School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

Purpose
Our school policy will support and secure an effective partnership among school staff, parents, and the community. Turner Middle School upholds the premise that if families are to work with our school as partners in the education of their children, we must provide families with the opportunities and support they need to become involved. Developing effective partnerships with families requires that all school staff (administrators, teachers and support staff) create a safe and sound educational school environment that welcomes parents and encourages them to ask questions and voice their concerns as well as to participate in decision making. Developing partnerships also requires that the school staff provides parents with the information and training they need to become involved and that the school invites 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 Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

How is it developed?
Turner Middle School Plan for Shared Student Achievement is developed jointly with the school’s leadership team, parent advisory committee and community stakeholders. Turner Middle School welcomes parent as well community stakeholders’ input and comments at any time regarding the plan. Each participant will meet four times a year to implement necessary changes to the policy. Turner Middle School Plan for Shared Student Achievement is posted to our website for parents and community stakeholders to view and provide feedback throughout the 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 plan. Turner 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?
The plan will be distributed to students to take home on the first month of school. Along with other school notices, Turner Middle School’s Parent Involvement Policy can be found on our school website turner@dcssga.org/. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in Learning Cottage 1 or in the front office.
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District Goals
The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

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• Math Vocabulary development
• Developing writing skills by citing textual evidence.

Let’s Get Together!

Turner 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:

TMS Sneak-A-Peek/ Grade Level Core Content- August 2, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting- August 26, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
• The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss our school’s Title I program. We will cover some topics together as a large group and others in smaller groups. This way you will have an opportunity to ask questions, provide input and participate in a more detailed discussion.

Technological Innovations Family Workshop- August 26, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
• Families will learn how to maneuver through the educational process of online courses, teaching aids, educational software, social networking tools, and other innovative tools available to support student success.

Title I Parent Meeting- September 9, 2021 @ 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM
• The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss our school’s Title I program. We will cover some topics together as a large group and others in smaller groups. This way you will have an opportunity to ask questions, provide input and participate in discussions that are more detailed.

ELA Family Fun Night-September 30, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
• The purpose for our open house “mix and mingle” night is for families to meet their students’ teachers, get an overview of important school policies, curriculum expectations, as well as, school initiatives.

Social Studies/Diversity Family Night- Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
• This workshop will assist families in developing skills to raise positive family relationships and enrich academic support and growth using safe technology. We will also provide information on the 2021-2022 middle school science fair.

STEM/Math Family Movie Night – November 4, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
• Our Math Carnival will support different mathematical areas through games and activities. Our aim is to focus on basic math and logical concepts through entertaining and engaging families/students/teachers in an inviting atmosphere.

Science Night – December 2, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
• Our Science Night will afford parents an opportunity to view some of their students’ science exhibits, as well as expose parents to some of the scientific concepts their students are learning in an entertaining and engaging setting.

Parent Advisory Council Meeting- January 13, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
• The purpose of our PAC is to ensure effective involvement of all families and to support the partnership between school, parent and community stakeholders.

Milestones Testing Early Prep- February 10, 2022
• The GMAS Early Preparation Family Workshop will allow parents to have plenty of time to work with their student/s to ensure a successful pass. Workshop presenters will provide test-taking strategies, student testing tips, and supplemental materials for student use at home.

Parent Advisory Council Meeting- Tuesday, April 19, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
• The purpose of our PAC is to ensure effective involvement of all families and to support the partnership between school, families and community stakeholders.

Sixth Grade Middle School Orientation- TBD

Turner Middle Schools’ Parent Resource Center Available during the 2021-2022 School Year

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Parental Engagement

Turner Middle School believes that parent engagement 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 carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

All parents of Turner 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 Family Engagement Contact @ (770) 651-5505

Turner Middle School is Reaching Out!

Turner 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 posted on the school website as well as the school newsletter for all parents.
- 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 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 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).
Parent Involvement Standards
Turner 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)
Turner Middle School invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council to share ideas/input on policies/funding and ways to involve other parents in building 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 Family Engagement Contact at (770) 651-5505.

Turner Middle 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)
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