

# **Tattnall County Schools Annual Title I Parent Meeting 2023 - 2024**



**South Tattnall Middle School  
In Person Meeting  
August 21, 2023  
4:00 - 5:00**



# Presenters

*Christy Tatum*  
*Hope Oliver*



# Welcome

*South Tattnall Middle School is proud to be a partner with parents in educating our community's children.*



# Title I Annual Parent Meeting Agenda

- ❖ What is a Title I School?
- ❖ How does our district/school spend Title I money? How is Title I Parent and Family Engagement money spent?
- ❖ What is required by law for Parent and Family Engagement?
- ❖ What are our school's Title I Schoolwide requirements?
- ❖ Schoolwide Program participation – Past and Present
  - What are our Schoolwide goals?
  - What programs/supports are in place to help students?
  - What is the state's grades report for our school?
- ❖ What curriculum does our school use?
- ❖ What tests will my child be taking?

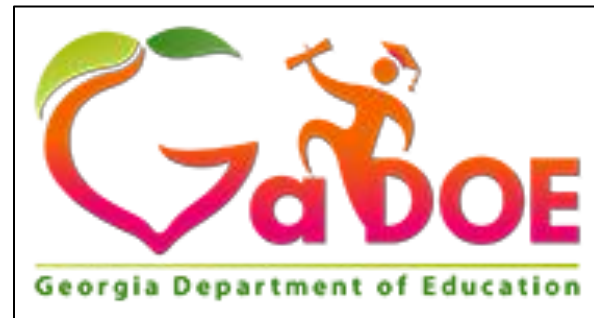
# Title I Annual Parent Meeting

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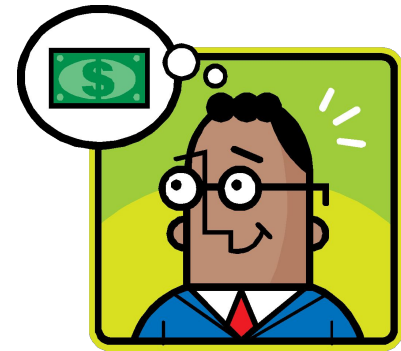
- ❖ Does my child's teacher meet professional qualifications and a parent's right to know?
- ❖ What opportunities does the school provide for family engagement?
- ❖ How responsive will the school be to my questions when staff is contacted?
- ❖ McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth
- ❖ Closing and evaluations
- ❖ BOE Contact Information

# What is a Title I school?

- ❖ Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools.
- ❖ The U.S. Department of Education provides each state with an allocation based on census poverty data.
- ❖ The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.
- ❖ For more information visit Georgia Department of Education website at [www.gadoe.org](http://www.gadoe.org).
- ❖ All Tattnall County schools are Title I schools.



# Title I money



- ❖ Title I funds may only be used to supplement, not supplant existing services.
- ❖ Our district/school utilizes the 1% of our Title I funds for parent engagement – this pays for our student handbooks, agendas, printing, parent communication, parent newsletters, parent and family engagement activities, translations and interpretation, family resource centers, and other parent resources.
- ❖ Title I meeting supplies/materials
- ❖ If you have any questions about the Title I budget for the county, please contact Dr. Tisha Holland at 557-4726.



# Title I Parent and Family Engagement Requirements

- ❖ District Parent and Family Engagement Policy
  - (Available at [www.tattnallschools.org](http://www.tattnallschools.org) under Departments tab then select Federal Programs from drop down.)
  - Available in the Student Handbook
- ❖ School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- ❖ School-Parent Compact
- ❖ Annual Title I Parent Meeting (prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>)
- ❖ Annual Evaluation

***While the ESSA has many requirements, there is a strong focus throughout the law on parent and family engagement notification and involvement.....***



## ***LEA Parent and Family Engagement Policy ESSA Section 1116 (a) (2)***

Each Local Educational Agency (LEA) that receives Title I funds must jointly develop, and agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of children receiving services a written parent and family engagement policy. The LEA parent and family engagement policy outlines how the district will implement programs, activities, and procedures for the engagement of parents in Title I programs. The policy will establish the district's expectations for parent and family engagement and how the district will carry out the parent and family engagement requirements.

