



## Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

2024-2025

### Dunwoody Springs Elementary School

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### What is Title I?

Dunwoody Springs 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. The Title I program 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 Plan (PFEP).

### What is it?

The plan describes how Dunwoody Springs Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. We value 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 diverse ways that Dunwoody Springs Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can participate in the planning of activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

### How is it revised?

Parents of Dunwoody Springs Elementary are invited to attend Input Meetings, held annually in the spring, to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our School-Family Compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online platform. Parents can access this plan on our school's website to view and give feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. An annual survey is also given to ask for parents' suggestions on the plan and how to use funds for family engagement support.

### 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. Dunwoody Springs 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 can retrieve a copy of the plan on the school's website, in the main office, or Parent Resource Center.

## 2024 - 2025 District Goals

Increase the percentage of all students scoring Proficient or Distinguished on the Reading Milestones.

Increase the percentage of all students scoring Proficient or Distinguished on the Math Milestones.

## 2024-2025 School Goals

### By May 2025:

80% of K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet typical growth in Reading and Math by the End-of-Year i-Ready Diagnostic.

Increase the percentage of 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students scoring Proficient or Distinguished on the Reading and Math Milestones by 4%.

### Focus Areas

#### Literacy

(K-2): phonemic awareness, phonics, and sight word recognition

(3-5): reading for fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension

#### Mathematics

(K-2): fluently add and subtract (mentally and orally); number sense

(3-5): fact fluency, reasoning, and problem solving

## School-Family Compact

Dunwoody Springs Elementary and our families, as part of this plan, will develop a School-Family Compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how they will work together to ensure all our students reach *grade-level standards*\*. Based on input from families, students, and teachers, the compact will be reviewed and updated each year. It will also be discussed with parents during parent-teacher conferences.

*\*learning goals that define what students should be able to do or know at each grade level*

## Let's Get Together

Dunwoody Springs Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement for the improvement of student academic achievement.

- **Sneak-a-Peak - August 2024**
- **Annual Title I Parent Meeting - September 5, 2024**  
How does our school participate in the Title I program? Get informed about our Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP), schoolwide plan, School-Family Compacts, and parents' requirements as partners.
- **Curriculum Night - September 5, 2024**  
Meet teachers to learn about the school's curriculum and grade-level expectations.
- **ESOL/EL Welcome and Orientation - September 27, 2024**  
Learn about the types of supports offered to families of English Learners such as student eligibility for the ESOL program, WIDA standards, ACCESS testing, and how to support learning at home.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 2024**
- **Technology Workshop - November 7, 2024**  
Learn about the harms of copyright piracy, and how to activate and navigate Infinite Campus to access your child's grades and other reports.
- **Family Literacy Night - December 5, 2024**  
Learn strategies to support sight words, phonics, vocabulary and reading comprehension skills and receive resources to use at home.
- **Assessments Workshop – January 16, 2025**  
Understand different types of tests and their purpose, your child's performance expectations, how the tests impact your child, and where to find Milestones online resources.
- **Family Math Night @ Publix – February 7, 2025**  
Discover the wonders of math! Students and their parents/families will engage in a scavenger hunt to search the store to find items as they apply math concepts and skills in everyday life.
- **Input Meetings - March 7, 2025**  
Join us (morning or evening) for a roundtable discussion to share your input about revisions needed for the School-Family Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Plan; how to spend family engagement funds, and train staff.
- **“Kindergarten Roundup” Transition Meeting – April 17, 2025**  
Get ideas on how to help your child transition smoothly from Pre-K to kindergarten before the first day of school!

## Parent and Family Engagement

Dunwoody Springs 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, including ensuring that parents:

- Play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in their child's education.

## Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Dunwoody Springs 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 Community

## Dunwoody Springs ES is Branching Out!

Dunwoody Springs ES will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Communicate all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities in both English and Spanish, post on the school's website, and include in the parent school newsletter.
- ✓ Develop and improve the effectiveness of semesterly staff trainings, per parent feedback, on the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out and work with parents as equal partners and how to build ties between home and school.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis, regarding schoolwide events and activities, through email messages, ClassDojo, school newsletter, and the school's website,
- ✓ Build strong family-school partnerships through volunteer opportunities, classroom observation and participation opportunities (48-hour notice), parent academic workshops, parent-teacher conferences to include compact discussion, Coffee with the Principal, Parent Resource Center, and English Learner Advisory Committee.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help them work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collect and use parent input to improve the effectiveness and quality of the activities and events listed in the school Parent and Family Engagement Plan.
- ✓ Offer meetings in person and/or virtually (via Microsoft Teams) at various times based on parent feedback. All parents will receive a two-week advance notice, at minimum, of all events and may request interpreter services (within 10-14 days prior to the event).

The residential facilities for students in the Dunwoody Springs ES attendance area are inclusive in the family engagement correspondence and activities.



### Parent Resource Center

Open: Monday – Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Parent Resource Center will be available to check out reading and math games, activities, books, and study materials to use at home with your child.



Contact: Maria Luna, Parent Liaison  
(470) 254-9309  
[delacruzmg@fultonschools.org](mailto:delacruzmg@fultonschools.org)

### School Governance Council

The purpose of the School Governance Council (SGC) at Dunwoody Springs ES is to provide parents, school staff, and community members with leadership opportunities and to help build partnerships in the school. The council is responsible for making decisions regarding the strategic direction of the school.

Our council meets once a month during the school year. If you would like to submit your ideas or suggestions, please contact the school at (470) 254-4062.

Dunwoody Springs Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan. Please call or email Maria Luna, Parent Liaison, if you need assistance with childcare or transportation to participate in our activities.

Phone: (470) 254-9309  
Email: [delacruzmg@fultonschools.org](mailto:delacruzmg@fultonschools.org)

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Question(s) or Suggestion(s):**

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- Yes, email me: Email \_\_\_\_\_
- No, thank you.