



J. L. Newbern

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

School Year

2017-2018

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School Information

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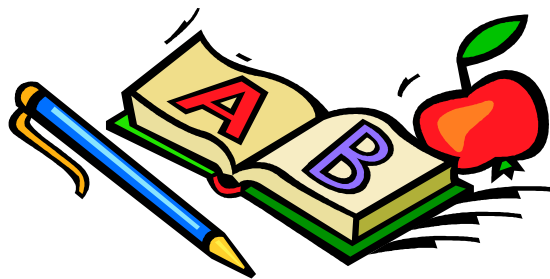
What is Title I?

J. L. Newbern 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 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 parental involvement policy.

Description of School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Newbern Middle School Family-School Partnership Program will create multiple opportunities for all parents/guardians to become involved in their child's education which will increase student achievement, lower referral rates, increase attendance, and create students who are promoted and prepared for secondary education options. Newbern Middle School is committed to promoting the development of socially responsible thinkers. Newbern Middle School Family-School Partnership Program will engage all parents/guardians in the educational process and create a collaborative effort between the home and school to help students achieve. Learning today, leading tomorrow.

The Family-School Partnership Program is developed jointly with and distributed to parents of participating children in a language that is simple, concise, jargon-free and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. The plan is also made available to the local community. Newbern Middle School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. The plan is also available in the school's Parent Resource Center and Media Center.



Valdosta City Schools' Goals:

- **Increase Literacy Achievement for all students K-12**
- **Increase Numeracy Achievement for all students K-12**
- **Improve school culture and climate in all district schools**
- **Establish Professional Learning Communities District wide**

Newbern Middle School's Goals:

Newbern Middle School will increase the number of students in Grades 6-8 achieving at levels 3 and above by 10% in:

ELA: from 15% on the spring ELA GMAS to 25% on the spring 2018 ELA GMAS

Math: from 14% on the spring 2017 Math GMAS to 24% on the spring 2018 Math GMAS

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Newbern Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Parent and Family Engagement Program and Activities

Parent/Stakeholder Input Meetings – August 3, 2017 from 1:30-3:30, September 7, 2017 from 11:00-12:00 and 6:00-6:30, October 25, 2017 from 12:30-1:00 and 5:15-5:30

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents' requirements.
- ✓ Review and provide feedback for SIP, PIP, School-Parent Compact, and expenditure of Parent Involvement Funds.

Title I Informational Meeting – October 25, 2017 from 12:00-12:30 and 5:00-5:15

- ✓ Hear about Title I information.

Literacy and Numeracy Nights – September 7, 2017 from 6:30-7:00, October 25, 2017 from 5:30-6:00,

January 23, 2018 from 5:30-6:30, March 26, 2018 from 6:00-7:00

- ✓ We will share tips and strategies on how parents can help their child with literacy and numeracy at home.

Parent & Family Engagement Council Meetings -September 12, 2017 and February 22, 2018 from 4:00-4:45

- ✓ Parents are encouraged to share their vision for student success at Newbern.

Pastries for Parents –November 16, 2017 from 7:15- 8:00

- ✓ Celebrate parents by providing pastries and juice.

System-wide Parent and Family Engagement Events –November 16, 2017 and February 15, 2018

- ✓ Testing tips will be shared during our system-wide Testing Night
- ✓ Our system-wide Math Carnival will include math games and activities for the entire family.



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Definition of Parent and Family Engagement

Newbern Middle School believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and other family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring-

- ✓ *That parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
- ✓ *That parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;*
- ✓ *That parents and 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.*

Support

Newbern Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if we can provide any additional assistance in order for you to participate in our programs.

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School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

Newbern Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and families 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 & family programs, meetings, and other activities are posted on the school website.*
- *Partner with feeder elementary schools to share school information about parent & family engagement activities that will help prepare parents/families and their child for middle school and improve school transition.*
- *Share information on the school's website and through other social media outlets for parents/families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents/families 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 families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on importance of parent and family engagement.*
- *Provide necessary materials for families at conferences, meetings, and activities to help them 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 parent and family engagement plan and activities.*
- *Offer parent/family classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.*
- *Listen and respond to parent's/family's requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.*
- *NMS serves students at the local Girl's Methodist Home. These caretakers are invited to all parent meetings and to the advisory by flyers sent home with students, Facebook posts, and remind 101 texts. Input from these stakeholders helps NMS to better serve these youth and make a direct connection with the caregivers and the school.*

Parent & Family Engagement Standards

Parents, schools, families, and communities working together can create meaningful partnerships that ultimately lead to significant gains across the board in student achievement. The following Parent and Family Engagement Standards will be implemented to create meaningful partnerships:

1. Communicating
2. Parenting
3. Student Learning
4. Volunteering
5. School Decision Making and Advocacy
6. Collaborating with the Community

School Level Parent and Family Engagement Council

Newbern Middle School invites all parents to join the Parent and Family Engagement Council to share ideas and strategies to involve other parents in building partnerships with our school, its families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys. If you would like to learn more about the council, please contact the parent engagement facilitator at (229) 333-8566.

School Level Parent and Family Engagement Council

- ___ *Yes, I am excited about joining the School Level Parent and Family Engagement Council*
___ *Yes, please contact me about the School Level Parent and Family Engagement Council*
___ *Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings.*

Name: _____

Child's Names 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 goals' for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the front office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

Comments: _____