# ***School Parent and Family Engagement Policy***

## ***ESSA Section 1116 (b) and (c)***

Each school that receives Title I funds must jointly develop, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of children receiving services a written parent and family engagement policy. The school parent and family engagement policy describes how the school will carry out the parent and family engagement requirements to ensure effective engagement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

## ***School-Parent Compact***

### ***ESSA Section 1116 (d)***

Each school that receives Title I funds must jointly develop and revise with parents a school-parent compact as part of the school-level parent and family engagement policy. The school-parent compact is an agreement that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

# ***Annual Title I Parent Meeting***

## ***ESSA Section 1116 (c) (1)***

- ❖ Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved.

# ***Annual Evaluation***

## ***ESSA Section 1116 (a) (2) (D) & (E)***

- ❖ Each Local Educational Agency (LEA) that receives Title I funds must conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of the Title I schools, including identifying possible barriers to greater participation of parents in activities and programs.

# Title I Schoolwide Program requirements & participation

- A Title I Schoolwide Program (SWP) addresses the educational needs of **all students** with comprehensive strategies for improving the whole school so that every student achieves high levels of academic proficiency.
- SWP can improve academic achievement throughout a school so that **all students**, particularly the lowest-achieving students, demonstrate proficiency related to the state's academic content standards.
- SWP builds on schoolwide reform strategies, rather than separate, add-on services.
- The Title I Annual Schoolwide Plan is developed with input from various stakeholders.
- Title I districts and schools are required to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to identify student and staff needs and to determine appropriate programs, services and activities.

# STMS Schoolwide Goals

**SMART GOAL #1:** To reduce the percentage of level 1 learners by decreasing the number of students reading below grade level by 10% and increase the number of students above grade level by 8% in the 2023-2024 school year.



**SMART GOAL #2:** With continued implementation of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS), we will decrease the number of students receiving 3 or more office discipline referrals by 10% during the 2023-2024 school year as compared to 2022-2023 school year.



# Schoolwide programs/supports

- iReady - Reading/Math
- IXL - Reading/Math
- USA TestPrep - ELA, Math, Science, & SS
- Class size reduction teachers
- Read 180 program
- Free Breakfast/Lunch program
- 6th Grade Orientation
- 7th/8th Grades Open House
- Parent Night
- Georgia Bridge Program
- Migrant Paraprofessional
- Co-Teachers/Inclusion Support
- Telehealth
- Academic Recognition
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- Behavior & Academic
- School Council
- Educator's Handbook
- Positive Behavior Support System (PBIS)
- Good Behavior Recognition
- Professional Learning:
  - New Teacher Academy
  - Classroom Management
  - STEM
  - Literacy
  - Data Analysis
  - Poverty

\* You, as Title I parents, have the right to provide input in the development of the schoolwide improvement plan. You are encouraged to submit suggestions at any time throughout the school year to the school principal.



# School State Report Card

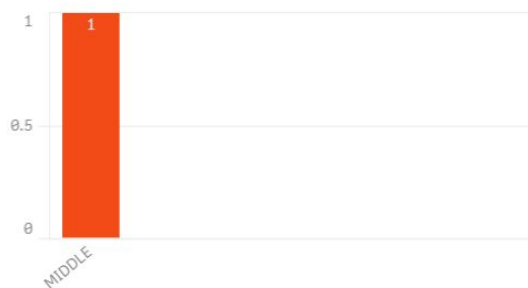


## Governor's Office of Student Achievement Georgia School Grades Reports

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Count by Grade Cluster



## South Tattnall Middle School

**District:** Tattnall County

**Grades:** 06, 07, 08

**Clusters:** Middle

**Address:** 721 E Barnard St, Glennville, GA 30427-1659

**School Letter Grade:** N/A

<https://public.gosa.ga.gov/noauth/extensions/SchoolGrades-Georgia/SchoolGrades-Georgia.html>

# School's Curriculum



Our Curriculum is guided by GADOE's  
Georgia Standards of Excellence.

Georgia's academic content standards establish high expectations for all students. The Georgia Standards identify what your child needs to know and be able to do in all content areas by grade levels. The Georgia Standards form the framework of everything taught at school.

[Home Page for Georgia Standards](#)

Our Math teachers have attending professional Learning for the updated mathematics Standards that will be implemented during this school year, 2023-2024.

