

# Pointe South Middle School

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## **Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success**

**2018–2019 School Year**

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## **Pointe South Middle School for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Pointe South Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Pointe South Middle School values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Pointe South Middle School will support parent and family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### **How is it revised?**

Last spring all Pointe South Middle School parents were invited to attend our annual School Compact, 1% Budget and Parent and Family Engagement Plan meetings via fliers, connectED message, school website, and the school marquee. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcomed during the school year through the school website: <http://clayton.002.schooldesk.net/>. The plan is in the parent and family resource center located in Room 110 for parents to review and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during Parent Teacher Conference nights, Parent Academy workshops and all parent meetings and activities during the school year.

### **What is Title I?**

Pointe South Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). 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 parent and family engagement. Pointe South Middle School jointly develop with parent's ways that they can assist staff and their student(s) with achieving the goals of the district, by hosting a combine meeting of the School Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, 1% Budget and School Parent Compact meeting on September 20, 2018.

### **Who is it for?**

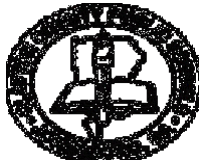
All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Pointe South Middle School welcomes the participation of parents with limited English, homeless families, disabilities and migratory children.

### **Where is it available?**

At the beginning of the year, this plan will be placed on the school website for the entire school year at <http://clayton.002.schooldesk.net/>, it will be placed in the Parent and Family Resource Center in Room 110 throughout the entire 2018-2019 school year. As a reminder, we will send the plan to all parents in September before the scheduled Open House event.

## **2018-19 District Goals**

By 2023, Clayton County Public School will increase the percentage of students scoring at the proficient and/or distinguished levels on the Georgia Milestone to at least 80% in each content area.



## **2018-2019 PSMS Goals**

It is the goal of Pointe South Middle School that 100% of students score at the proficient and distinguished levels by 2023 in reading and mathematics on the Georgia Milestone Assessment.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Pointe South Middle School and our families will jointly develop with parents ways that they can assist staff and their student's with achieving goals of the district, by hosting School Parent Compact Meetings on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure **ALL** of our students reach grade level standards.



The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, teachers, and students.

## **Let us Get Together!**

Pointe South Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be held twice during the day in the morning before school and in the evening at 4:00 pm.

### ***Annual Title I Meeting - September 20, 2018@ 11:00 am and 4:00pm***

Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. All parents will be invited via email, flyer, the event will be posted on the school website, a ConnectED message will be sent out to every parent, and posted on the school marquee.

### ***New Parent Continental Breakfast - September 6, 2018***

Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

### ***Open House - September 20, 2018***

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### ***Meet your Principal Vikings Roundtable - November 2018-monthly workshops***

Parents will face to face communication with the Principal.

### ***Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences - TBD***

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### ***Technology Talk - January 17, 2019***

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning.

### ***Parent Academy and Monthly Workshops***

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

### ***Parent Appreciation - April 3, 2019***

A celebration of parent engagement and the recognition of parent and family engagement impact on school and student success.

### ***Parent Input / Compact Meeting Forum - May 2, 2019***

A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school wide plan, parental involvement policy, school-parent compacts and the parental involvement budget.



## Parent and Family Resource Center

Come visit the Parent and Family Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

## Parent and Family Engagement

PSMS believes that parent and family 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.

Pointe South Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email me if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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## Pointe South Middle School is Branching Out!

Pointe South 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, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ❖ Provide monthly 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 faculty meetings.
- ❖ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ❖ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement.
- ❖ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ❖ Use our Partners in Education and Parent Liaison to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement plan. Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.



Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

## Parent and Family Engagement Standards



PSMS and our parents have adopted Dr. Joyce Epstein's six types of parent and family engagement framework:

- Parenting
- Communicating
- Volunteering
- Learning at Home
- Decision Making
- Collaborating with Community

## Vikings Team

Pointe South Middle School invites all parents to join the teachers, administrative staff, parent liaison and stakeholders to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and stakeholders. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents may also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Victorious Vikings Team, please contact Your Parent Liaison, **Juana Smith**, 770-473-2890 ext 520123.



## Victorious Vikings Team

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the PSMS Parent Advisory Board
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more joining the Parent Advisory Board
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

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 leave this form in the Main Office:*

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

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

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