

Youth Middle School Title I Family Engagement Plan

2016-2017

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Title I Information

Youth Middle School is identified as a Title I school-wide school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Title I is created to provide assistance to states and school districts to meet the educational needs of students. The goal of Title I is to provide extra instructional services and activities which support student learning and enhance the teaching environment. The goal of Title I is to include strategies that support parent involvement and utilize research based strategies.

District Goals 2016-2017

- The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones ELA assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017. Baseline 2016: 66%
- The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones Mathematics assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017. Baseline 2016: 73%
- The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones Science assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017. Baseline 2016: 64% (Grades 5&8 only due to the discontinuation of science assessment in grades 3,4,6,&7 due to SB 364. Information only –2015: 61%, 2016: 63% (grades 3-8)
- The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones Social Studies assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017. Baseline 2016: 67% (Grades 5&8 only due to the discontinuation of science assessment in grades 3,4,6,&7 due to SB 364. Information only – 2015: 64%, 2016: 67% (grades 3-8)

YMS GOALS 2016-2017

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- The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones mathematics assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017. **Baseline 2016: 73%**
- The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones science assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017. **Baseline 2016: 64% (Grades 5 & 8 only due to the discontinuation of science assessments in grades 3,4,6, & 7 due to SB 364. Information only –2015: 61%, 2016: 63% (grades 3-8)**
- The weighted proficiency rate of students on the Georgia Milestones social studies assessment (required participation rate of $\geq 95\%$) will increase by 3% in 2017. **Baseline 2016: 67% (Grades 5 & 8 only due to the discontinuation of science assessments in grades 3,4,6, & 7 due to SB 364. Information only – 2015: 64%, 2016: 67% (grades 3-8)**
- All students pass rate on spring 2017 Write Score Writing Assessment will increase by 5% from spring 2016 Write Score Writing Assessment.

School Plan for Student Success

What is a Title I Parent Plan? The Youth Middle School Title I Parent Plan details how our school will provide opportunities to strengthen parent engagement to support student learning. Youth Middle School values the contribution and importance of parental involvement and believes that educating the youth of tomorrow is a goal achieved through an equal partnership with parents. To achieve the common goal of improving student achievement, this plan details the various ways YMS will support parent engagement and student academic success.

How is the plan developed? Youth Middle School encourages and welcomes input and comments from parents throughout the school year. Parents will also be notified of opportunities to provide input, such as attending quarterly Title I parent meetings held in the school media center and on the Feedback Form posted on the school website and the front office. Parent feedback is used to revise and develop the plan for the next school year. Each year, an Annual Parent Survey is provided on-line and paper copies are available in the front office area that parents may complete and offer suggestions, concerns and opinions regarding our school.

Who is the plan for? Youth Middle School is a school-wide Title I school benefiting all students and families under the Title I Program guidelines. Parents and students are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities and resources as detailed in this plan. Youth Middle School welcomes the participation of all families, including opportunities for parents and students with limited English, disabilities, and migrant families.

Where is the plan available? Parents may pick copies of the YMS Title I Parent Involvement Plan in the front office area, on the school website, the Title I Message Board, and the front office Parent Resource Center.

Parental Involvement Opportunities at YMS

Youth Middle School believes that parents play a critical role towards student success in school. Parent involvement includes open lines of communication with the school that involve productive conversations concerning student progress and behavioral achievement.

- Parents are encouraged to consistently monitor student's on-line grade book. Parents may contact the school for information on how to access their student's on-line grade book.
- Provide updated addresses, emails, and phone numbers in the school office.
- Check the P.A.G.E.S. (Parent Achievement Guide for Every Student) – School Agenda – for notes from teachers and class assignments.
- Attend teacher-parent conferences and participate in phone conferences.
- Remind their student to take advantage of afterschool tutoring sessions offered by YMS teachers or enroll in the LEAP afterschool program.
- Check homework assignments frequently and encourage reading at home – especially non-fiction or information reading.

School-Parent Compact

With input from parents, students and teachers, Youth Middle School will revise annual the School-Parent Compact. The compact is an agreement between all stakeholders outlining how we will work together to make sure our students meet grade-level standards. Each year, the YMS compact is revised to reflect school changes, goals, and concerns that impact student learning. Compacts are distributed to all students and parents at the beginning of the school year and serves as a valuable tool to engage the school and the home in supporting the academic development and needs of all students.

Be an Informed Parent

All YMS parents will receive information about the school programs, school curriculum and assessment information during the Annual Parent Meeting, Parent-Teacher Conference opportunities and Title I Parent Meetings.

YMS provides the following resources to academically support students and encourage self-motivation:

- ❖ **Read 180** – A computer-based reading remediation course.
- ❖ **21st Century Community Learning Center Grant** – Known as LEAP, it is a federally funded after-school program that is designed to provide students a safe place while offering a wide array of programs such as academic support, small group tutoring and enrichment programs that expose students to new skills.
- ❖ **Success through Arithmetic and Reading (STAR) Program** - Saturday remediation in preparation for the Georgia Milestone assessment.
- ❖ **Communities in School (CIS)** – Targets at-risk students with links to community resources.