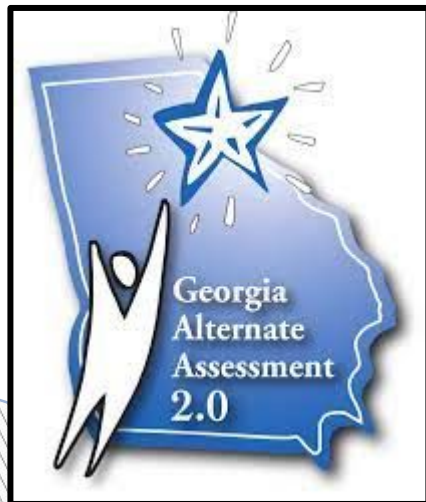
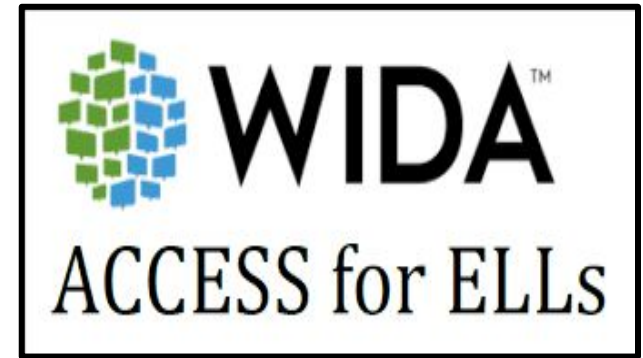
Our ELA teachers will participate in professional learning for the next 2 school years for training on the implementation of new ELA standards during the 2025-2026 school year.

# School's Standardized Testing

ESOL students participate in **ACCESS** testing. Students are assessed on Reading, Listening, Writing & Speaking.

The testing window opens **January 10th.**

Mrs. MacSorley will make an appropriate testing schedule that will work best for her students.



Students participating in the GAA 2.0 standardized assessment will be evaluated in ELA (Grades 6-8), Mathematics (Grades 6-8) and Science & Social Studies (Grade 8)

The testing window opens **March 25th.**

Mrs. Dubberly will make an appropriate testing schedule that will work best for her students.

# School's Standardized Testing

## South Tattnall Middle School's Dates for Georgia Milestones End-of-Grade (EOG) & End-of-Course (EOC)

**Secure Practice Test - March/April**

**Tuesday, April 30th - ELA Section 1**

**Wednesday, May 1st - ELA Sections 2 & 3**

**Thursday, May 2nd - Mathematics Sections 1 & 2**

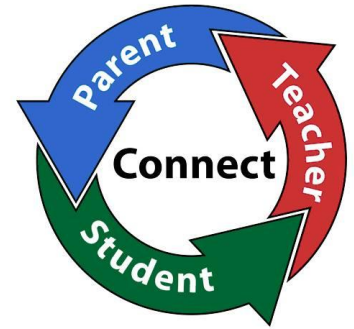
**Tuesday, May 7th - 8th Grade - Science Sections 1 & 2**

**Wednesday, May 8th - Enhanced Algebra: Concepts &  
Connections - EOC Sections 1 & 2**

**Thursday, May 9th - 8th Grade - Social Studies Sections 1 & 2**



# Parents' Right to Know



- ❖ In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, parents may request professional qualifications of student's teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s).
- ❖ A copy of notification can be viewed on Tattnall County Schools district page by selecting Departments and Federal Programs from drop down. Copy of notice is located under Parent and Community section.
- ❖ If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher(s) and/ or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact the principal at your child's school or Mrs. Gwenda Johnson at the Tattnall County Board of Education (912) 557-4726.

# Family Engagement Opportunities

- July 27th - 6th Grade Orientation
  - July 27th - 7th & 8th Grade Open House
  - August 21st - Grade Night
  - August 21st - Annual Title I Parent Meeting
  - October 3rd - Literacy Night
  - STEM Night - TBA Spring 2024
  - Athletic Events
  - Club Organizations
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- Quarterly School Council Meetings
  - Title I Input Meeting - Spring 2024
  - Parent Surveys - throughout the year
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# Keeping Parents Informed:

- Weekly Grade Level Newsletters and Daily Announcement Bulletin on STMS website
- Weekly Email Blast
- REMIND (text messages)
- Monthly “Parent Institute” flyer
- Annual Title I Parent Meeting
- Flyers/Pamphlets
- Facebook
- Parent Portal
- The Journal Sentinel Newspaper
- Parents may contact teachers through email (listed on STMS webpage), phone calls, and REMIND.



