

Eddy Middle School

Parental and Family Engagement Policy

2018–2019

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What is Title I?

Eddy Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Eddy Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Eddy Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Eddy Middle School will support parent 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?

Eddy Middle School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event.

Who is it for?

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

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the next year, the plan will be included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will have the plan available to all parents in August during registration day before the scheduled Open House event. The plan will also be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the main office and Family Resource Center. For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, parental involvement correspondence and activities information will be mailed to each facility where students reside.

2018–19 District Goals

The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses in Tier 1 instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

2018–19 Smart Goals

PBIS/School Climate Goal: By May 2019, 100% of teachers will be trained in Restorative Practices and 80% of the teachers will effectively implement as measured by PBIS Rewards usage, minor incident referral log, and office discipline data.

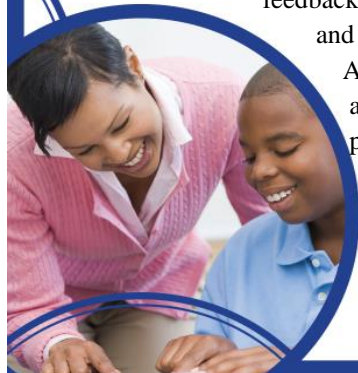
Academic/Instructional Goal: By May 2018, 100% of teachers will be trained in student engagement strategies and 80% will implement these strategies effectively as measured by peer observational data and engagement checklist walkthrough instrument

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Eddy Middle 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 during the Annual Parent meeting and end of year parent policy meeting.

The school-parent compacts are kept in the main office if parents need a copy.



Let's Get Together!

Eddy Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement. Eddy Middle School strives to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be held during various days and times. Invitations will be sent home and posted on the school website

Open House – August 2018

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September 2018

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements..

Smart Goal Workshops – Fall 2018/Spring 2019

Inform students and parents about our updated school goals to help support student learning

Academic Workshop – March 2019

Parents will learn necessary skills for student success

State Assessment March 2019

Teachers will demonstrate various "models of instruction" used in the classroom for their students.

Middle to High School Transition May 2019

Learn helpful information to prepare for high school.



Family Resource Center

Come visit the Family Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Parent and Family Engagement

Eddy Middle School believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and 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 Generals are Branching Out!

Eddy Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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 Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Share information on the school website and in the 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 and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ 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 Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Eddy Middle School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school'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 Community Team

Eddy Middle School invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact Meticho Oneal, Title I Family Services Coordinator at (706) 683-8782 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the School Community Team
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

