

Let's Get Together

Chattanooga Valley Middle School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House - Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Title I Meeting - We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. In addition, we will provide information about our curriculum and testing system. Invitations will be sent home with students, emailed, and posted on the school website. School cast reminders will be placed as well.

Front Row Workshop - CVMS will conduct an after school event for parents to learn how to use Front Row software to help their students with math.

Ready for Ridgeland - Information presented about Ridgeland High School's curriculum and requirements, including Pathways (College/Career Preparation Curriculum), Honors Academy, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy, ROTC, and extracurricular activities, sports, and clubs.

STEM Family Night - Join us for a night of family fun at multiple science and math experiment stations created and set up by the Creative Discovery Museum.

Transition to Middle School - Meet your rising 6th grader at Chattanooga Valley Middle School to tour the school with our 7th grade tour guides and speak with our staff about any questions or concerns you have about transitioning to CVMS.

Parent Involvement Meetings - During these meetings, we discuss our school policy and compact and how to allocate the parent involvement budget for the next academic year, based on our school-wide goals.

Parent Resource Center - Come visit the Parent Resource Center, Room 602, to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore PowerSchool and educational resources. Monday-Wednesday, 10:00 am-2:00 pm and Thursday-Friday, 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

Parent Involvement - CVMS believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning, are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school, 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, and the carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Transportation and Childcare - Chattanooga Valley Middle is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs (706-820-0735 or leslieshepherd@walkerschools.org).

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

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent home with students, emailed to parents, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents. Residential facilities in our district are included in our parent involvement activities and correspondences.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with Ridgeland High School by conducting joint staff meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for high school and improve school transition.
- Share information on the school web site and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards around the building, and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.