

Rabun County Elementary School



Family Engagement Plan Promoting Shared Student Success 2018-2019 School Year

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What is Title I?

Title I, is a federally funded program created to support schools with a high number or percentage of students from low income families. A variety of teaching methods and materials are used to reinforce curriculum concepts. The purpose of a schoolwide Title I program is to provide extra support to ensure that every child will meet or exceed state standards.

Rabun County Elementary is identified as a **schoolwide** Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Our Title 1 program serves approximately 650 students in grades 3-6. Students and parents have access to numerous resources and materials purchased with Title 1 funds including Chromebooks, computer programs, books, manipulatives, and learning games as well as visiting our Family Resource Room.

All parents are welcome at RCES. If you need assistance with childcare or interpretation when attending a school meeting, or if you have any questions about this document or the Title I Program, please contact:

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What is a Family Engagement Plan?

What is it? The plan is a document that **outlines** the school's **Family Engagement Plan**. It describes how the school **will create meaningful partnerships** to impact student achievement and success. We realize that strong relationships between school and home are vital to student achievement. Rabun County Elementary School is committed to work with families in creating strong relationships and learning opportunities for parents and students.

How is it developed? Rabun County Elementary School's Family Engagement Plan is **jointly developed** because all stakeholders have opportunities for input. RCES invites all parents to review and revise this family engagement plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the family engagement budget throughout the year. Additionally, parents may speak to family engagement staff or attend other meetings to give input. Family engagement staff would be happy to schedule a time that fits your needs if you would like to give input into the plan. All parents and stakeholders are invited to the spring planning meeting after which the plan is formally revised. The spring planning meeting is another opportunity for all stakeholders to revise and give input into the school wide plan for the upcoming school year. The plan is updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. The school wide plan and family engagement plan are posted on our school website.

Who benefits from the plan? **All staff, students and their families** are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Rabun County Elementary provides complete opportunities for parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children to participate in decision-making and to provide suggestions.

Where is it available? Once finalized, the plan will be posted at Rabun County Elementary, and on the school's website. Those interested may also visit the Family Resource Room to receive an additional copy. Translated copies are available as well. Parents, students, staff, private schools, and the general public have the right to file a written complaint regarding the Title I Program or Plan. The school will submit any complaints to the district.

Reservation of Funds

RCES will reserve 1% from the total amount of Title I funds it receives in FY20 to carry out the family engagement requirements listed in this policy. Throughout the year, parents may complete surveys and give input as to how this Family Engagement Set Aside is spent. If you would like to give feedback or have any questions, please contact Michelle Black or Amy Pruitt.

Opportunities for Family Consultation

The school will provide all parents with the opportunity for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate in decision-making regarding their child's education. All parents are also given the opportunity to provide valuable feedback through a variety of means including parent surveys, comments from Family Nights, and the communication page on our website. The Family Resource Room and Family Engagement staff are available daily.

Annual Title 1 Meeting

RCES will conduct the Annual Title 1 Meeting to inform families about Title 1 and parents' rights on October ?, 2019 at 7 am and 5:30 pm.

2019-2020 Goals

District Goals

School Goals

Opportunities for Family Engagement

Back to School Blitz-
Meet the Teacher / Open House-
Parent-Teacher Conferences – one before November 1 and as needed
Literacy Fun and Family Book Fair Night-
School Council Meeting –
Annual Title 1 Meetings-
PTO Walkathon –
School Council Meeting –
School Council Meeting –
Family Math and Science Night –
School Council Meeting –
Parent Input Meeting- am
Parent Input Meeting- pm
School Council Meeting-Comprehensive Needs Assessment and Schoolwide Planning –
3rd and 4th Grade Field Day –
5th and 6th Grade Field Day –
3rd Grade Awards-
4th Grade Awards-
5th Grade Awards-
6th Grade Awards-
6th Grade Dance-

Other workshops and meetings will be held throughout the year. Be on the lookout for information coming

School-Parent Compact for Achievement

Parents, teachers, and students will jointly develop and sign an agreement that outlines how parents and teachers will work together to help students achieve the state's high grade level standards. It is linked to the school improvement goals, shares strategies parents can use at home, explains how teachers and parents will communicate about student progress, and will describe opportunities for parents to volunteer.

Relationships Matter

RCES will build staff and parent capacity for family engagement to ensure student success. We will take the following measures to promote and support families 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, posted on the school web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide training to staff for working with parents through professional learning sessions, newsletters, emails, and notes.
- Provide learning sessions and conferences (with necessary materials) throughout the year at various times to accommodate parents. These sessions will bridge student learning with parent support at home and will provide assistance in understanding topics such as the Georgia Standards of Excellence, Georgia Milestones, Title 1 Requirements, strategies parents can use to support their child's academic progress, and partnering with teachers to support academic achievements.
- Use our PTO to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement plan.
- Provide parents with a description and explanation of the school's curriculum and assessments.
- Provide individual student academic assessment results (Georgia Milestones) and help interpreting those results if needed.
- Provide transition activities for rising third graders coming to RCES and for rising sixth graders going to RCMS.
- Offer meetings at different times and in different formats (online, home visits, individual) as needed.
- **Provide childcare, interpretation, translation services, transportation, and other reasonable support as needed.**
- If the Title I program is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, parents will be given the chance to submit any parent comments on the plan. Parents, students, staff, private schools, and the general public have the right to file a written complaint regarding the Title I Program or Plan.