

**Austin Road Middle School
Parent and Family Engagement Plan For Shared
Scholar Success
2023-2024**

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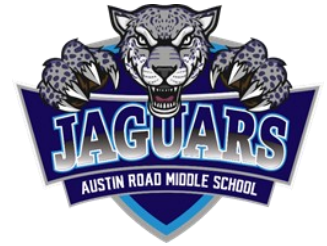
**I Believe in ARMS
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What is Title I?

Austin Road Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for scholars. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving scholar achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan.



School Plan for Shared Scholar Achievement



What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Austin Road Middle School (ARMS) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support scholar learning. In an effort to bridge the gap between our parents and the school, ARMS places a significant amount of emphasis on providing parent support, while encouraging consistent involvement in their child's academic and extracurricular endeavors. All stakeholder activities and events are designed to promote and increase scholar achievement while strengthening and improving our overall school as a community of life long learners.

How is it revised?

Austin Road Middle School conducted a Title I Parent Input Meeting in the spring of 2023 and fall of 2023. During these meetings, parents and family members had the opportunity to revise and review this parent and family engagement plan, the school-parent compact, the school-wide plan and the family engagement budget. Parents also provided ideas on building school staff capacity. Feedback from parent input surveys & evaluations are solicited during the school year regarding this plan. ARMS welcomes and strongly encourages parent input and feedback throughout the school year. Feedback is also encouraged at every parent and family engagement meeting and activity. Any unsatisfactory comments by parents about the schoolwide plan will be shared with the District.

Who is it for?

All scholars of ARMS benefit from the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged to fully participate in the opportunities outlined in this plan. Austin Road Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The 2023-2024 plan will be distributed to parents following the Annual Title I Meeting before November 1, 2023. It will be posted on the school's website (www.henry.k12.ga.us/arm). Upon request, a hard copy of the plan can be sent home with scholars. Also, a hard copy will be available to all visitors within the Title I Parent & Family Resource Center Rm. 801.

2023-2024 HCS Priority Outcomes

1. We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in Literacy Proficiency at every grade.
2. We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in Readiness to Learn at every level.
3. We will advance opportunities, access, and outcomes for every student group in College, Career, and Life Ready Skills - post graduation.

Henry County Strategic Actions

1. Advance PreK-12 Learning opportunities and experiences for all students
2. Advance effective school leadership and classroom instruction
3. Advance connectivity to value and engage all students, employees, families and partners in our growing community
4. Advance student and employee health, wellness, and support structures
5. Advance a High-Performing Operational Culture

2023-2024 School Improvement Goals

Goal 1

Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of students in grade 8 reading on or above grade level from 60% to 65% as measured by the 2024 Spring MAP Assessment.

Goal 2

Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of students in Algebra 1 scoring proficient and above on the 2024 Georgia Milestones Assessment from 45.83% (based on 2022 – 2023) to 50%.

Goal 3

Austin Road Middle School will increase the percentage of parental and community engagement opportunities by 50%

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Austin Road Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and scholars will develop. Parents and teachers will collaborate to ensure that all scholars meet and exceed grade-level academic requirements in all content areas. Overall literacy performance standards will improve as well. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually. During meetings and/or events, feedback will be garnered from parents, scholars and teachers throughout the school year. The school-parent compacts are available for parents online and through our Parent Resource Center.

Let's Get Together!

In an effort to increase overall scholar achievement, Austin Road Middle School will host the following events to further encourage parent involvement and nurture a supportive and engaging school community:

Coffee & Conversation Parent University - October 2023

Administrators, counselors and teachers meet with ARMS parents.

Annual Title I Meeting - October 2023

Opportunity to learn about Title I, review budget, and provide feedback.

A Day In Your Scholar's Shoes Event— November 2023

Parents will experience a school day with their scholar by attending classes and lunch.

Grandparents Day Breakfast – December 2023

ARMS will celebrate our grandparents for being essential in scholar learning and academic success.

Math Night January 2024

Workshops geared to support math comprehension and achievement through family fun experiences.

ELA Enrichment January 2024

Workshops geared to support ELA comprehension and achievement through family fun experiences.

Love Your School Night February 2024

ARMS scholars showcase academic achievements and talents. Community members and vendors are also featured.

Georgia Milestones Workshop - March 2024

Administrators and teachers will give information and tips on enhancing scholar testing performance. Information on interpreting test results will also be discussed.

Parent Input Meeting (Spring) — April 2024

Parents and community members will have the opportunity to provide input on the Parent Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, Title I budgets, and Building Staff Capacity.

Information about these events will also be posted online.
Events and dates are subject to change.

Building School-Staff Capacity

Each Title I school shall educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. After a review of our parent survey, Austin Road Middle School Staff will receive ongoing training and support on the following topics:

- ◇ Homework Expectations for Parents
- ◇ Communicating with Parents
- ◇ Communicating to EL Parents
- ◇ Tips on Providing Positive Feedback
- ◇ Removing the Jargon
- ◇ Ways to Involve Parent in Your Classroom
- ◇ How to Create a Welcoming Environment for Parents

Parent & Family Engagement

Austin Road Middle School believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving scholar academic learning and other school activities including:

- 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;
- That parents are committed to the mission, vision and beliefs of the school, and are willing to support all faculty and staff members of ARMS

Austin Road Middle Shall:

Austin Road Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our goals. We will:

- * Provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic content standards and state scholar academic achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve overall scholar achievement
- * Provide resources, materials and training to help parents work with their scholars to improve overall achievement; such trainings include literacy strategies to be utilized at home and also using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement
- * Continue to communicate and create opportunities that endorse stakeholder participation and buy-in; all parties play a significant role in scholar achievement
- * To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with the instructional calendar, as well as develop other opportunities, and activities, to support scholar academic success; utilize the Parent & Family Resource Center and its resources to involve parents more in the middle school education of their scholar, including college and career readiness.
- * Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is provided to all parents of Austin Road Middle School scholars; disseminate information through multiple means of communication; provide information in language(s) that parents are able to clearly understand and articulate
- * Share information regarding ways parents can monitor their scholar's progress and work with educators to improve scholar achievement
- * Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities
- * Collect feedback from parents during scheduled events; provide surveys and/or place feedback cards in the main office; give parents an option to provide suggestions online as well, through the school's website
- * Encourage Partners in Education to assist with promoting and supporting planned activities and events
- * Maintain a Family Resource Center for parents and guardians to access technology, materials, other resources and information for both personal and scholar academic support.
- * All parent and family engagement correspondence, opportunities, services, and resources, will also include students and staff affiliated with A Friend's House.

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ARMS Local School Council

Austin Road Middle invites all parents to join the school council to share ideas and ways to build partnerships with school families, the community, ARMS administration, and the school board. The team will meet once monthly, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about ARMS School Council, please contact our Family Engagement Liaison, Tameca Lewis at (770) 507-5407 or email Tameca.Lewis@henry.k12.ga.us

Parent Involvement Standards

Austin Road Middle and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, scholars, and the community. These standards are –

- * Welcoming All Families
- * Communicating Effectively
- * Supporting Scholar Success
- * Speaking Up for Every Child
- * Sharing Power
- * Collaborating with Community

ARMS Parent Engagement Program

- ◇ Yes, I am interested in joining the team as a parent volunteer!
- ◇ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more ARMS School Council
- ◇ Yes, you may contact me about future ARMS Parent Engagement Meetings, Updates and events.

Name: _____
 Role: _____
 Scholar's Name and Grade: _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Address: _____
 Best Contact Time: _____



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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 scholars' 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) _____

