

Tapp Middle School

Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2018-2019 School Year

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What is Title I?

Tapp Middle 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 challenging state 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must

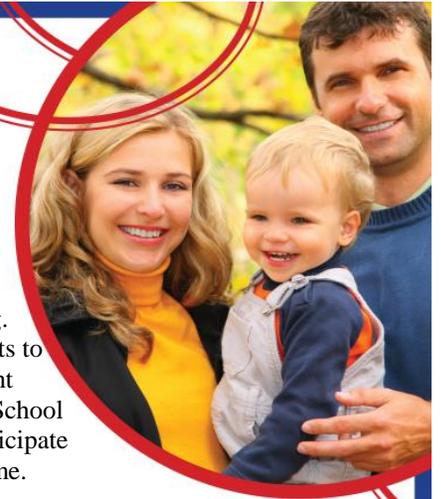
jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Tapp Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Tapp 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 Tapp 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?

Tapp 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.

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 Policy. Tapp Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent (s).

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan will be posted on the school website. Parents can also receive a copy of the plan during conference week.

2018–19 District Goals

By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, 100% of the schools and district will use our collaborative data-driven process, Cobb Collaborative Community (CCC), to improve learning.

CCSD will increase the participation rate of families and communities engaging in services/ programs by 10% as measured by ParentVUE data, survey results & web view module.

By the end of the 2018-2019 school year, 100% of the schools and district will use a common assessment to measure the impact of professional learning which will, in turn guide decisions on how best to support teachers and leaders in high poverty/needs schools.

2018–19 School Goals

Increase the level of proficiency of students meeting and exceeding in mathematics on the 2018-2019 milestones/
Increase the number of students who are reading on grade level based on lexile levels on the reading inventory / Increase the number of parent volunteers supporting school initiatives and activities.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Tapp 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.

The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together!

Tapp Middle 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. Meetings for parents will be held during the day in the morning before school and in the evening as well.

State of The School Meeting (Theater) – August 30, 2018 5:30pm

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. Invitations will be mailed and posted in the school newsletter and local media.

Title I School Improvement Plan Forum– October 25, 2018 6pm (Theater)

Parents provide input on the compact, policy and Title I plan.

Eighth Grade Parent Night at McEachern High School – November 15, 2018 8:30pm

Students and parents will tour McEachern's campus, discuss class elections, explore electives and Sports Programs.

Articulation Day- January 29, 2019 to January 31, 2019 6pm (Theater)

Students will receive presentation on Tapp basics and expectation as a Sixth Grader.

Tapp Tours- February 5, 2019 & February 6, 2019 9:00am -10:30am – (Theater)

Students will participate in learning more about Tapp Performing Arts and will tour Tapp Middle School.

GA. Milestones Information Session – February 26, 2019 6pm (Theater)

Information for parents and students on how to prepare for the GA. Milestones.

Title I School Improvement Plan Forum– March 14, 2019 6pm (Theater)

Parents provide input on the compact, policy and Title I plan.

College and Career Week- TBD March 2019

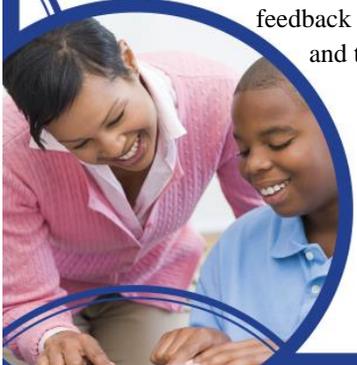
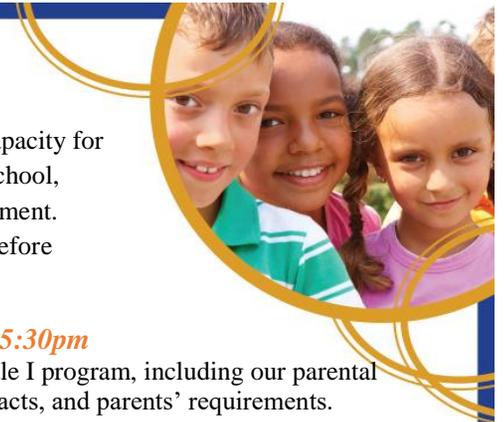
Students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of college paths and career professions. Presentations will include: education/training, personal skills, and demonstrations of day to day activities.

Sixth Grade Parent Night- May 8, 2019 6pm (Theater)

Parents and students will meet their Administrative Team and teachers.

Building Staff Capacity- (Training Center Room 806)

September 14, 2018, December 14, 2018, March 15, 2019 & May 15, 2019.





Parent Resource Center Room 312

Come visit the Parent 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. Hours of operation are below:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

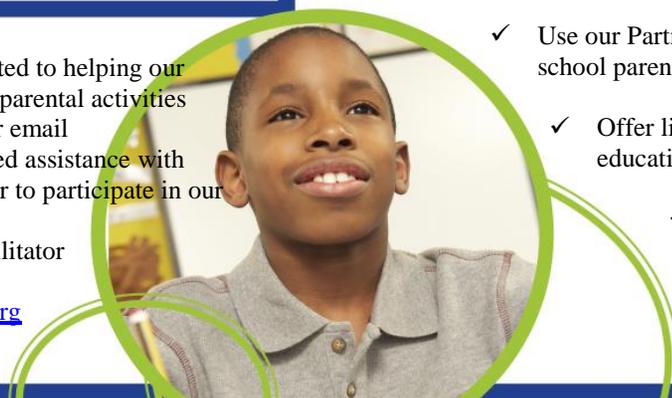
Parental Involvement

Tapp 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.

Tapp Middle School is committed to helping our parents and students attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email our Parent Facilitator if you need assistance with childcare/transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Mechelle Stephens, Parent Facilitator
770-222-3758 ext. 035 or
Mechelle.stephens@cobk12.org



Tapp Middle School is Branching Out!

Tapp 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 are published and posted on the school website, and addressed in our weekly call outs.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods with Academic Coach and others on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled PLC/CCC meetings.
- ✓ Partner with the feeder Elementary Schools to help in-coming students have a smoother transition.
- ✓ Share information on the school website 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 Team to implement activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- ✓ Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards 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.

Parental Involvement Standards

Tapp Middle School and our parents have adopted the National PTSA 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 Volunteer Team

Tapp Middle School invites all parents to join the School Volunteer Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The parents can 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 Volunteer Team, please contact the parent facilitator at (770)222-3758 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

School Volunteer/Community Team

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

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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) _____

Valuable Feedback: _____

