

Centralhatchee Elementary School

Parent Involvement Policy

2017-2018 School Year

Centralhatchee Elementary

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What is Title I?

Centralhatchee Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts 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 involvement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

In order to create an equal partnership between the school and parents to improve student academic achievement, the school and parents will jointly create a Parental Involvement Policy. The policy establishes the school's expectations for parental involvement and outlines how the school will implement various activities to support family engagement and promote student learning.

How is it developed and revised?

Centralhatchee Elementary invites all parents annually to attend the Title I Planning meeting in order to jointly develop Title I documents. During this meeting, parents and staff members will have an opportunity to review and revise the Parent Involvement Policy, the School-Parent Compact, the Calendar of Events, the Title I Schoolwide Plan and goals as well as the Title I budgets, including how funds allotted for parent involvement will be utilized. Feedback was offered by parents during the Title I Planning Meeting in response to the Title documents and budgets. Additional times and dates to review draft documents and budgets and to provide feedback and input were offered to parents prior to their completion. To accommodate parent needs, drafts of all Title I documents were also posted on the school website along with an online feedback form. Parents unable to attend the Title I Planning Meeting were invited to visit the website, front office, or request copies to be sent home. The feedback will be reviewed and revised annually during the Title I Planning Meeting.

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. Centralhatchee Elementary will provide as many opportunities as possible for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children. Information will be provided in a family friendly format.

Where is it available?

All Title I documents listed above are posted on the school's website. Additional copies are available in the front office. The Title I School-Parent Compact will be distributed during the fall semester. New students and their families will receive all documents upon registration.

2017 - 2018 Heard County Schools District Goal:

All schools in the district will attain high student achievement through exemplary instruction.

2017 - 2018 Centralhatchee Elementary Goals:

1. 90% of all students will read on grade level or above.
2. No more than 10% of students will need remediation in writing, history, or numbers and operations.

Teachers will work closely with the county reading coach to improve instruction. Teachers will meet monthly to review individual student data and collaborate to determine appropriate interventions.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Centralhatchee Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students 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 all stakeholders during the spring parent planning meeting. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together! Involvement Matters!

Centralhatchee Elementary 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:

Annual Title I Meeting: September 25, 2017

- ✓ We invite you to learn about our Title program. Teachers and school staff may answer questions that you may have.

Monthly Parent and Student Luncheons

- ✓ Each grade level will have an assigned date to invite parents to eat lunch and learn more about their school day.

Fall Festival : October 28, 2017

- ✓ Come join us for a night of fun. There will be lots of fun activities to participate in.

PTO - Veteran's Recognition: November 6, 2017

- ✓ Join us as we recognize and celebrate our local veterans.

Thanksgiving Family Lunch – November 17, 2017

- ✓ Family and community members are invited to join their child during lunch on this day.

PTO- Dinner and a Movie: January 22, 2018

- ✓ Come enjoy dinner, movies and snacks with your entire family.

Parent/ Student Valentine Dance and Art Show: February 10, 2018

- ✓ Bring your valentine and dance the night away as you view our students' lovely art!

PTO - Ceiling Tile Paint Party PTO: March 5, 2018

- ✓ Join us in a fun filled night that highlights the fine arts by painting ceiling tiles to go in the school.

PTO- STEM Night: April 20, 2018

- ✓ We invite you to join us as students learn and have fun with science, technology, engineering, and mathematics activities. This is will be fun for the entire family!

****Please look for flyers and other forms of communication to keep up to date on all the exciting events that Centralhatchee Elementary has to offer. You can also go to the school website to access our Parent Event List for the year that was sent home in Open House packets.**

Parental Involvement

Centralhatchee Elementary believes that parental involvement means 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.

Parent Center

The Centralhatchee Elementary Parenting Center is located in the school media center. Parents may use the computers and check out learning games and materials to use with their children.

Centralhatchee Elementary – Parents as Partners

Centralhatchee Elementary 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 posted on the school Website and included in monthly newsletters.**
- **Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled grade level meetings.**
- **Share information in school newsletters for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.**
- **Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, Remind 101, and flyers.**
- **Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our parents on best practices.**
- **Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards at the front desk and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.**