

HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GUIDEBOOK

2020-2021

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October 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

This electronic Parent & Family Engagement Guidebook includes information about our district and school's Title I Program including our **2020-2021 Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact**.

The **Parent and Family Engagement Plan** describes how we will carry out the parent and family engagement requirements to ensure effective involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, family, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

The **School-Parent Compact** outlines how our parents, family, staff and the students will share the responsibility to improve student academic achievement based on the academic goals of the school.

We encourage you to review the 2020-2021 Title I Parent & Family Engagement Plan and School-Parent Compact with your child/children to ensure that everyone understands their role and expectations.

Please use the link below to acknowledge that you and your child have read, received and agree with the information that is included in these documents. Once signed, please download this Guidebook and keep for your records.

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN THE ELECTRONIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM



We look forward to our School-Parent Partnership! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Melissa Perrier, your Parent Involvement Professional at Melissa.perrier@henry.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Copper
 PGE Principal

HCS FAMILY & STUDENT SUPPORT | Title I

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P A R E N T N E W S L E T T E R

2020-2021

Greetings HCS Parents!

We are extremely excited about the opportunity to partner with the parents and families of our 24 Title I Schools in educating their children. Despite the challenges that we have faced this year, we strongly believe in the importance of Family Engagement and will continue our work in unifying our district by fostering strong parent and family relationships. However, we understand that we cannot do this without your help. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information about the power that parents and families have on the overall success not only of their child, but to the success of the entire district.

Sheryl Matthews, Ed.S.

Parent Engagement Specialist



CORE BELIEFS & COMMITMENTS

1

Core Belief

We believe each student can learn at or above grade level and will have an equal opportunity to do so.

Commitment

Each student will learn at or above grade level and have an equal opportunity to do so.

2

Core Belief

We believe family and community involvement is critical to student success.

Commitment

We will foster connections for families and community to support student learning.

3

Core Belief

We believe all learning environments should be supportive, safe, and secure.

Commitment

All school environments will be supportive, safe, and secure.

4

Core Belief

We believe effective teachers and leaders produce excellent results.

Commitment

We will recruit, support, retain, and recognize results-driven teachers and leaders.

The School-Parent Connection

Parent and Family Engagement is an ongoing process that increases active participation, communication, and collaboration between parents, schools, and communities with the goal of educating the whole child to ensure student achievement and success.

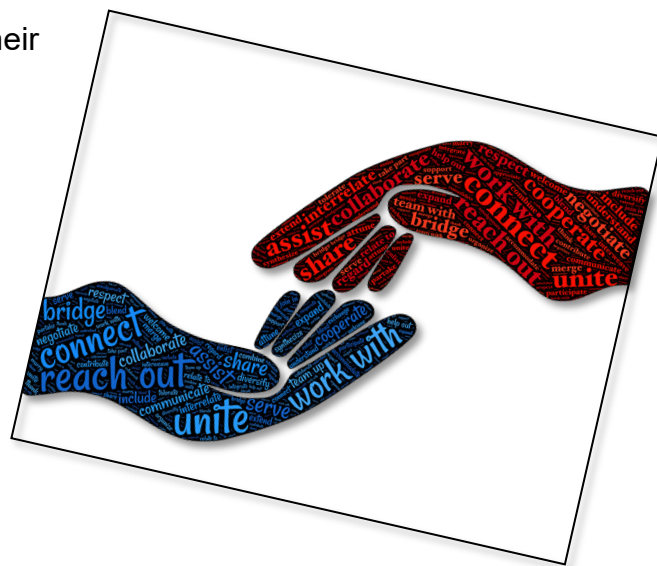
(Family-School Partnership Program, GaDOE)

MAJOR BENEFITS

Research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- earn better grades.
- score higher on tests.
- pass their classes.
- attend school regularly.
- have better social skills.
- show improved behavior.
- be more positive in their attitude toward school.
- complete homework assignments.
- graduate and continue their education.

(PTO Today, 2016)



Ways Parents can GET INVOLVED!

Whether you are available on a daily basis or only have a limited amount of time, you can become active in your school's Parent & Family Engagement Program by doing the following:

- ⇒ Learn more about your child's school and the curriculum, special programs, Federally funded programs including Title I and your rights and responsibilities as a parent under these programs.
- ⇒ Attend parent-teacher or student-led conferences, school workshops, meetings to share your opinions regarding your child's learning and progress as well as the school's programs and potential areas of improvement.
- ⇒ Support the academic efforts of your child through goal setting and ongoing progress checks via the Parent Portal.
- ⇒ Make decisions about your child's education and academic program .
- ⇒ Develop relationships with and keep in contact with your child's teacher through telephone, e-mail, or face-to-face conversations.

Parent & Family Engagement On EVERY Level!

Parent and Family Engagement is important at every stage of your child's education!

Elementary School

- Create structured routines (morning, homework, bedtime).
- Establish ongoing communication (email, Class Dojo, Remind, etc.) with teachers and school staff to work as a team to advocate for child.
- Participate in school's academic and extracurricular activities such as Parent Workshops and Family Game Night (in-person or virtual).
- Use dinner time to ask child about school. The focus does not have to be academic.
- Serve as a volunteer on various school committees including PTO (if applicable).
- Keep track of child's academic progress by reviewing Daily Folder and Parent Portal.
- Check out games and manipulatives from Family Resource Center to reinforce skills that child learned at school.

High School

- Utilize the summer months to prepare child for high school. Discuss increased responsibilities, course-load, etc.
- Observe child's morning, homework, and bedtime routines. Intervene as needed.
- Continue to monitor child's social media usage and behavior. Remind them of consequences.
- Introduce yourself to all teachers, counselor and the Graduation Coach (if applicable) via email.
- Encourage child to participate in school clubs or extra-curricular activities. Volunteer your time and/or resources for support.
- Continue to monitor child's academic progress via Parent Portal (Infinite Campus). Encourage them to be responsible for seeking assistance. Intervene as needed.
- Visit school's website and social media accounts to keep up with activities, events, and deadlines.

Middle School

- Reinforce morning, homework and bedtime routines. If child is alone during morning and bedtime routines, consider phone and video check-ins.
- Establish limits with social media. Monitor child's behavior during use.
- Meet with or email all teachers (Open House, Curriculum Night, etc.) and establish communication preferences.
- Participate in school's academic workshops and extra-curricular activities (if applicable).
- Encourage dialogue about school with child by asking open-ended questions.
- Seek guidance from teacher or Parent Involvement Professional on academic resources to help child with challenging assignments.
- Establish a timeline on ways to encourage independent behaviors to prepare for high school.
- Continue to keep track of child's progress in Parent Portal (Infinite Campus). Review grades and progress with child weekly.
- Visit school's website and social media accounts regularly to keep up with school activities and events.

Helping Your Child Succeed Academically...in EVERY Subject!

You don't have to be an expert in any subject to help your child.

- * Attend your school's Curriculum Night or visit the district's website to familiarize yourself with the Henry Teaching & Learning Standards.
- * Set expectations for homework and daily review of notes.
- * Have child explain a concept to you and ask probing questions to determine their comprehension and understanding.
- * Encourage child to have a study buddy that they can contact when they need support.
- * Contact your child's teacher to request resources/websites that can assist you in supporting your child. Don't be afraid to ask the teacher to explain concept to you.
- * Visit your school's Family Resource Center or contact your Parent Involvement Professional (PIP) to request additional support/resources.
- * Avoid statements such as "I am not good at Math so you probably get that from me".
- * If eligible, make arrangements for your child to attend tutoring with the teacher or school's Title I program.



8 Tips to Help Your Child Focus and Stay Engaged During Remote Learning

1. **Set a schedule and keep it** —Establish a consistent night and morning schedule with your remote learner. Use alarms/timers to assist with daily schedule.
2. **Determine how your child likes to learn**—Is your child a visual learner or do they prefer to learn hands-on (kinesthetic)? Find ways to help your child study using their preferred learning style.
3. **Set up a personal learning space for your child** — Consider establishing a specific location where your child will participate in Remote Learning daily. Avoid interrupting them while they are in school. Consider headphones if there are multiple learners in the home.
4. **Utilize Checklists and other Visual Cues**—Create a checklist that your child can utilize daily to stay on task. For younger students, use pictures and other visual cues.
5. **Connect with the school and teachers**—Don't be afraid to reach out to your child's school and teachers for support, guidance, and additional resources.
6. **Stay Positive**—Children often respond to their parent's anxieties. Make every effort to stay calm and positive, even in moments of frustration.



Federally Funded Programs in Henry County Schools

The following federally-funded programs are available in all or select schools in the Henry County Schools district.

- **IDEA**—Exceptional Student Education (Special Education)
- **Title I, Part A** - Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged (*only in our 24 Title I Schools*)
- **Title I, Part A** - Foster Care Program
- **Title I, Part A** - Parent Engagement Program (*only in our 24 Title I Schools*)
- **Title I, Part C** - Education of Migratory Children
- **Title I, Part D** - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children
- **Title II, Part A** - Improving Teacher Quality
- **Title III, Part A** - Language Instruction for Limited English Proficient & Immigrant Students
- **Title IV, Part A** - Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- **Title IX, Part A** - McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act



Facts about Title I

What is Title I?

Title I, Part A is a federally funded program under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The purpose of Title I under the ESSA is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

Who is eligible for Title I Services?

The program serves students in elementary, middle and high schools who have demonstrated the need for additional academic assistance. **A parent's financial status does not impact eligibility.** Students are identified using multiple criteria including previous year's tests scores, report cards, and teacher recommendations. A family's income IS NOT considered.

Benefits of Title I

Title I provides schools an opportunity to offer additional support and resources to increase the academic achievement of students. In addition to student support, Title I also provides support for parents to assist their child at home in order to increase student achievement. ALL parents of students who attend a Title I School are encouraged to participate in their school's Parent & Family Engagement Program. Teachers at Title I schools also benefit from additional professional development and instructional resources.

How Does Our School Receive Title I Money?

MYTH—Only low-income students receive Title I Services

FACT—Title I Services are based on academic need, not income!

1. The **Federal Government** provides Title I funding to each state.
2. **State Educational Agencies** send this money to school districts. How much money each district receives is determined by the number of students eligible for free or reduced lunch in the ENTIRE district.
3. **Districts** then allocate Title I funds to schools with higher rates based on the number of eligible students enrolled.
4. Finally, once funds have been released, **Title I schools:**
 - Identify the students at their school who need the most educational assistance based on various academic criteria that school has chosen. Students **DO NOT** have to be from low-income families to receive Title I services.
 - Set goals for improving the skills of all students at their school and determine how to utilize their Title I funds to support those goals.
 - Measure student progress to determine the success of the Title I program for each student.

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Your Input Matters!

Throughout the year, your child's school will invite you to provide feedback and comments regarding various components of their Title I Program. This includes their Schoolwide Plan, the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, as well as the Title I Schoolwide Budget (including 1% Parent and Family Engagement Budget).

Your input is extremely important as we work together to provide a quality education to our students attending one of our 24 Title I Schools.

If you are a parent or family member who would like to provide input, please contact your child's school or the district's Title I Parent Engagement Specialist, Sheryl Matthews, at sheryl.matthews@henry.k12.ga.us.

PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW

You as a parent have the right to request the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals, including:

Whether the student's teacher—

- ◇ has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- ◇ is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
- ◇ is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- ◇ Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Family Resource Centers

A Family Resource Center is located in each of our 24 Title I Schools. ALL parents of children who attend a Title I school are welcome to visit their Resource Center. The Family Resource Center is designated solely for parents to receive support, training, and access to resources that will assist them in supporting their child. Parents of children who attend a Title I School are always welcome to check out resources, get information from workshops that they may have missed, and even access their child's grades via the Parent Portal. Each school has a full-time Parent Involvement Professional on staff whose primary role is to assist parents. There is no cost involved in checking out instructional support materials. All centers are open during school hours and after hours by appointment.

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

FINAL —September 18, 2020

What is Family and Parent Engagement?

Henry County believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

1. That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
2. That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
3. That parents 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.
4. The carrying out of other activities, such as those prescribed in Section 1116 of the ESSA.
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About our District's Parent & Family Engagement Plan

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Henry County Schools has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in the district's 24 Title I schools. This plan will describe our commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive parental involvement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve parents in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1116, Henry County Schools will work with its Title I schools to ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policies meet the requirements of Section 1118 (b) and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with Section 1116(d) of the ESSA.

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Jointly Developed Plan

For the 2020-2021 school year, all Title I parents were invited to participate and provide feedback on the district's and school's Plans during their school's Spring Input Meeting. Parents were invited to all meetings through flyers, emails, text messages, and postings on each school's website as well as their social media platforms. During these meeting, parents received information about the district's Strategic Priorities as well as how the district allocated its Title I funds including the 1% Parent Involvement budget.

Parents who could not attend the meeting were encouraged to submit comments and feedback regarding the Parent & Family Engagement Plan, Strategic Priorities, and Budget at any time on the school's website or to contact the school's Parent Involvement Professional. All feedback received by May 29, 2020 in reference to the district's Parent & Family Engagement Plan was considered. Upon final revision, this plan was incorporated into the CLIP and submitted to the state.

This plan is posted on our district's Title I page under Parent & Family Engagement. It will also be included in every Title I School's Parent & Family Engagement Guidebook.

District Support to Strengthen Our Schools

The district's Title I Parent Engagement Specialist will provide assistance and support to all 24 Title I schools to ensure family engagement requirements are being satisfied and that family engagement strategies and activities are being implemented. Title I schools will receive notifications and resources from the district's Parent Engagement Specialist to help them improve and strengthen family engagement. In addition to frequent communication and school visits, the Title I Parent Engagement Specialist will hold monthly meetings and trainings with its Title I schools' Parent Involvement Professionals and other appointed representatives to review family engagement plans and activities as well as provide guidance with the assistance of parents for Title I Schools to build staff capacity in Parent and Family Engagement.

Additionally, the district's Title I Office will host Annual Title I Compliance Training in July for all Title I Principals , Title I Teachers ,Tutors and Title I Parent Involvement Professionals to review parent and family engagement compliance requirements and activities.

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

Henry County Schools will distributed 100% of the total reserved amount of Title I Parent & Family Engagement funds that it received for the 2020-2021 year directly to all of its Title I schools to support their local-level Parent & Family Engagement programs and activities.

The district will provide clear guidance and communication to assist each Title I school in developing an adequate parental involvement budget that supports programs that reach parents and family members at home, in the community, and at school. Each Title I school will host a Parent Input Meeting for parents to provide suggestions how these parental involvement funds will be used at the school-level.

Parent feedback and meeting minutes from these meetings will be reviewed by the school to determine areas of need for the 2020-2021 school year and consider changes to the parental involvement budget.

Building Capacity—Henry County’s Mission IS Possible!

Henry County and the Title I Office will take the following measures in order to build the schools’ and parents’ capacity for strong parent and family engagement that will improve student academic achievement through the following districtwide activities and strategies:



SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

- ★ Sharing vital information to parents of Title I schools on the Georgia Standards of Excellence, state and local academic assessments including the Georgia Milestones, as well as the required assessments for students including assessments for parents of children receiving ESOL services. The dates and locations for these workshops will be posted on the district’s Title I webpage as well as the websites of our Title I Schools. Parents will also receive workshop notifications via flyers, email, REMIND, and Infinite Campus.
- ★ The district’s Title I Parental Involvement webpage as well as each Title I school’s webpage will contain additional information such as parent guides and effective strategies that will assist parents in helping their children at home.
- ★ Copies of these materials will be made available by request for parents who may have limited Internet access as well as those in need of translated versions.
- ★ Collaborating with our local Pre-K, Early Reading & Literacy Programs, as well as participating Technical & Post-Secondary Schools to share school information that will help prepare parents and their child(ren) for transitions into elementary, middle, high, and beyond.
- ★ Ensuring that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is available to all parents in an understandable and uniform format, such as flyers, newsletters and calendars and posted on the district and/or school website. Parent notifications and resources will be sent home in parents’ native language, where applicable, and interpreters will be available at parent events and meetings. Information posted on the district Web site will be translated to the extent practicable. The district will also utilize school telephone systems, school websites, local news media, and other school message systems to post information for parents.

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL STAFF

- ★ Providing ongoing support to Parent Involvement Professionals (PIPs) and Title I Principals in the efforts to communicate and build partnerships with parents. The district’s Parent Engagement Specialist will also train appropriate school staff and faculty on creating a welcoming environment and improving school-parent communication.
- ★ Developing partnerships with community members and business leaders to serve as school and district level speakers in order to build staff capacity. The district will encourage collaboration between all stakeholders by posting meeting information on the district’s website and share with our 24 Title I Schools.

Opportunities for Meaningful Parent Consultation

All parents and families of students attending a Title I school are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described below. Input and suggestions from families are an essential component of the district and school improvement plans that are developed each year.

School & District Level Parent Input Meetings & Panel Discussions

Ongoing, throughout the year

Henry County encourages all parents of children attending a Title I School to participate in their school's Parent Input Meetings and other Panel Discussions. Each Title I School will send home information regarding the date and time of these meetings. Information will also be posted on each school's webpage as well as the district's Title I webpage.

Title I Parent & Family Engagement Input Meeting

April 2021—May 2021

All Title I Families are invited to provide input via online surveys on the district's Title I Consolidated LEA School Improvement Plan, the Title I Parent & Family Engagement Plan, and District's Parental Involvement Budget. Notices regarding these input opportunities will be provided to parents in advance using multiple communication methods.

Parent & Family Engagement Annual Evaluation

In the Spring, Henry County Schools will evaluate the content and effectiveness of this Plan for Shared Student Success and the various parental involvement activities to improve the academic quality of the Title I schools through an annual Parent & Community Stakeholder Input Meeting. Our goal is to work with parents and family members to identify barriers to greater parent participation in our Title I schools. We plan to identify specific needs that parents and family members have with supporting the achievement of their children and communicating to faculty and staff. These surveys and feedback forms will also be posted on the district and school websites for parents who are unable to attend.

In addition to the annual survey, each Title I school will also have a Spring Parent Input Meeting to discuss the school's Title I Programs and conduct their own school level evaluation. The results from district forums, Parent Input Meetings and Annual surveys will be used to improve the district and school level Parent & Family Engagement program.

ACCESSIBILITY

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements established by Section 1116 of the ESEA, the District's Title I Parent Engagement Specialist will communicate and collaborate with the Student Services office and Title III Coordinator to ensure full opportunities for participation including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand to parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and families of homeless and migratory children including providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.



Informing and Empowering Parents

All families of children attending a Title I school are invited to attend Title I meetings and events at the school and district level to share their ideas and suggestions to help the district, schools, and students to reach our student academic achievement goals. The following is a list of sample workshops that will be offered at your child's school or on the district level. For the 2020-2021 meetings will be held in person as well as virtually.

- **Open House and Curriculum Nights**—discover and get connected with the various school and district level resources that are available to parents in Henry County Schools.
- **Principal Chats and "POP-In with the PIP"**—come talk to your school's principal or Parent Involvement Professional about specific topics or get information from a meeting that you missed.
- **Georgia Milestones Sessions**—families can hear from educators and each other about ways that they can prepare their child for the state assessments.
- **Literacy Workshops for Parents**—learn ways to get struggling or reluctant readers back on track.
- **Family Game Nights (Math & Science)**—participate in content area workshops to learn ways to encourage learning at home while still having fun.
- **"Bring Your Parent to School" Day (Middle Schools)**—come spend the day with your child to gain more insight on their school day and how you can extend their learning at home.
- **Calling all High School Parents!** - attend various forums on specific topics that will assist you in supporting your high school student and their post secondary plans.
- **District Family Connections Workshops and Live Parent Sessions**— Open to all HCS families to learn more about various topics to support the social, emotional and academic needs of their students such as *Tips for Remote Learning* and *Accessing the Infinite Campus Parent Portal*.

Adoption

This district level Parent and Family Engagement Plan has been developed jointly and agreed upon with parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs as evidenced by the collaboration of parents, school, and district personnel at the annual Parent & Community Stakeholder Input Meeting as well as online comments received by parents via the district's website.

This plan as adopted by Henry County Schools on September 14, 2020 and will be in effect for the 2020-2021 academic school year. The school district will distribute this plan in multiple ways to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 30, 2020

Contact information

For additional information regarding this plan or Title I Parent and Family Engagement, please contact:

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Family Resource Center

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Family Engagement equals Student Success

Mission Statement

The mission of the Family Resource Center is to empower parents with the resources, services, parenting education and information needed to build strong, healthy families and communities.

Goals

The goals of the Family Resource Center are to:

- ❖ Maintain a **virtual** and **physical Center** full of free academic and community resources that will support parents, guardians and students from home
- ❖ Build positive working relationships between home and school
- ❖ Identify the needs of our families and provide resources to meet those needs
- ❖ Assist parents/ guardians in developing skills that promote their child's/ children's education
- ❖ Provide multiple ways families can give Input and feedback throughout the year
- ❖ Communicate across multiple platforms to ensure important information is received
- ❖ Create relationships that will reach and assist families with language barriers
- ❖ Actively engage in outreach to support family involvement in the education and development of students

The Family Resource Center (FRC) is located right down the hall from the front office in room #210



#FamilyEngagementPGE

Open 7:45- 3:00pm M-F

For your convenience, Earlier and Later times are available by appointment

If you would like to visit or speak with your parent liaison our Parent Involvement Professional outside scheduled hours, please contact Mrs. Perrier at (770) 898- 0176 or at PGEParents@gmail.com

Mrs. Perrier is part of your home/ school support team and would love to hear from you!



RIGHT TO KNOW

Tracie Copper
Principal
Christopher Parkhill
Assistant Principal

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS

Date: August 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Students Succeeds Act, Pleasant Grove Elementary STEM School would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and/ or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

- Whether the student's teacher—
 - has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/ or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact Principal Copper, at 770- 898- 0176. We look forward to helping your child/ren to SOAR this year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracie Copper', written over a horizontal line.

Mrs. Copper
PGE Principal



Pleasant Grove Elementary STEM School

150 Reagan Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281



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Final October 16, 2020

Pleasant Grove Elementary (PGE) has been identified as a Title I school as part of the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Title I is designed to support State and Local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic Standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with all parents, a written ...

Parent & Family Engagement Plan For Shared Student Success

What is it?

PGE values the contributions and involvement of parents. In order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement this plan was developed.

It explains the different ways PGE will provide opportunities to support and improve parent engagement, and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Every Fall and Spring, parents are invited to attend Input meetings at PGE to review and revise the School Wide Plan, Title I budget, and the School-Parent Compact. During the year, at various workshops and events, PGE welcomes input and comments from parents/guardians on these items. All feedback during the school year, at Title I events, and at the input meetings, through online engagement and surveys is then used to revise the plan for the coming year!

Who is it for?

All students covered in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities and events in this plan.

We will provide full opportunities for parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migrant children, to engage in events at PGE. (Childcare can also be arranged if needed.)

Where is it available?



At the beginning of the year, the Parent & Family Engagement plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. The plan is also posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in Rm#210, our Family Resource Center.



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Henry County District Strategic Actions FY20- 21

1. Advance PreK-12 learning opportunities and experiences for all students.
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School-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, PGE families develop a School-Parent Compact. This agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all of our students reach grade level standards. The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Input meetings or through survey data. School-Parent Compacts are kept in Rm# 210, PGE's Family Resource Center, for Parents/Guardians to review at any time!

PGE FY20-21 Academic Goals

- ❖ Increase the percentage of students in English Language Arts on or above grade level in grades 3 - 5 by 5% on Georgia Milestones by the end of school year 2021.
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SNAPSHOT of PGE Events for FY20-21

Below is a brief snapshot of some of the events PGE will host to build capacity for strong parental involvement and to support a partnership between our school, parents, and the community. Parent workshops and meetings will be available via the website, by email, or in Rm#210, our Family Resource Center.

- ❖ **Open House – [July 30, 2019]** – Meet your child's teacher and our awesome PGE school staff for the year!
- ❖ **Fall Input Meeting/PTO Breakfast – [Aug 16, 2019]** This is your chance to learn about and give your input on our School wide plan, the Title I budget, the School-Parent Compact, and our Parent Engagement Policy. You can also join PGE's PTO!
- ❖ **Explore PGE (Curriculum Night) – [Aug 27, 2019]** – Sample a little bit from the different areas of your child's academics and learn about clubs here at PGE!
- ❖ **STEM DAY – [August 30, 2019]** – Learn all about STEM and work on a STEM project with our students!
- ❖ **Family Fun Night – [March 2020]** – Math and Reading can be fun! Come play educational games and learn how to make Math and Reading fun at home!
- ❖ **GA Milestones Test Prep – [April 2020]** – This is a great opportunity to understand all about this important test your 3rd-5th grader must take at the end of the school year!
- ❖ **Spring Input Meeting – [April 2020]** – You are invited to learn and share your input on our 2019-20 Title I Program - The School wide plan, Title I budget, School-Parent Compact, and PGE's Parent Engagement Plan.



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Come visit Rm# 210, the Family Resource Center (FRC) to check out learning games and activities, cool books, and study material to use at home with your child! A computer and printer are also available for parents to explore Parent Portal and print educational resources!

Parent & Family Engagement

At PGE we believe that parent involvement means 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 in their child’s learning
- ❖ Parents are encouraged to stay actively involved and be full partners in their child’s education. This includes decision making and being on advisory committees at PGE.

PGE is committed to helping parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us to request assistance with childcare or are unable to attend due to transportation.



PGE is “Soaring into Excellence!”

Pleasant Grove Elementary (PGE) STEM School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of our school. In order to strengthen the school and reach our school academic goals we will –

- ❖ Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, administration and all other staff, with the assistance of parents, on the value parental contributions, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in education.
- ❖ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations that will educate our staff on the importance of Parent & Family Engagement. After reviewing last year’s parent surveys, PGE staff will receive ongoing Staff Capacity training on the following topics:
 - Communication and Following up with parents
 - Creating a welcoming 5 star environment for parents
 - How to involve parents in the classroom
- ❖ Coordinate parent programs that build ties between home and school.
- ❖ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities/events is published in both English and Spanish, send home by flyer, through campus messenger, and posted on the school website and social media.
- ❖ Provide necessary materials for parents at student lead conference, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
- ❖ Collaborate with Partners in Education, community leaders, and business groups to improve awareness of activities and events listed in the Parent & Family Engagement Plan.
- ❖ Offer community and literacy classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.



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Share your Thoughts!

We want to hear from you!

If you have any suggestions on how we can better communicate and serve you and your family, please let us know! If there is any part of this Parent & Family Engagement Plan that you feel is not satisfactory or not in line with the students' and/or school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided below, and leave this form in the main office or in Rm#210, our Family Resource Center.

Thank you!

Parent Name (Optional): _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Your Suggestion(s): _____

Parent & Family Engagement Standards

Henry County Title I Schools and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are –

- ❖ Welcoming all Families
- ❖ Communicating Effectively
- ❖ Supporting Student Success
- ❖ Speaking up for Every Child
- ❖ Sharing Power
- ❖ Collaborating with Community

Contact us! Follow us!

<https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/pge>

@family.engagement.pge

Pleasant Grove Elementary

@PGE_HCS

Family Resource Center

Open 7:45- 3pm

Virtual FRC- Accessible through the school website

Mrs. Perrier, Parent Involvement Professional
PGEParents@gmail.com

Tracie Copper, *Principal*

Christopher Parkhill, *Assistant Principal*

Pleasant Grove Elementary

770.898.0176

Fax: 770.898.0185



#ParentsMatter #GetInvolved

- ❖ Be on the lookout for PGE Events via flyers, marquee, website, social media, and campus messenger updates!
- ❖ Visit Rm#210, our Family Resource Center (FRC) for FREE toys, games, books, and resources you can use at home to support what we do at school!
- ❖ Drop in with our Parent Involvement Professional (PIP) to get specific ideas about how to support your child!
- ❖ Attend educational and recreational events to show your child you support their learning here at PGE!

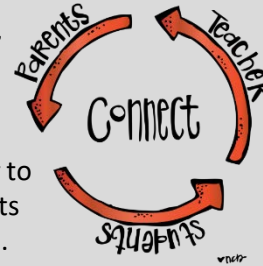


**YOU CAN volunteer, participate,
or observe in the classroom!**

To learn more please contact our PIP, Mrs. Melissa Perrier at 770.898.0176, by email at PGEParents@gmail.com.

What is the School Parent Compact?

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Teachers

Explain school learning goals and suggest home learning strategies

Parents

Add ideas to make strategies more specific to individual student needs

Students

Identify and express which strategies are most effective in helping them learn

PGE's Compact describes how teachers will use high quality instruction to help students develop their academic skills. It also explains how teachers and parents will communicate about school progress, as well as offer opportunities for parents to volunteer, observe, and participate in the classroom! Finally teachers, parents, and students will share strategies that can be used to support academic growth!



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Tracie Copper, *Principal*
Christopher Parkhill, *Assistant Principal*

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Title I Family Resource Center

DAILY HOURS

7:45am- 3:00pm

Appointments can be made outside of
scheduled times



Contact us! Follow us!



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In the Classroom Teachers

As Teachers we will work with our parents and students to support individual student academic growth. This year we will:

- ❖ Use HMH (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) textbooks and digital instructional resources, Open Court reading materials, Mindplay Virtual Reading Coach, and Triumph Learning resources to instruct students in Math, ELA and Science
- ❖ Focus on guided reading and small group instruction
- ❖ Pay attention to testing data and grades to make informed decisions about instruction for each child
- ❖ Collaboratively plan to ensure correct Literacy and Math strategies are in place
- ❖ Communicate with parents via ClassDojo, email, and/or phone call, concerning their child's progress
- ❖ Invite parents to attend periodic parent-teacher conferences to review academic growth
- ❖ Send home communication and invitations to parents to attend workshops and conferences at PGE



At Home Parents

As parents we will develop and share ideas about how families can support student success. At home, we will also support PGE's Academic goals in ELA, Math, and Science by:

- ❖ Reading together and working on alphabet sounds, phonics, and writing
- ❖ Studying math facts and word problems to assist with math fluency
- ❖ Checking my child's folder every night for homework, flyers, and notes from school
- ❖ Helping my child complete their homework
- ❖ Maintain consistent communication with my child's teacher and attend parent-teacher conferences to follow their academic progress
- ❖ Check out learning materials from the FRC (Rm #210) to support growth at home
- ❖ Attend events at PGE that support learning and academic growth

In the Classroom & At Home Students

Things we, as students, can do succeed and excel in math, reading, writing, and science:

- ❖ K-2 graders work on phonics and reading
- ❖ 3-5 graders will study math facts during homework time.
- ❖ Talk to parents about what I learned in class
- ❖ Finish my homework and turn it in on time!
- ❖ Make sure parents look at my agenda/folder every night to see letters, flyers and notes from school.

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Henry County Schools 2020-2021 Calendar

July 2020					August 2020					September 2020				
M	Tu	W	Th	F	M	Tu	W	Th	F	M	Tu	W	Th	F
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January 2021					February 2021					March 2021				
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April 2021					May 2021					June 2021				
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* ES & Seniors Only

- Early Release Dates
- Entire District Closed
- Students & Teachers Out
- Students Out
- First Day of Semester
- Report Cards

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st Day of School
Aug. 17
- Labor Day
Sept. 7
- Fall Break
Sept. 21-25
- Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 23-27
- Semester Break
Dec. 21 - Jan. 5
- 2nd Semester Starts
Jan. 6
- MLK Day
Jan. 18
- Presidents Day
Feb. 15
- Winter Break
Feb. 16-19
- Spring Break
Apr. 5-9
- Last Day of School
May 26

IMPORTANT STAFF DATES

- District-Based Professional Learning Days
July 29, Nov. 3, Jan. 5
- School-Based Professional Learning Days
July 27-28, July 30-31, Jan. 4, May 27-28

The Henry County Board of Education has authorized the publication of this handbook in accordance with School Board policies and applicable laws. It contains important information for parents, students, school personnel, visitors, and residents. **Have a great school year!**