



School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Peach County High School

School Year 2017 - 2018

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Peach County High School** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The **Peach County High School** agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning
- (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school
- (C) 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
- (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Peach County High School will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Annual Title I Meeting will be held on August 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Parents are invited to hear Dr. Hartley as he presents the Title I plan, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Title I Budget and the Parent and Family Engagement Budget. Invitations will be sent via email, school road sign, One Call all call system, flyers placed on the counter in the front office of the school and displayed in the windows, advertised in the local newspaper and on the Monthly Calendar for Parents available in the front office.

Parents will have the chance to help make updates on what revisions need to be made to the 1% set aside budget, Compacts, Parent and Family Engagement Policy on February 8th at 9:00 a.m., noon and/or 4:30 p.m., Teachers on March 1st during planning and Students on February 27th during Study Skills.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Peach County School will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, and the school-parent compact.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Peach County High School will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- *PCHS provides a place in the Family Engagement Resource Center for younger children to play. We will load video or livestream onto the internet for those parents that cannot come to parent meetings. We will also visit FVMS and BMS to help their student's transition*
- *Information will be delivered via the PCHS Title I website, newspaper, emailing parents, place the info on report cards/progress reports, place all calls to parents, meeting dates will be placed on the sign in the front of the building, place flyers in the front office, send out a monthly calendar for parents. Google Classroom is used by many of our teachers and information is given to students during the first week of class. Google Classroom may be used by parents.*

- *Peach County High School follows the GADOE curriculum for all students. Academic assessments that are used to measure student progress are Georgia Milestones EOC Test, benchmarks, Assesslets, USA Test Prep, quizzes and test. PCHS also implemented Academic Focus during the 2015-2016 School year to help improve student achievement this still continues.*
- *Parent Nights, Curriculum Nights, Parent workshops, Parent/Teacher conferences, IEP, 504, and RTI meetings*
- *September 12 ESOL Math Parent Time- During ESOL class parents are invited to join ESOL class and learn more about their Child's Math class*
- *September 12 at 6:00 p.m. Math Parent Night - Parents are invited to learn how to help their child in Math at home.*
- *October 10 at 4:30 p.m. Curriculum Night - Families have an opportunity to meet with teachers and facilitators to discuss over all curriculum and student growth pattern.*
- *September 26 and 28 all day – Bring Your Parent to School Days – Parents are invited to attend their child's classes to get a better understanding of what their teachers expect from them and how they might be able to assist their child.*
- *January 23 and 25 all day – Bring Your Parent to School Days - Parents are invited to attend their child's Math and Science classes to get a better understanding of what their teachers expect from them and how they might be able to assist their child.*
- *February 8 at 4:30 p.m. Curriculum Night – Families have the opportunity to meet with teachers and facilitators to discuss over all curriculum and student growth pattern and AP information classes will be presented.*
- *February 13 ESOL Math Parent Time- During ESOL class parents are invited to join ESOL class and learn more about their Child's Math class*
- *February 13 at 6:00 p.m. Math Parent Night – Parents are invited to learn how to help their child in Math at home.*

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Peach County High School will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

Parents will have the chance to help make updates on what revisions need to be made to the Compacts, 1% set aside budget, Parent and Family Engagement Policy on February 8th at 9:00 a.m., noon and/or 4:30 p.m., Teachers on March 1st during planning and Students on February 27th during Study Skills.)

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, **Peach County High School** will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

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COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Peach County High School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

8th Grade Entrance Transition Night at 5:30 p.m. FVMS February 22nd and BMS February 27th, Parents and students will receive guidance and assistance on choosing their Career Pathway. Explanations of pathways and academics will be given. We will co-host these meetings with BMS/FVMS guidance counselors, parent coordinators, PCHS 9th grade guidance counselor, Mr. Lassetter, and Assistant Principal Mr. Flanders. The Family Engagement Coordinator and Mr. Lassetter will coordinate these meetings.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Peach County High School will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
 - The challenging State's academic standards
 - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
 - The requirements of Title I, Part A
 - How to monitor their child's progress
 - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

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September 12 at 6:00 p.m. Math Parent Night - Parents are invited to learn how to help their child in Math at home.

October 3 at 6:00 p.m. Anti-Bullying and Cyber Safety Workshop – Parents are invited to receive information about how to deal with bullying and how to keep their child safe on technology.

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BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

Peach County High School will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school by:

January 22nd at 3:10 p.m. Faculty Training for New Teachers in Parent and Family Engagement. Family Engagement Coordinator will give Faculty training on effective ways to communicate with parents and family members during faculty meetings in room A11. Family Engagement Coordinator will attend the Family Engagement Conference in Macon, GA on February 2nd and 3rd, 2018.

Peach County High School will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

August 8 at 8:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Parent Portal - Parents are invited to set up their parent portal accounts, load the app to their phone and learn how to use Parent Portal. Students are also invited to learn how to use their parent portal.

August 16 at 8:00 a.m., noon and 4:30 p.m. Parent portal – Parents are invited to set up their parent portal accounts, load the app to their phone and learn how to use Parent Portal. Students are also invited to learn how to use their parent portal.

October 24 at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Chat with the Principal – Parents have the opportunity to meet in an informal setting with the Principal to ask questions.

November 9 Veteran’s Day Program – Community members and parents that have served in the Military are invited to be honored.

November 7 at 5:30 p.m. Georgia Student Finance Commission Parent Night – This interactive session will provide parents with GA Futures information, account information, financial aid planning specialist and valuable senior information.

December 5 – 9:00 a.m. Coffee and Chat with the Counselor – Parents have the opportunity to meet in an informal setting with counselors to ask questions.

May 1 at 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Gifted parent meeting – Parents of gifted students are invited to give their feedback on how their year has gone.

DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

POLICY COMPONENTS

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
- Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
- Train parents to enhance the engagement of other parents.
- To maximize parent and family engagement and participation in their child's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend conferences at school.
- Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement
- Establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parent and family engagement in Title I, Part A programs.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parent and family engagement activities.