

Georgia Center for Youth

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

2020-2021 School Year

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What is Title I?

The Georgia Center School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed 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 policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how the Georgia Center School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. The Georgia Center School 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 the Georgia Center for Youth will support family 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?

The Georgia Center School invited all parents to attend our annual Parent Input Review and Revision Meetings last summer to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by email 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 and family meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Community Cares event.

Due to school closures during the 2019-2020 school year, the 2019-2020 district and school plans and compacts will remain active for the 2020-2021 school year. Any revisions and updates made will be distributed to families as changes are made. Our goal is to have a new and updated Family and Community Engagement documents for the 2021-2022 school year.

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. The Georgia Center for Youth 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?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is included in the federal programs handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will email the plan to all parents/proxies in August before the scheduled Open House event. The plan will be posted on the school district website. Parents and other stakeholders can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

2020-2021 District Goals

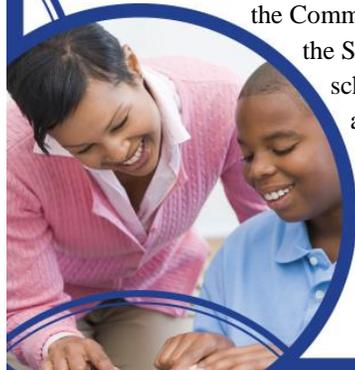
- ❖ To increase student content mastery.
- ❖ Provide a safe environment for students and staff.
- ❖ Ensure supportive learning environments.
- ❖ Improve the collaborative district budgeting process.

2020-2021 School Goals

- ❖ To increase the CCRPI performance indicator in reading by 5 percent on the 2021 CCRPI report.
- ❖ To increase the CCRPI performance indicator in mathematics by 5 percent on the 2021 CCRPI report.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, the Georgia Center for Youth 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 to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Community Cares event and the School Forum. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.



Let's Get Together!

The Georgia Center School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family members will be held twice during the day in the morning and in the afternoon at 7:00 pm. Dates are subject to change.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the local news media.

Family Day – Monthly

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Parent Math Night

Learn how to make math fun at home.

Open House

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

Veterans' Day Program

Honoring our Veterans past and present.

Fall Festival

A day of family fun enjoying the sights and smells of fall. Please join us for games and more!

Taste of Curriculum Night

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics.

Technology Talk

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning.

Community Cares Fair

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

Parent Appreciation

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

Spring Input Meeting

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to find resources to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal in Infinite Campus or access your student's progress in Odysseyware and other educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Georgia Center School 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.

Georgia Center School is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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GA Center School is Branching Out!

Georgia Center School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 published in both English and Spanish, and other languages as needed and available, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide Quarterly trainings for staff during regularly scheduled faculty meetings on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish, and other languages as needed and available, 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 schoolwide events and activities, through District website, local news media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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 parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input card around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Georgia Center School 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

School Community Team

Georgia Center School 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 four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the Liason at (478) 847-2403, or complete the interest form and leave it in the main office.



School Community Team

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

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____
