

**Welcome to Griffin Middle School's  
Annual State of the  
School Meeting**





# PLEASE MARK YOUR ATTENDANCE!

**OR PARENTS CAN TYPE THEIR NAME AND  
THEIR STUDENT(S) NAME IN THE CHAT BOX.**

**O LOS PADRES PUEDEN ESCRIBIR SU NOMBRE Y EL  
NOMBRE DE SU ESUDIANTE(S) EN EL CHAT.**



# Agenda

- 1) What is Title 1?
- 2) Title 1 Funds
- 3) Griffin Middle School's Schoolwide Goals
- 4) Griffin Middle School's Compact & Policy
- 5) Compact & Policy Availability
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(Part 1)
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(Part 2)
- 9) Stakeholder Feedback
- 10) Closing/Questions



# **Introducing our Title 1 Team**

*Dr. Lorelee Hill, Principal*

*Dr. Kacie Phipps, Assistant Principal*

*Roderick Langston, Assistant Principal*

*Mia Beasley, Instructional Support  
Specialist*

*Genesis Bahena, Parent Facilitator*

# What is Title 1?

- Title 1 is the Nation's Largest Federal Assistance Program for schools
- The goal of Title 1 is to get every child a high-quality education.
- Schools participating in the Title I program receive funds based on the percentage of students qualifying for free or reduced-price school meals.
- Parent Involvement is a focal point to Title 1.
- Workshops and schoolwide events are offered to build the capacity of families to support their children academically.



**Cobb School District Title 1 Website:**

<https://www.cobbk12.org/page/42477/federal-programs-title-i>

# Title 1 Funds



Each district is required to reserve at least one percent of its Title I funds to carry out parent and family engagement activities, including those described in the parent and family engagement policy.



Ninety (90) percent of the Title I funds must be distributed to schools, with priority given to “high-need” schools. The law further requires that parents and family members of students must be included in decisions regarding how these engagement funds are spent.



Parents have a voice in what is done in the school and when the parents respond, the school knows what direction can be taken to achieve the maximum compatibility between home and community.



# School Goals:

- 1) 15% of students will increase by a **literacy** proficiency band from August 2021 administration to the May 2022 administration for grades 6-8.
- 2) 15% of students will increase by a **numeracy** proficiency band from August 2021 administration to the May 2022 administration for grades 6-8.





*“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”*

*-Henry Ford*

## **Griffin Middle School's Compact and Policy**

- **Compact:** Our School Compact displays resources available in our school community, as well as outlines shared responsibilities between teachers/staff, parents/families, and students to support academic success and reach our school goals.
- **Policy:** Our school policy displays Title 1 information, resources for families, family-engagement events, workshops, trainings and parent/guardian involvement opportunities.



# Compact & Policy Availability

Physical copies of our school's Compact & Policy will be distributed to all families during Parent-Teacher conferences.

They will also be available online on the school website and on the [Virtual Parent Resource Center](#).

After the Parent- teacher conferences, there will also be physical copies available in the Parent Resource Center at school.

### School-Parent Compact?

A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

### Jointly Developed

The parents, students and staff of Griffin Middle School developed this School- Parent Compact for Achievement. Parents are invited to attend Title I trainings, which occur four times each year. All feedback will be collected and reviewed during the annual revision meeting with parents. PTSA, Griffin Foundation, School Council, and GMS UNITY Chest are organizations jointly developed to support our Griffin Families.

### Parent Resource Center

Our Parent Resource Center offers resources for parents to help their children learn and excel in school. The center offers free workshops, pamphlets, computer usage, printing, school information, community resources, and materials to check-out (Science & Math board games, Hand-to-Hand kits, etc.).

### Partnerships for our School Community

Griffin Middle School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnership with families, including:

- Meet and Greet
- Open House
- Parent – Teacher Conferences
- Content Area Curriculum Nights
- Parent Resource Center
- School events, workshops, conferences, and trainings
- Online/ Virtual events, workshops, conferences, and trainings

### Communication for Student Success

- CTLS Parent Portal
- Wildcat Weekly Newsletter
- Griffin Middle School Website
- ParentVUE and StudentVUE
- CTLS Learn
- Teacher Websites
- Parent- Teacher Conferences
- Marquee announcements
- GSPN- Griffin Student Parent Network
- Emails/ Texts/ Phone Calls
- Griffin Social Media Platforms

