

***Chestnut Log Middle School  
Parent and Family Engagement Plan  
for Shared Student Success***

***2023-2024 School Year***



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**What is Title I?**

Chestnut Log Middle School is identified as a Title I School, as defined by Every Child Succeeds Act of 2017 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective methods of improving student achievement. They must also include strategies to support parental engagement. All schools that receive Title I, Part A funds must jointly develop with all parents a written parent engagement policy.

***School Plan for Shared Student Achievement***

**Purpose**

Our school policy will support and secure an effective partnership among school staff, parents, and the community. As a Title I School, Chestnut Log Middle will support the premise that if families work with our school as partners in the education of their children, then we must provide families with the opportunities and support they need to get involved. Developing effective partnerships with families require all school staff (administrators, teachers and support staff) to create a safe educational school environment that welcomes parents and encourages them to ask questions, and voice their concerns, and participate in decision making. Developing partnerships also require school staff to provide parents with the information and training they need to get involved and invite parents to participate in their children's learning through a variety of activities. The development of this plan will satisfy the requirements of Title I Part A of the Every Child Succeeds Act of 2017 (ESSA).

**How is it developed?**

Chestnut Log Middle School has an active Parent Advisory Council and Leadership Team. The Leadership Team will meet monthly throughout the school year. The Chestnut Log Middle School Parent Advisory Council consists of parents, faculty/staff and administration. All participants are active in planning and implementing our school goals. The PAC will meet at least three times a year.

**Who is it for?**

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

**Where is it available?**

The plan will be distributed to students to take home. Along with other school notices, Chestnut Log School's Parent Involvement Policy can be found on our school website

***<https://clms.dcssga.org/>*** .

## Chestnut Log Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

### 2023-2024 District Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

### 2023-2024 Chestnut Log Middle School Goals

As a Title I School, CLMS goals for 2023-2024 are:

To increase the percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts/Reading and Math End of Grade Assessment by six percentage points.

#### Focus area(s):

Math-Proficiency in Basic Skills, Problem Solving skills.  
ELA/Reading-Increasing student Lexile Levels.

### School-Student-Parent Compact

In accordance with Title I regulations, Chestnut Log Middle School utilizes a School-Student-Parent Compact which outlines how parents, staff and students will share responsibility for promoting high student growth and achievement. The Compact features a checklist of responsibilities that school staff, parents and students will share. Parents and students are required to sign the cover sheet (compact) and return it to school. A copy of the compact will be on file with the homeroom teacher to reference throughout the school year.

## ***Let's make it happen!***

Chestnut Log 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:

### **Title I Annual Parent Meeting schedule:**

September 14, 2023 at 4:30pm and October 11, 2023 at 11am  
Virtually & In Person

### **Parent Workshop schedule**

<u>Workshop Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
How do I prepare my child for the rigor of middle school?	8/24/23	6:30 PM In Person
The importance of Math and Science.	11/30/23	6:30 PM Virtual
Helping my child prepare for the GMAS.	1/25/24	6:30 PM Virtual
Developing Strong Study Skills	2/15/24	6:30 PM Virtual
Why it's important for my child not to be a couch potato summer.	5/2/24	6:30 PM Virtual
Rising 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation	TBD	TBD

### **School PAC meeting schedule:**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Meeting 1	Parent Advisory Council	October 26, 2024	6:30 PM
Meeting 2	Parent Advisory Council	January 25, 2024	11:00 AM
Meeting 3	Parent Advisory Council	May 15, 2024	9:30 AM

Please check the school website for unforeseen date changes. <https://clms.dcssga.org/>

## Chestnut Log Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

### Parent and Family Engagement

Chestnut Log Middle School believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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 carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

All parents of Chestnut Log Middle School are encouraged to become involved in the educational success of their children. We are committed to providing parents with assistance needed with resources that will support parent participation. Any questions/concerns, please contact the Principal, Ms. Angela Holley at (770) 651-5100 or Robbie Ramsey, Family Engagement Contact at (770) 651-5100.

### Chestnut Log Middle School is Reaching Out!

Chestnut Log 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 and on the school website.
- ✓ Conduct staff development each quarter on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish 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 school-wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ 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).



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Together**

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### Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Chestnut Log 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

### Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

Chestnut Log Middle School invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet three-four times during the school year; however, parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about our Parent Advisory Council, please contact the Principal, Ms. Angela Holley at (770) 651-5100 or Robbie Ramsey, Family Engagement Contact at (770) 651-5100.



### Chestnut Log School Parent Advisory Council Interest Form

- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the Parent Advisory Council
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Advisory Council
- ☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

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 turn it in to our Parent Outreach Facilitator or leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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