

# Chattooga High School

## *Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success*

*2019-2020 School Year*

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### ***2019-20 District Goals***

All schools in the district will increase their score by 3% or above as measured by the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI).

### ***2019-20 School Goals***

CHS will increase our students' achievement in all areas of Georgia Milestones' End of Course Tests.

*Revised June 2019*



## Let's Get Together!



Chattooga High School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

### ***Meet The Teacher – Open House - July 30, 2019 4:00 – 6:00***

Meet your child's teachers, find out about their schedule, get information about the school year, and get to know our friendly and helpful school staff.

### ***Annual Title I Meeting - August 28, 2019 4:30 – 5:30***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compacts. Invitations will be posted on the school website and on social media.

### ***Fall One Tribe Night - October 2, 2019 5:30 – 6:30***

Connect with your student, his/her teachers, and the school staff as we share dinner and have fun experiencing part of your child's perspective. Members of the community workforce will be present to share their perspectives as well. Door prizes and dinner will be provided.

### ***Spring One Tribe Night – March 25, 2020 5:30 – 6:30***

Connect with your student, his/her teachers, and the school staff as we share dinner and have fun experiencing part of your child's perspective. Members of the community workforce will be present to share their perspectives as well. Door prizes and dinner will be provided.

### ***School-Community Team Meeting - May 6, 2020 4:30 – 5:30***

A forum for parents, family, and community members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.



## What is Title I?

Chattooga High School (CHS) 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 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 is a plan that describes how Chattooga High School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Chattooga High 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 that Chattooga High 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.

### How is it revised?

Chattooga High School invited all parents to attend our annual School-Community Team meeting last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Our schoolwide plan is posted on our school website 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. Family and parent input regarding this plan are welcome during the school year by filling out a form located in the school's lobby, by filling out an on-line form found on the school's website, or by sending the attached form back to the front office. We also distribute an annual survey online as well as send it home with every student to ask parents for their feedback on our schoolwide plan and family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during our parent meetings and activities that take place 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 and plan. Chattooga High will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

### Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, Title I information is given to all students and is available for distribution at our annual Open House event. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office of the high school or in the Parent Resource Center at the Chattooga County Education Center (CCEC) located at 290 Maple Drive, Summerville, Georgia.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Chattooga High and our families develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students 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 School-Community Team meeting. The

school-parent compacts are also shared with parents during open house and then kept with each child's advisement teacher.



# The #1 factor in student success is **Family Engagement.**

Chattooga High School believes that Family Engagement is: the participation of family members and school staff in consistent and meaningful communication.

This involves conversations about students' academic and social needs as well as about school activities.

This ensures:

- 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 to assist in the education of their child.

## **Parent Resource Center**

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.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

## **Chattooga High School and Chattooga County One Tribe**

CHS 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 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 website, and available in the school lobby for all families.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with our county's schools, local colleges and the community workforce to bring college and career readiness resources to our students, and equip parents with valuable information through our parent resource centers to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments so that all 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 community flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in this family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, through suggestion forms on the school website and in the school lobby in order to gain an ongoing perspective of our community.

## Additional Annual School Activities

Junior and Senior Essentials Night – August

FAFSA night – October

Rising Freshmen Night – March

Senior Academic Night – May

Underclassmen Academic Night - May

## School-Community Team

Chattooga High School invites all parents to join the School-Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members so we can continue to strengthen our partnerships, school, families, and the community. The team will periodically meet during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any time through our parent surveys, school website links, and/or leaving feedback in the front office lobby using the Title I Request for Input form.



## 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.

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 policy that you feel is not satisfactory for 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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