Parent Involvement Program and Activities Calendar of Events

Get Involved at Youth Middle School

Please visit our school website for calendar updates: www.youthmiddle.org

6th Grade Transition Tour – May 2017

Rising 6th grade students will visit our school and learn about campus life in middle school.

6th Grade Mini Camp – June 2017

Sixth grade students will enjoy the middle school experience with a walk through of a mock school schedule, experience lunch in the school cafeteria, learn how to access school lockers and how to log-in to the Infinite Campus student portal.

Open House – July & August 2016

7th & 8th grade Open House is held July 29th. Students will visit their class and meet their teacher. 6th grade Open House is held on August 1st.

English Learners Parent District Meeting – June and December 2016

Parents who are learning the English language are invited to learn about resources and services provided through the Walton County School District.

School Improvement / Parent Plan Feedback Opportunity – September 15, 2016

YMS parents are invited to attend and provide comments and input on the School Improvement Plan and the Title I Parent Involvement Plan revision for the 2014-2015 school year.

Title I Annual Parent Advisory Meeting – September 15, 2016

All YMS parents are invited to attend this meeting to learn about the Title I program including the parent involvement plan, the school compact, and how the Title I program impacts student learning. Parents will receive information about the Georgia Standards of Excellence & Georgia Performance Standards (GSE/GPS), school goals for the year, and how Title I funds are spent and utilized. Information will be shared with parents regarding Title I updates, 40-day Action Plans, expenditures of Title I funds, school improvement, and curriculum. Parents will be provided an opportunity for comments and to become better informed about our school. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Book Fair – October 31 - November 4, 2016

Support our school book fair and student literacy. Parents and grandparents are invited to eat lunch with their student and visit the fair in November. Check with your child about their specific lunch time.

Parent-Teacher Conference Night – October 4, 2016

Updates will be provided on student progress and how parents can support learning at home.

Student of the Quarter Principal List – November 2015, January 2017, & April 2017

Recipients are selected by teachers based on student improvement. 6th grade is held on Nov. 8th while 7th & 8th grade is held on Nov. 10th.

Year End Awards Ceremony – May 2017

6th & 7th grade ceremony is held on May 9th while 8th grade ceremony is held on May 16th.

Communication: A Key to Student Success

- ✓ **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Parents may request a conference with their child's teacher by contacting the school to set up an appointment. Conferences provide discussions between parents, students, and teachers based upon academic and/or behavior concerns.
- ✓ **Phone Call-Out System:** Automated phone calls may be sent to YMS households to inform and/or remind parents of upcoming school events and meetings, as well as student activities.
- ✓ **Annual Parent Survey:** Parents will be asked to participate on the Annual Parent Survey in the spring of 2017. These surveys provide an opportunity for parents to provide feedback and comments about their child's education.
- ✓ **Infinite Campus:** Daily contact with teachers can be utilized through the grading and attendance program of Infinite Campus. Parents can continuously monitor student academic progress.
- ✓ **Progress Reports/Report Cards:** Progress reports are issued every 4 weeks during each quarter through Infinite campus. Report cards are also issued every 8 weeks through Infinite campus. Copies of Report Cards and Progress Reports are also available.
- ✓ **School Website:** The school website is updated weekly with important school information and updates <http://ymsweb.weebly.com/>
- ✓ **P.A.G.E.S. Agenda Books:** School agendas help students organize class and homework assignments. The agendas may also serve as a useful means for parents to send written messages to teachers.
- ✓ **Teacher Webpages:** Parents may monitor class assignment deadlines, projects, homework and other activities taking place in the classroom. Many teacher webpages also provide useful information to support student learning at home.
- ✓ **School Marquee:** The school marquee is updated regularly with current events, messages and reminders for parents.
- ✓ **Local Newspaper:** Community newspapers provide calendar pages for posting school meetings and events.
- ✓ **Individual Phone Calls:** Parents and teachers may communicate through individually placed phone calls. Parents should keep teachers and the school informed of changes to home and cell phone numbers, physical and email addresses and other contact information.
- ✓ **Parent Connection Newsletter:** The Walton County School District publishes a monthly newsletter – Parent Connection Newsletter. Contact the school if you would like to receive an electronic version of the newsletter. Copies of the newsletter are also available in the Parent Resource Center located in the school front office area.
- ✓ **YMS Middle Years Newsletter:** YMS will send home a monthly newsletter with helpful advice on different topics ranging from homework to bullying.
- ✓ **Email:** Parents are encouraged to maintain open lines of communication with their child's teacher through email. This form of communication is the most favored by school staff and parents.
- ✓ **Title I Parent Advisory Meetings:** These meetings are held quarterly. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn about the implementation of the common core standards, the school curriculum, and how students are assessed on what they are learning.
- ✓ **Program and Event Evaluations:** Parents will be provided opportunities to complete program or event evaluations to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

Share Your Thoughts

Your opinions and thoughts are valued at Youth Middle School. If you have any suggestions, comments, and/or concerns, please feel free to complete the bottom portion of this feedback form and return it to the YMS front office staff.

Name: (optional) _____ Phone Number (optional) _____

Comments: