

2023-2024

Annual Title I & Family Engagement Meeting

Central High School

August 4th 9:00 a.m. and 8th 6:00 p.m.

Principal: Mr. Phil Iannarone

Why are we here?

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each Title I school hold an annual meeting of Title I families in order to:
 - inform you of your school's participation in Title I,
 - explain the requirements of Title I, and
 - explain your rights as parents and family members to be involved.

What will I learn?

- What is a Title I school?
- What are my rights?
- What can Title I funds be used for?
- How does our school use Title I funds?
- What is the School Improvement Plan?
- What are our schoolwide program goals?
- How is parent and family engagement funded?
- What is the Parent and Family Engagement Policy?
- What is the School-Parent Compact?
- What curriculum does our school use?
- What tests will my child be taking?

What is a Title I school?

- Title I was passed in 1965 under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
- Title I schools receive extra funding (Title I dollars) from the federal government. These dollars are used to:
 - identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students;
 - purchase additional staff, programs, materials, and/or supplies; and
 - conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities.

What are my rights?

- The families and parents of Title I students have a right, by law, to:
 - be involved in decisions made at both the school and district level;
 - be provided with information on your child's level of achievement on tests in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and science;
 - request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher and paraprofessionals who are working with your child **(Call the school office, 423-344-1447)**
 - request opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of your child. The school is required to respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

What can Title I funds be used for?

- In general, Title I funds may be used for:
 - smaller class sizes,
 - additional teachers and paraprofessionals,
 - additional training for school staff,
 - extra time for instruction (before and/or after school programs),
 - parent and family engagement activities, and/or
 - a variety of supplemental teaching materials, equipment, and technology.

How does our school use Title I funds?

- In **2023-2024** our school was allotted approximately \$ **102,000.** in Title I funding.
- We developed a **Schoolwide Program**, which means we plan to spend our funds on the following:
 - Supplemental staff:
 - **Additional School Counselor ($\frac{3}{4}$ \$)**
 - Programs/Materials/Supplies:
 - **After school learning labs ($\frac{1}{4}$ \$)**

What is the SIP?

- The SIP is the School Improvement Plan. It includes:
 - the identification of the school planning team and how they will be engaged in the planning process;
 - a needs assessment and summary of academic and non-academic data;
 - prioritized goals, strategies, and action steps to help address the academic and non-academic needs of students;
 - teacher and staff professional development needs; and
 - budgets and the coordination of resources.
- The school must include family representatives on our school planning team.

What are our schoolwide program goals?

- Increase Student Achievement as measured on district Benchmarks and state TN Ready End-of-Course (EOC) tests.
- Reduce Chronic absenteeism
- Increase Future Ready Student Rates
 - Increase graduation rate
 - Increase ACT composite scores
 - Increase number of students earning Early Post Secondary Opportunities

What is parent and family engagement?

- “Through effective communication with parents, teachers can have the greatest impact on their day-to-day success with students. With parents on their side, teachers can more effectively manage most academic and behavioral issues that arise. When the most important adults in a child’s life are working together, students benefit enormously.”

—Lee and Marleen Canter

Source: *Parents on your Side: A Teacher’s Guide to Creating Positive Relationships with Parents*

What is parent and family engagement?

- Family engagement is a **shared responsibility** in which schools and other community agencies and organizations are committed to reaching out to engage families in meaningful ways and in which families are committed to actively supporting their children's learning and development.
- Family engagement is **continuous** across a child's life and entails enduring commitment but changing family roles as children mature into young adulthood.
- Effective family engagement cuts across and reinforces learning in the **multiple settings** where children learn – at home, in pre-kindergarten programs, in school, in after-school programs, in faith-based institutions, and in the community.

Source: The National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement (<https://nafsce.site-ym.com/page/definition>)

How is parent and family engagement funded?

