

**Newton High School  
2023-2024  
School Parent and Family Engagement Policy**



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## **Title I Information**

Newton High School is designated as a school-wide Title I School as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). As a Title I school, Newton High School receives federal funding to help ensure that all children meet the challenging state academic standards. These funds are used to provide resources and support to teachers and students to increase student achievement. Funds are also used to encourage and support parental involvement throughout the school year.

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What it is?**

The staff of Newton High School believes that a great measure and strategy for student success is parental involvement. There must be an effective relationship through and among the students, staff, and the parent community. The cooperative implementation of the strategies outlined in this parent involvement policy will provide increased support for the students of Newton High School. This policy is intended to support and increase student achievement and enhance our mission to create students who are RAMS – Respectful, Accountable, Motivated, and Successful.

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

A parent revision meeting was held in April 2023 seeking input for this policy, our school-parent compact, the district's Parent & Family Engagement Policy the parental involvement budget, our Title I Schoolwide Plan, building staff capacity, the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan. Parent input and comments regarding this policy is welcomed throughout the school year. The policy is posted on the school website along with a input form. Additionally, a Parent Involvement Survey is given annually and results of this survey are used in the revision of this plan. The policy is located in the front office and the parent resource section of the media center. All feedback gathered will be used to revise the plan for next school year.

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

As a school-wide Title I school, **all** students and parents are invited and encouraged to participate in all the opportunities described in this plan. Newton High School is dedicated to providing opportunities for all parents to fully participate and shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

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

At the beginning of each school year, a Title I packet is sent home with each child containing the Parent & Family Engagement Policy, the School-Parent Compact and other vital Title I information. This policy is posted on the school's website and additional copies are maintained in the Media Center that parents may pick up throughout the school year.

### **Newton County Schools Goals**

The mission of Newton County Schools is to provide educational excellence to all students. To accomplish this mission, the following goals have been set:

**Goal 1:** Increase the graduation rate

**Goal 2:** Increase opportunities for students to demonstrate success beyond test scores

**Goal 3:** Improve student mastery of standards

### **Newton High School's Goals**

It is the vision of Newton High School to focus all of its resources on providing **every child every chance to succeed**. To accomplish this mission, our goals are:

**Goal 1a:** 9th & 11th grade students will improve their achievement in EOC subject areas by increasing the proficiency rate by 3% on the Georgia Milestones Assessments by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

**Goal 1b:** For 10th & 12th grade, 90% of students will complete 6 out of 7 courses with a passing grade of 70% or higher for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Goal 2:** Improve grades in content areas grades 9-12 by 3% by the end of the 2023-2024 school year as measured by report cards and/or the FastBridge assessment.

### **School-Parent Compacts**

In April of 2023, Newton High School invited all parents to attend the annual Title I revision meeting. Prior to the meeting, draft copies of the school-parent compact were emailed to parents and school staff, placed on the school website, and placed in the front office. Parents were encouraged to submit suggestions for improving the compact by attending the revision meeting or by emailing or calling the school's Title I Contact. The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers.

## **Parent Engagement Program and Activities**

Newton High School is committed to providing parents with timely information about Title meetings. Each year a parent involvement calendar is sent home to every household. This calendar is also posted on the school website. Flyers are posted, as well as School Messenger phone calls and emails sent a couple of weeks prior to each meeting. Reminders are also sent out via the school's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Newton High School will offer various Title I Meetings at convenient times throughout the school year. All parent meetings will begin at 6:00 PM.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences—September 15, 2023**

Students will be released early for parents to meet with teachers about student progress in their classes.

### **Annual Title I Parent Orientation Meeting —September 21, 2023**

Newton High School will convene an annual meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' right to be involved. Parents will also be informed of how they can get involved at Newton High School.

### **College and Career Readiness Night—November 9, 2023**

Students, parents, and families will be given multiple resources and strategies in preparing for college. From information about the FAFSA to SAT/ACT testing and scholarships, this night will be beneficial to all students preparing to go to college.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences—February 2, 2024**

Students will be released early for parents to meet with teachers about student progress in their classes.

### **Georgia Milestones Information & Resources Night —March 7, 2024**

Parents will be provided with resources, skills, and strategies that may be used to help prepare their student(s) to succeed on the Georgia Milestone assessments.

### **Annual Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting—April 18, 2024**

A review of the NHS Title I Plan, School and District Parent & Family Engagement Policy, School-Parent Compact, and the 1% budget allocation of parent involvement funds, ways to build staff capacity, and the CLIP will be shared seeking feedback from parents.

