Thursday of each month. Questions regarding the school's curriculum may be directed to your child's teacher, and any member of our Administrative Team or Parent Liaison.
- Parents may gain more information about their child's academic assessment results and interpretation of those results during virtual/face2face Parent Conferences, Curriculum Night and Annual Title I Parent Meeting.
- Provide materials and training in the Family Resource Center to help parents to work with their children to improve their child's achievement (i.e., literacy, math, and technology) are provided in the Parent Workshops and in the Family Resource Center. This would include education about the Harms of Copyright Piracy.
- All parents are encouraged to provide suggestions or feedback anytime throughout the school year by contacting Mrs. Parker – Parent/Community Liaison (470) 254-8553 or parkerd3@fultonschools.org

Building Capacity of School Staff

- Renaissance Middle School will educate teachers, student services personnel, principals, and other staff (with the assistance of parents) in the value and utility of contributions of parents and how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and school.
- Renaissance Middle will provide virtual and face2face training during quarterly planning periods to all staff members on how to improve communication and work with parents as equal partners to increase family engagement. Renaissance Middle will involve parents in the development of this training to bridge the gap between home and school.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to share ways in which teachers can best communicate with parents to strengthen student achievement.
- The school will provide multiple opportunities for parents to request additional support and offer input. The school will offer a flexible number of virtual and face2face meetings at various times and varying formats and provide updates in multiple ways.

Parent and Family Engagement Opportunities

- Renaissance Middle School will inform parents in a timely fashion, in multiple ways (i.e. newsletter, social media, website), and as necessary in other languages according to parent needs and requests such as Spanish of our Title I Family Engagement virtual and face2face events to support partnerships with our families, students, and the community to improve student academic achievement.
- There are many opportunities at Renaissance Middle School for parents to get involved and play an active role in their child's education. Renaissance Middle is committed to the goal of involving our parents in all aspects of our school wide program. A partnership will be established with parents and the community to support these efforts. Therefore, we highly encourage parents to participate with faculty, staff, and their scholar during monthly virtual or face2face Renaissance Family Nights, PTSA meetings, Teacher-Parent conferences, School Governance Council Meetings, Parent workshops, and Community forums.
- If you are unable to attend a Title I School-Wide event and would like to have a parent mentor, please contact our Title I Parent Liaison. Other options include coordination resources for special education, migrant program, and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Rosetta Stone is available for non-English speaking parents who can learn English using this free online program. Please call the school at (470) 254-4330 to inquire about ELL for adults.

Parent Feedback

Should you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan you feel is not satisfactory with our students or the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your suggestions or questions on how Renaissance Middle School can improve our School-Family Engagement Plan. Please email Mrs. Parker – Parent/Community Liaison parkerd3@fultonschools.org or return your feedback information to the front office or you may stop by the Family Resource Center located in Room-A104 during school hours.

Name: (optional) _____ Email: _____ Cell#: _____

***THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOU DO, WE TRULY
APPRECIATE YOU!!***