- Any district with a Title I allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by law to set aside 1% of its Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.
- Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the district for system-wide initiatives related to parent and family engagement. The remaining 90% must be allocated to all Title I schools in the district.
- You, as Title I parents and family members, have the right to be involved in how this money is spent.

How is parent and family engagement funded?

- In 2023-2024 we received approximately \$ 3,000 in parent and family engagement funding. We plan to use these funds for:
 - Parent and Family Engagement Meeting and Events
 - August 4th and 8th Open House/Orientation
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences Oct. 27 and Feb. 16
 - Monthly Site Leadership Meetings TBA
 - Materials/Supplies
 - Mailings

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- These plans address how the district and school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of ESSA. Components should include:
 - how parents and families can be involved in decision-making and activities;
 - how parent and family engagement funds are being used;
 - how information and training will be provided to families; and
 - how the school will build capacity in families and staff for strong parent and family engagement.
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of these plans.

What are the benefits of family engagement?

For students:

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better attendance
- More positive attitudes and better behavior
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater enrollment in postsecondary education

For Parents and Families:

- More confidence and trust in the school
- Increased confidence in their parenting skills
- Creates a home environment that encourages learning
- Encourages families to form stronger relationships with teachers and other families

For Schools and Teachers:

- Improved teacher and staff morale
- Higher ratings of schools and teachers by families
- More support from families
- Higher student achievement
- Increased and improved relationships within the community

What is a Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- The district Parent and Family Engagement Policy can be found here:
 - [Chs.hcde.org](https://chs.hcde.org)
- The school Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be shared **through handouts provided at registration and orientation**. In addition, the policy can be found here: chs.hcde.org and copies are also available from the school's front office.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

- A school-parent compact is a written commitment that outlines how the entire school community – teachers, families, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement.
- The compact must describe how the school will:
 - provide high-quality curriculum and instruction;
 - hold parent-teacher conferences, annually in elementary schools;
 - provide parents with reports on their child's progress;
 - provide parents reasonable access to staff.
 - provide parents opportunities to volunteer; and
 - ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between family members and staff, to the extent practicable, in a language family members can understand.
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of the compact.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

- The school-parent compact will be shared during Registration and Open House/orientation on Aug. 4th and 8th. In addition, the compact can be found here: chs.hcde.org and copies are also available at the school's front office.

What curriculum does our school use?

- The Tennessee Academic Standards provide a common set of expectations for what students will know and be able to do at the end of a grade for each subject area.
- Tennessee's academic standards form the framework for everything taught at **Central High School**
- For more information about Tennessee's academic standards, see:
<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/education/instruction/academic-standards.html>

What tests will my child be taking?

- In addition to regular classroom specific assessments, students will be assessed through district provided Benchmarks and state provided End-of-Course (EOC) tests.
- Students are expected to score levels 3: On Track or 4: Mastered on all Benchmarks and to score proficient on all EOC assessments.
- Testing schedule can be found on the district or school website

How can I be involved?

- We need you! Research has proven that family engagement in education has more impact on student achievement than any other factor.
- To get involved with the SIP, or our Parent/Family Engagement Policy or School Parent Compact, **contact the school office at 423-344-1447 and/or join the monthly Alumni Association that meets on the Second Thursday of each month.**
- **See school website for more information. Chs.hcde.org**

How can I be involved?

- encouraging regular school attendance;
- monitoring grades and schoolwork on PowerSchool;
- encourage students to complete and turn in assignments
- ask students “What did you learn today?”
- attend family events and meetings
- encouraging your student to read
- maintain regular communication with teachers
- encourage students to attend afterschool learning labs as needed

Who can I contact for help?

- For general questions, call the front office at: **423-344-1447**
- To reach the principal Iannarone call: **423-344-1447** or email **iannarone_phil@hcde.org**
- To reach a school counselor, call 423-344-1447
- To reach your child's teacher, call the front office or view our staff directory at:
Chs.hcde.org

**WE JUST WANT TO
SAY...**

THANK YOU!