### Griffin Middle School Parent Compact 2021-2022

*To Advocate For And Empower The Learning Of ALL Students.*  
Revised 08/13/2021



*Dr. Lorelee Hill, Principal*  
*Dr. Kacie Phipps, Assistant Principal- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
*Lynzee Courtney, Assistant Principal- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
*Roderick Langston, Assistant Principal- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*  
*Niesha Butler, Assistant Principal- Connections, 9th, RTT*  
*Marcus Griffin, Student Services Administrator*  
*Mia Beasley, Instructional Support Specialist*

4010 King Springs Rd.  
Smyrna, GA 30082

## [GMS Compact](#)

### Griffin Middle School Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

#### 2021-2022 School Year

*Griffin Middle School*  
*Dr. Lorelee Hill*  
*4010 King Springs Rd.*  
*678-842-6917*  
<https://web.cobbk12.org/griffin>

*Plan Revised Date 08/13/2021*

### School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

#### What is it?

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

#### How is it revised?

Griffin Middle School has jointly developed this policy and compact with our parents to describe how we will support the important role of parents in the education of their children. In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that Facility can serve as a proxy for the parent(s). At Griffin Middle School we build capacity for parent/community involvement by implementing the six types of involvement: parenting, communications, parent volunteering, learning at home, decision-making and governance, and collaboration and exchanges in the community. All parent feedback is considered when revising for the following year. We also post an annual survey online to ask parents for suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

#### Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I Program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this policy. Griffin Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent (s).

#### Where is it available?

The plan will be available online on the school website and through the [Virtual Parent Resource Center](#).



## [GMS Policy](#)

# Parent Resource Center



Bilingual Parent Facilitator:  
Genesis Bahena (Ms. B)  
[genesis.bahena@cobbk12.org](mailto:genesis.bahena@cobbk12.org)  
678-842-6917 ext. 057

- Our Parent Resource Center offers resources for parents to help their children learn and excel in school. The center offers free workshops, pamphlets, computer usage, printing, school information, and materials to check-out (Science & Math board games, Hand-to-Mind kits, books, workbooks, homework dictionaries, and learning activities).
- The Parent Resource Center is in a NEW location. It is in the Front Office (first door on the right of the school flagpole entrance)
- [Virtual Parent Resource Center](#)
- [Parent Resource Center Tour with Ms. B](#)
- Bilingual Parent Facilitator is at your service inside of the Parent Resource Room.

# Parent/Guardian Involvement (Part 1)

**A copy of this list can be sent through email or picked up in the Parent Resource Room**

## Powerful Partnerships Training for Staff and Parents:

- Effective Methods of Contacting Parents- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Stakeholder's Meetings:

- School Improvement Forum #1- October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- School Improvement Forum #2- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Parent-Teacher Conferences– October 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021
- Hispanic Heritage Night- September 2021
- Family Literacy Night – October 2021
- Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Night- March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- Rising 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Night – February 2022
- Black History Night- February 2022
- GSPN Live (Virtual) – With our principal Dr. Hill
  - 10 AM: Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>; Oct 25<sup>th</sup>; Dec 13<sup>th</sup>; Jan 24<sup>th</sup>; Feb 28<sup>th</sup>; April 18<sup>th</sup>
  - 5 PM: Sept 20<sup>th</sup>; Nov 29<sup>th</sup>; Jan 24<sup>th</sup>; Mar 28<sup>th</sup>; May 16<sup>th</sup>





## Parent/Guardian Involvement (Part 2)

- Free workshops and trainings will be offered to parents throughout the year. They will be posted on our school newsletter.
- PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) is a volunteer association where the school community can be active in their school.  
<https://griffinmiddle.memberhub.com/w/>
- **Griffin Foundation** is a non-profit organization that raises funds to support elements in Education.  
<https://www.cobbk12.org/griffin/page/12667/griffin-foundation>



# Tell us what you think!

Everyone in the school community is encouraged to provide input, share ideas or suggestions, ask questions and request additional support.

Please fill out the survey through the QR code or parents can request a paper copy to be sent home via your child by typing your name and student(s) name in the chat.

Por favor complete la encuesta a traves del codigo QR o los padres pueden solicitar una copia en papel poniendo su nombre y el nombre de su estudiante(s) en el chat.

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Meeting Survey:



Encuesta de Reunion:



**Thank you for joining us!**

**We appreciate you!**

ANY  
Questions?