

City Park Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2021–2022

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What is Title I?

City Park Elementary 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 City Park Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. City Park Elementary 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 City Park Elementary 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?

City Park Elementary invites all parents to attend our annual Title I Meeting in October to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school wide 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 a written form turned in to the front office. 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. Parents and family members can also give feedback during PTO meetings, Family Nights, School Council meetings, and any other activities during the 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. City Park Elementary 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?

Parents are given opportunities during PTO meetings, Family Nights, and School Council meetings to view the policy. The plan is also posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the main office.



2021–2022 District Goals

- Increase the percentage, by 6%, of students scoring at proficient or above in the core content areas as measured by Georgia Milestones End of Grade and End of Course assessments.
- Increase the district's 4-year cohort graduation rate to 84.94% as reported on the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI).

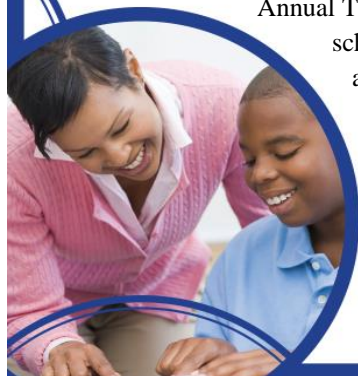
2021–2022 School Goals

- Increase the total percentage of students performing at levels 3 and 4 on Georgia Milestones, in all content areas, by 6%.
- By May 2022, professional learning growth and development will impact student achievement on formative assessments.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, City Park Elementary 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 Annual Title I meeting. The

school-parent compacts are also shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.



Let's Get Together!

City Park Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Information for these events is listed below.



School Orientation – August 9, 2021 (1:30 pm - 3:30 pm)

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff to learn about City Park Elementary School and expectations for the school year.

School Council – 8/19/2021, 10/21/2021, 1/20/2022, and 3/24/2022 from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

A forum for parents, community partners, and teachers to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal regarding the school wide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, the family engagement budget, and other school items.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences – September 29, 2021

Scheduled updates on your child's progress. Our goal is to meet with 100% of our families with face-to-face meetings or through Zoom. This is also an early dismissal day.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 2021

We invite you to a meeting of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, and the school-parent compacts. Invitations will be sent home, posted on the school website, social media, local media, and posted around the school.

Winter Family Night – December 2021

Come join us for our Annual Winter Family Night. More details coming soon!

Virtual Learning Days – 9/7/2021, 10/12/2021, 1/18/2022, and 3/23/2022

Students will participate in virtual lesson while teachers participate in professional development.

Math Family Night – March 24, 2022

Join us for a virtual Math Family Night. Materials will be provided. More details coming soon!

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences – March 16, 2022

Scheduled updates on your child's progress. Our goal is to meet with 100% of our families with face-to-face meetings or through Zoom. This is also an early dismissal day.

Early Dismissal – May 27, 2022

Last Day of School



Parent and Family Engagement

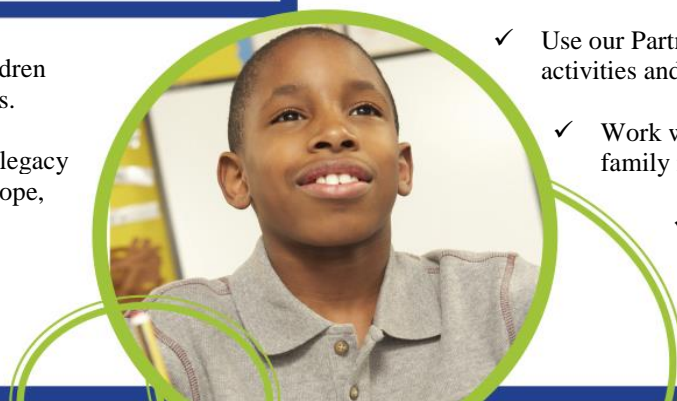
City Park Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring:

- 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.

Vision: City Park is where children can explore endless possibilities.

Mission: We will build on our legacy by providing opportunities of hope, celebrating successes, and empowering our families.

Endless PAWSibilities!



City Park Elementary School

City Park Elementary 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, posted on the school website, and included in communication that is sent home.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff 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 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 on social media 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 phone messages, website/social 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 Council to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Work with the district to offer literacy and computer classes for parents and family members to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at various events and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



City Park Elementary School Parent Resources

Our Social Worker, Guidance Counselor, and Family Engagement Coordinator can help provide you with parent resources such as books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child.

School Social Worker: Jackie Taylor
Jackie.Taylor@dalton.k12.ga.us

School Guidance Counselors:
Emily Jones & Sheila McKeehan
Emily.Jones@dalton.k12.ga.us
Virginia.Souza@dalton.k12.ga.us

Family Engagement Coordinator: Esterly Flores
Esterly.Flores@dalton.k12.ga.us

Adoption of Policy

This parent and family engagement policy has been developed jointly and agreed on with parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs.

This policy was adopted by City Park Elementary School in fall of 2021 and will be in effect for the period of the 2021-2022 school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children on or before October 29, 2021.



City Park Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

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

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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) _____