## Parent Resource Section

Newton High School's Parent Resource Section is located in the Media Center and is available to parents during regular office hours, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Please call or email us if you need assistance.  
770-787-2250

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## Parent and Family Engagement

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

- That all 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 as it pertains to the education of their child;
- The fulfillment of activities as described in this plan.

## Building Capacity

Newton High School will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities described below:

Newton High School will publish and share all information in English and Spanish that provides assistance to parents in understanding the academic content and achievement standards, state mandated tests and student learning objectives, monitoring their child's progress, and how to work with educators. Links to current curriculums, state mandated tests and student learning objectives will be posted on our website.

Newton High School will provide materials and trainings to parents to help parents to work with their children to improve overall student achievement. Parent meetings will be linked to learning to provide parents with strategies to support their children at home.

Newton High School will provide professional learning to teachers and other staff to members on how to build effective parent engagement activities that are linked to learning and the importance of the school-parent compact and the parent and family engagement policy to ensure understanding of the faculty responsibilities in creating an effective school-parent partnerships.

Newton High School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities that encourage and support parents in the education of their children. NHS will coordinate with the middle schools to help transition upcoming freshman students.

Newton High School provides a Parent Resource section in the Media Center that provides additional resources on a variety of topics and will include resources posted on the school's website. Each academic department will provide additional parental resources for each course that can be used by parents to further help their students.

Newton High School will ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to all parents in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent possible, in a language the parents can understand.

Newton High School will send flyers for all Title I meetings to parents in English or in Spanish in a timely manner. The flyers will also be posted on the school's website and at key viewing areas around the school.

Newton High School will send reminders for all meetings through the school messenger system, the school's Facebook and Twitter accounts, and on the school's marquee sign.

Newton High School will provide additional reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested by parents. Parents will have an opportunity to voice concerns and request additional support at all Title I meetings.

## Parent Engagement Funds

Did you know that each LEA that receives more than \$500,000 in Title I, Part A funds, shall reserve at least one percent of its allocation to assist schools to carry out the parental engagement activities? Attend our Annual Title I Stakeholders' Input Meeting to give your input on how we can use our funds to provide you with the tools, resources and strategies to help your child reach academic success.

**Annual Title I Stakeholder Input Meeting -  
April 18, 2024**



## Continuous Communication

All informed, engaged, and supportive family plays an instrumental role in a student's academic success. The Newton County School System supports families in partnerships with schools, district, and the community in the quest of achieving academic success for all students. Here are some ways that we provide continuous communication with our parents to ensure that learning is continued beyond the school day.

- Parent Connect Canvas Page
- Newton High School's Website
- Teacher Canvas Pages
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- Parent Quick Tip Study Skills Brochures
- Parents Still Make a Difference
- Parent Study Calendars

For more information, contact Dr. Felicia Richardson at [Richardson.felicia@newton.k12.ga.us](mailto:Richardson.felicia@newton.k12.ga.us) | Dr. Lateasha White at [white.lateasha@newton.k12.ga.us](mailto:white.lateasha@newton.k12.ga.us)

## Measures of Effectiveness

- **Parent Meeting Evaluation** - to gather feedback from the parents to evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting and to gain insight on parent academic support for future meetings.
- **Parent Survey Data** - to gain insight on NHS effectiveness in meeting the needs of parents in various areas such as technology, parent workshop topics, and school climate so that we can create an environment that meets the needs of all parents and families.
- **Revision and Development Stakeholders Meeting:** to give all stakeholders the opportunity to give input to build the effectiveness on the:
  - Parent and Family Engagement Policy-School and District
  - School-Parent Compact
  - Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP)
  - Title I Schoolwide Plan
  - Parent Involvement 1% Funding
  - Educating Faculty and Staff Professional Learning
- **Student Outcomes:** to access if strategies and activities, as outlined on the school-parent compacts, are effectively impacting student achievement.
- **Multiple Opportunities for Input:** NHS will provide several opportunities for parents and families to give input on the effectiveness of the Title I Program. Parents can access our Title I Schoolwide Plan, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact on our school's website. These documents are also located in the parent resource section of our school Media Center.

## Parent Comments and Suggestions

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We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of the schoolwide program plan that you feel needs to be adjusted, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the office.

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

**Telephone Number (optional)**\_\_\_\_\_

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