

# **Russell Middle School**

## ***Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success***

*2019–2020 School Year*

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### **What is Title I?**

Russell Middle is proud to be identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to provide all students with fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality education. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support and improve family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

# **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

The Parental Involvement Policy and Plan describes how Russell Middle School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement and positively impact student achievement. The plan will include strategies to increase parental involvement and how we will work with families to improve student success.

### **How is it revised?**

The RMS Parent Involvement Policy and Plan is revised each year with input from all shareholders. Families are involved in the planning, review, and improvement of the plan by serving on committees and by providing input via surveys and questionnaires. There are two different evening meetings where the plan is shared, one in the fall and one in the spring. We invite all shareholders in the RMS community to attend these meetings to learn more about the plan and to offer suggestions and revisions. Comments and suggestions are always welcome and will be used to strengthen and revise the plan for the upcoming year.

### **Who is it for?**

All members of the RMS community are invited to participate fully in the opportunities described in this plan. We will provide translated materials and interpretation services as needed.

### **Where is it available?**

The RMS Parent Involvement Policy and Plan is made available to the Local Education Agency (LEA) and to the RMS community on our school website, at all Title I meetings/conferences and in the front office.

## ***2019–20 District Goals***

The Barrow County School System will increase the system percentage of students scoring at the developing, proficient, and distinguished levels on the

ELA portions of the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment (GMAS) will increase to 85% by 2022.

Math portion of the GMAS will increase to 89% by 2022.

Science portion of the GMAS will increase to 82% by 2022.

Social Studies portion of the GMAS will increase to 85% by 2022.

## ***2019–20 School Goals***

60% of students will meet their projected MAP growth in Reading and Language.

75% of students will meet their projected MAP growth in Math.

Improve family support through establishing strong communication, providing structured academically-focused events, and providing at-home resources to support student learning

## **School-Parent Compacts**

Russell Middle School staff, students and their families will work together to create a compact. This compact will outline how parents, staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and will describe how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help students achieve state standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually with input from all stakeholders and will be used at all parent conferences and meetings.

## **Let's Get Together!**

Russell Middle School will host a variety of family engagement events during the 2019-2020 school year. These events are designed to increase parent participation, further develop a partnership between the school and families to improve student academic achievement. All meetings will begin at 6:00 pm.

### ***Annual Title I Meeting – August 13, 2019***

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 families' requirements. Invitations will be available at Open House (Preplanning), reminders will be sent home in Wednesday folders, and posted on the school website and social media. All parents will be called using the automated calling system.

### ***Pack Fest - August 13, 2019***

Meet your child's teachers and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year while building school community relationships.

### ***Math Night - September 17, 2019***

Learn how to make math fun at home and get some great resources to assist your student with math at home. Content-specific resources will be sent home with families.

### ***8th Grade Night - January 2020***

High school counselors will provide information to parents regarding registration for high school classes.

### ***Literacy Night - January 14, 2020***

Families will enjoy hearing their students share what they have written or information about what they have read. We will also provide and model at-home literacy supports for families. Literacy resources will be sent home with families.

### ***Sneak-a-Peek - April 30, 2020***

RMS faculty will present general information to parents of rising 5th graders. A tour of the facility will be included.

### ***Needs Assessment Annual Meeting - March 2020***

We will meet to revise the schoolwide plan, school-parent compacts, and the parent involvement policy. Any unsatisfactory comment will be shared with our district leaders.

It is our wish that every family at RMS be engaged in student learning; however, we understand that not all families are able to be involved in the same way. If you would like to more involved, please contact us.

## **Family Involvement**

Russell Middle believes that family involvement means the participation of families in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That families 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 carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

If you are unable to attend a family engagement event or would like additional information, please contact us so that we may assist you.

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## **Russell Middle School is Branching Out!**

Russell Middle School believes that continuous family engagement is essential to student success. In order to engage all families, we will:

Communicate regularly with all families regarding their student's progress, upcoming events and how they come become more engaged.

Ensure that all information is posted in a variety of ways including on our website, social media, daily parent emails, and by telephone using an automated phone calling system through the Barrow County School System.

Translate documentation as needed and provide an interpreter at conferences and meetings.

Educate faculty and staff on the importance of working together with families. We will also instruct them on how best to work with families in our community. We will provide professional learning twice per semester.

Provide parents with test data and score reports and explain the significance of this information. Parents will also be provided information about the specific assessments their student will take.

Explain Response to Intervention (RTI) and ways that parents can support their student at home.

Collaborate with community organizations to promote student success. We have an active Partner in Education program that supports our school in a variety of ways.

Provide necessary materials for parents so that they may be better equipped to assist their student at home.

Ensure that information is available to all of our parents by communicating in a variety of ways such as emails, phone calls, social media updates, letters home, newsletters, PTO flyers, etc. We can also provide home visits for parents with students with disabilities or families that are migratory. We provide translations for English learners. We want all our families to have equal access to important school information.

Encourage parent input on how Title I funds are spent. All parental activities are planned based on the input we receive in parent meetings and yearly parent surveys.