# STMS Contact Information

## South Tattnall Middle School

721 East Barnard Street

Glennville, Georgia 30427

Phone: 912.654.1467 Fax: 912.654.1300

Website: [www.stms.tattnallschools.com](http://www.stms.tattnallschools.com)

- Principal – Lakisha Bobbitt [lbobbitt@tattnall.k12.ga.us](mailto:lbobbitt@tattnall.k12.ga.us)
- Asst. Principal – Tori Flowers [tflowers@tattnall.k12.ga.us](mailto:tflowers@tattnall.k12.ga.us)
- Counselor – Sherri Williams [swilliams@tattnall.k12.ga.us](mailto:swilliams@tattnall.k12.ga.us)
- Academic Coach – Christy Tatum  
[ctatum@tattnall.k12.ga.us](mailto:ctatum@tattnall.k12.ga.us)



# **McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth**

Tattnall County Board Of Education  
2023-2024

# What is McKinney-Vento?

The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) is a program designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free and appropriate public education, including preschool, as other students.

# McKinney-Vento Law

- ❖ Definition of Homeless Students
- ❖ Individuals whose nighttime residence is NOT:
  - Fixed – stationary, permanent, and not subject to change
  - Regular – used on a predictable, routine, or consistent basis
  - Adequate – sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in the home (42 U.S.C. § 11434A(2)(B)(i))

# **“Homeless” includes children who are:**

- ❖ Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- ❖ Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or camping ground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- ❖ Living in an emergency or transitional shelter
- ❖ Abandoned in hospitals

# **“Homeless” includes children who are:**

- ❖ Living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation
- ❖ Living in a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or similar setting
- ❖ Migratory children

# McKinney-Vento Act

## **Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)**

- ❖ Unaccompanied = not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
- ❖ There is a 2-Step Process for determining
- ❖ Unaccompanied youth have the same rights as other students experiencing homelessness.

# How many are there?

- ❖ **The number of students experiencing homelessness has decreased:** The number of identified students experiencing homelessness in Georgia increased every year from 2011-12 (34,379) to 2018-19 (40,337); however, the number identified in 2019-2020 has decreased (36,753). There was a 9% percent reduction from 2018-19 to 2019-20.
- ❖ According to HUD, the state's homeless population was 7,905 in 2022, including 2,784 people in families with children and 479 unaccompanied homeless youth.
- ❖ In Tattnall County we had the following number of homeless students:

2013-2014 – 39

2015-2016 – 37

2017-2018 – 39

2019-2020 – 34

2021-2022 – 18

2014-2015 – 39

2016-2017 – 50

2018-2019 – 34

2020-2021 – 22

2022-2023 – 28

# Common Signs of Homelessness

- ❖ Lack of continuity in education
- ❖ Poor health/nutrition
- ❖ Transportation and attendance problems
- ❖ Poor hygiene
- ❖ Lack of personal space after school
- ❖ Social and behavioral concerns
- ❖ Reaction/statements by parent, guardian, or child



# Who do I contact for help?

- ❖ The local Homeless Liaison is **Dr. Tisha Holland**. You can contact her at any time with questions or concerns.

(912) 557-4726

tholland@tatttnall.k12.ga.us

146 West Brazell St. Reidsville, Ga  
(Board of Education)



***Help!***

# Questions/Evaluations

- Please complete the survey at the following link or use the QR Code.
- The results of this survey will be utilized to help in the development of the Title I School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan and future parent and family engagement activities and events.
- If you have a question or suggestions, please contact your child's school at the number previously provided.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcnHvBv-8f7rXK98ljF1EEA-Zvrn55yzzu3\\_VQfpLqd2B6CA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcnHvBv-8f7rXK98ljF1EEA-Zvrn55yzzu3_VQfpLqd2B6CA/viewform?usp=sf_link)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT**

# Tattnall BOE Contact Information

## Address:

146 West Brazell St.  
Reidsville, GA 30453

912-557-4726

912-557-3036 (fax)

## Central Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
(8:00-4:30)

Friday  
(8:00-4:00)

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[kwaters@tattnall.k12.ga.us](mailto:kwaters@tattnall.k12.ga.us)
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North Tattnall Elementary School South Tattnall Elementary School	<a href="https://ntes.tattnallschools.org">https://ntes.tattnallschools.org</a> <a href="http://stes.tattnallschools.org">http://stes.tattnallschools.org</a>
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Tattnall County High School	<a href="http://tchs.tattnallschools.org">tchs.tattnallschools.org</a>
Georgia Department of Education	<a href="http://www.gadoe.org">www.gadoe.org</a>
U.S. Department of Education	<a href="http://www.ed.gov">www.ed.gov</a>
Georgia Standards	<a href="http://www.georgiastandards.org">www.georgiastandards.org</a>

# ***“Whatever It Takes”***



The Tattnall County School District is committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure a quality education that affirms ALL students' value and worth and will lead to high school graduation and productive citizenship.