

## **EXCEL Academy 2020-2021 Draft Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success**

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**2020-2021 School Year**

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### **What Is Title I?**

EXCEL Academy is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The purpose of Title I is to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan. The plan describes ways the school will engage families in their child's academic progress.

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## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how EXCEL Academy will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. EXCEL Academy values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that EXCEL Academy will support family engagement and how parents and family members can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### **How is it developed/revised?**

EXCEL Academy invites all parents and families to our input meetings held in the Spring and Fall. At these meetings we review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the Schoolwide Plan, our School-Parent Compact, and the Title I Budget including the Family Engagement Budget. We also receive parent input on the development of staff trainings for building staff capacity. Additionally, an online family input opportunity is made available. We also distribute an annual survey by sending it home with students and posting it online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year. All unsatisfactory comments regarding our schoolwide plan are submitted to the district.

### **Who is it for?**

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. EXCEL Academy will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities and of migratory children.

### **Where is it available?**

The plan will be shared with parents during our Annual Title I meeting. This plan is part of our new family orientation folders, which we give to new families throughout the school year.

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## **2020– 2021 Henry County District Goals**

- All schools/applicable departments will develop and implement a plan to meet the academic, and social and emotional needs of all students and staff.
- 100% of the classroom instruction will consistently incorporate research-based and personalized learning strategies that will increase rigor in the classroom and improve student achievement.

## **2020 -2021 EXCEL Academy Goals**

- Student Performance on EOC courses (Algebra I, Geometry, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature, American Literature, Biology, Physical Science, and U.S.) will improve by 5% for Proficient Level performance during the 2020-2021- school year.
- By the end of the 2020-2021 school year, there will be 100% implementation of PBIS school-wide procedures.
- By the end of 2020-2021 school year, EXCEL Academy will develop and implement an affective involvement plan.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

**As part of this plan, EXCEL Academy and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together and share responsibility in making sure all of our student's reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during Spring and Fall Parent & Family Input meetings. Discussion of the school-parent compact is encouraged during parent-teacher conferences and extra copies are available in our parent resource room.**

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## **Let's Get Together!**

EXCEL Academy will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. (*Watch for morning and/or evening meeting times.*)

### **Open House – (Date to be determined)**

- Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff.

### **Fall Parent & Family Input – First session 10/23/2020/ Second session (Date to be determined)**

- Learn about our Title I program. Opportunity to provide feedback on several Title I documents, and input on Building Staff Capacity

### **Annual Title I Meeting(s) – First session 10/23/2020 /Second session (Date to be determined)**

We encourage all EXCEL Academy parents and families to attend; however, the information from these meetings will be made available on our school website as well.

- Join us to learn more about our Title I program, and how it supports our academic goals. (Our parent and family engagement plan, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compact, and the parents' requirements)
- Curriculum discussion

### **Parent Workshops – Various Topics and Dates to be determined.**

- Learn ways to communicate and work with teachers.
- Learn academic strategies to help support and improve your child's academic progress.
- Literacy – Technology – Copyright Piracy harms etc...

### **Parent Teacher Conferences – *Please schedule with your child's family (Homeroom) teacher.***

- Get updates on your child's academic progress.
- Learn ways to help improve your child's academic achievement.
- Opportunity to discuss our curriculum and our school-parent compact

### **Student Led Conferences – Two per Semester-Dates- (Dates to be determined)**

- Connect with your child.
- Learn about your child's academic performance, goals and action steps.
- Support your child as he/she *takes ownership for his/her learning.* (*Student Agency*)

### **iMoms with Study Tips – Monthly, 3rd Friday of every month @8:00am in EXCEL Media Center (Dates to be determined)**

**All Pro Dads with Study Tips– Monthly, 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month @8:00 in EXCEL Media Center (Dates to be determined)** (If meeting date falls on a holiday, it will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

### **GA Milestones Parent Informational Workshop – (Dates to be determined)**

- Description/explanation of the assessments used to measure student progress and achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards of excellence
- Assessment results and interpretation of those results

### **Mentoring Session for High School Students**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month during 6<sup>th</sup> period

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## School Community Team

EXCEL Academy invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families and the community. The team will meet throughout the school year, but families are welcome to submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. To learn more about the School Community Team, please contact Mary Parker at 770-957-4101 or [mary.parker@henry.k12.ga.us](mailto:mary.parker@henry.k12.ga.us), or complete and turn in an interest form.

## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

**EXCEL Academy 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:**

- 1. Welcoming All Families**
- 2. Communicating Effectively**
- 3. Supporting Student Success**
- 4. Speaking up for Every Child**
- 5. Sharing Power**
- 6. Collaborating with Community**

## Parent and Family Engagement

EXCEL Academy believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.

~~~~~ **EXCEL Academy is committed to helping our parents & families attend the family activities listed in this plan. If child care or transportation are a problem, please email or call us. We will do our best to arrange an individualized meeting or online opportunity.**

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~~~~~ **Building School-Staff Capacity**

Each Title I school shall educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to communicate and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. Based on our parent survey data, EXCEL Academy staff will receive ongoing training and support on topics like:

- **Establishing an Open Line of Parent/Teacher Communication**
- **Avoiding the Use of "Teacher Lingo" (acronyms) when Communicating with Parents**
- **Helping Parents with Parent/Teacher Conferences "Preparation"**

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**Share Your Thoughts**

**We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in our Parent Resource Room (located in the Media Center)**

**Name: (optional)**

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**Telephone Number: (optional)**

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**EXCEL Academy School Community Team**

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_



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