

# Rossville Elementary School

## Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2021-2022 School Year

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### What is Title 1?

Rossville Elementary School is identified as a Title 1 School as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title 1 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 1 Programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title 1 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 Rossville Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Rossville Elementary values the contributes 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 Rossville 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?

Rossville Elementary invited all parents to fill out our parent engagement survey and attend meetings last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form at [res.walkerschools.org](http://res.walkerschools.org). We also distribute an annual survey 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, including our block parties.

### Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title 1 Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Rossville Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. Residential facilities in Rossville Elementary attendance are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.

### Where is it available?

At the beginning of the school year, the plan is sent home with all students. Parents can also find the plan on the school website and our Facebook page. Parents can also pick-up a copy of the plan in the Family Center.

## **Family Resource Center**

Contact the Family Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. The family engagement coordinator is available to assist parents with exploring PowerSchool and to help sign up for Class Dojo, as well as find other educational resources.  
Family Center Hours: 8AM-2PM

## **Parent and Family Engagement**

Rossville Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family in a regular two-way, and meaningful communication manner 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 advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Rossville Elementary 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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## **Rossville Elementary is Branching Out!**

Rossville 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 social media, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- Provide trainings for staff during their planning periods 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, career ready resources and organizations, parent resources centers, and other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- Share information in English and Spanish on Class Dojo and 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 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 parents 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 BEAT partners and Block Parties 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 suggestion cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parent's requests for additional support regarding family engagement activities.

## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Rossville Elementary 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 Our Community

## School Community Team

Rossville Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet at designated times throughout the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity or meeting, as well as through our parent surveys and school website. If you would like to learn more about the RES School Community Team, please contact Courtney Gadd at (706)866-5901 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 about joining the School Community Team.

Please send me notifications (Class Dojo or email) 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 the 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **2021-2022 District Goals:**

By May 2022, increase by 9% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in English Language Arts in grades 3-8 as measured by the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment. (This goal has been extended due to Covid-19.)

### **2021-2022 School Goals:**

*At the end of the 2026 school year (five-year goal), we will see an 8% increase on the MAP Mean RIT Score as compared to the scores received on the Spring 2021 assessment.*

*ELA Performance Indicator from the 2021 Spring score Mean RIT was the following:*

**3rd grade:** Spring 2021 = 192.6 Mean RIT (58 students tested) Goal: Spring 2026 = 208 Mean RTI in ELA

**4th grade:** Spring 2021 = 196.9 Mean RIT (65 students tested) Goal: Spring 2026 = 212.65 Mean RTI in ELA

**5th grade:** Spring 2021 = 201.7 Mean RIT (66 students tested) Goal: Spring 2026 = 217.83 Mean RTI in ELA

*At the end of the 2026 school year (five-year goal), we will see an 8% increase on the MAP Mean RIT Score as compared to the scores received on the Spring 2021 assessment.*

*Math Performance Indicator from the 2021 Spring score Mean RIT was the following:*

**3rd grade:** Spring 2021 = 194.4 Mean RIT (60 students tested) Goal: Spring 2026 = 210 Mean RTI in Math

**4th grade:** Spring 2021 = 201.1 Mean RIT (65 students tested) Goal: Spring 2026 = 217 Mean RTI in Math

**5th grade:** Spring 2021 = 209.2 Mean RIT (66 students tested) Goal: Spring 2026 = 226 Mean RTI in Math

### **School- Parent Compacts**

As a part of this plan, Rossville 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 of our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Family Engagement meetings and Block Parties. 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!**

Rossville Elementary 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 achievement. All meetings for parents and family members will be recorded and posted on our website/or Facebook page.

### **Annual Title 1 Meeting-October 2021**

We invite you to an event of learning and sharing about our Title 1 program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home with all students and will be posted in the school newsletter, social media, and our school website.

### **All Pro Dads & Bulldog Moms Club- Monthly**

We will be hosting All Pro Dads and Bulldog Mom's Club monthly. This will be on a rotating schedule. These programs focus on creating quality moments between students and their dads, moms, or other parental figure(s).

### **Grade Level Parent Workshops- Monthly**

We will be hosting our Parent Workshops each month for a specific grade level. Parents and guardians will be invited to participate in this virtual event during their child's scheduled month. Parents and guardians will get to learn more about their child's grade level standards, goals, and expectations.

### **Math Night- Fall 2021**

We welcome you to participate in our Math night this fall. Students and their families will be invited to participate in this virtual event where they will be shown student data and receive fun math games to do at home. Math tips and resources will be shown as well.

### **Reading/STEM Night- December 2021**

Enjoy a family night learning about reading, science, technology, engineering, art and math! Parents and students will receive reading games, tips and resources.

### **Reading/Literacy Night- Winter 2022**

We welcome all families to participate in our Reading/Literacy family night. Reading and Literacy games, tips, and resources will be available. Student reading data will be shown to parents and guardians.

### **STAR Night- Spring 2022**

Enjoy a fun reading and art night with your family. Reading tips and resources will be available. We will also showcase the amazing artist at our school with an art show.

### **Annual Spring Evaluation Meeting- Spring 2022**

Join us for our annual spring evaluation meeting to see what changes need to be made to our family engagement plan and family engagement funds.