

Elbert County Middle School

What is a Title I school?

A Title I School is eligible to receive funds from the Federal Government, due to high percentages of children from low-income families, to ensure that all children have an opportunity to obtain a high quality education and to achieve proficiency on high academic standards.

How does ECMS spend Title I funds?

- Instructional Paraprofessionals
- Academic Interventionists
- Parent Resource Coordinator
- Academic Summer Camp
- STEAM Summer Academy
- Instructional Materials/Resources

How is Title I Parent & Family Engagement money spent?

- Parent Resource Coordinators
- Academic Family & School Collaboration (AFSC) materials/resources for parents to help their child with foundational skills

How does ECMS participate in the Title I Program?

Elbert County schools participate in schoolwide programs.

What are ECMS's Title I schoolwide requirements?

- Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment
- Identify and commit to specific goals and strategies that address those needs
- Create a comprehensive plan
- Conduct an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the schoolwide program and revise the plan annually or as necessary

ECMS's Schoolwide Program

What are our school wide goals? The schoolwide goals of ECMS are:

- Goal 1: During the 2021-2022 school year, all students will score at or above the state average for the ELA EOG.
- Goal 2: During the 2021-2022 school year, all students will score at or above the state average for the Math EOG.
- Goal 3: Students will not miss more than 10 days of attendance for the 2021-22 school year.

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- We are utilizing Map Growth data to determine next steps in ELA and Math.
- We are employing the use of academic interventionist to provide additional support to our students in the area of ELA and Math.
- We are implementing the use of Guided Reading and LLI resources to improve student reading and comprehension.

What is the state's grade report for Elbert County Middle School?

GOSA

Governor's Office of Student Achievement

ECMS's Curriculum

At ECMS, we use standards based curriculum aligning with our Georgia Standards of Excellence

Our curricula:

Language Arts-Smekens Comprehension Reading Strategies and Smekens 6 Traits of Writing.

Math- Ready Math and Utah Math

Assessments

What tests will my child take?

All students will take the MAP Growth assessment to measure achievement and growth in 5-8th Math and Reading. This assessment will be given in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Additional assessments may include End-of-Grade assessments (Georgia Milestones), End-of-Course assessments (EOCs), and WIDA ACCESS.

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In addition to state assessments, most students will also take the following:

- HMH Reading Growth - Fall, Winter, Spring
- IXL Math Diagnostic and Progress Monitoring
- Guided Reading Running Records (5th Grade Only)

Assessments

- How do these tests measure my child's progress? These tests measure if a child is on, below, or above grade level.
- What proficiency levels is my child expected to meet? Students are expected to meet or exceed standards on state assessments. On other assessment, they are expected to demonstrate growth commensurate of their ability.

What is required by law for Parent and Family Engagement?

Schools and districts must ensure that strong strategies are in place to:

- Build capacity to engage parents/stakeholders in an effective partnership with the school, and
- Share and support high student academic achievement.

What is the district's Parent & Family Engagement Plan?

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What is a School-Parent Compact?

Each school served under Title I, Part A shall jointly develop with parents, a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Does my child's teacher meet professional qualifications? What is a parent's right to know?

All schools must provide notification to all parents regarding their right to request teacher and paraprofessional qualifications.

What opportunities does the school provide for family engagement?

- Families are encouraged to engage with the school through conferences (live and video), phone calls, emails, and texts. Three weeks a year are specifically set aside for conferencing with families as part of our Academic Family and School Collaboration.
- Parents are encouraged and welcome to volunteer in classroom activities, PBIS incentives, class trips, and more
- ECMS appreciates input from parents through service on School Council, School Improvement Meetings, and the Comprehensive Needs Assessment process. Additional input from parents is solicited through several surveys throughout the year.

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Future Possible Upcoming Events:

- Arts and Cinema Night
- STEAM Fair
- Code.org Party
- “Taking the School to the Community” opportunities

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