

Pine Hill Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

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What is Title I?

Pine Hill Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of 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 Pine Hill Middle will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning.

Pine Hill Middle 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 the Pine Hill Middle 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. All residential facilities located in Pine Hill's attendance area receive the same parent correspondence and are included in scheduled activities.

How is it revised?

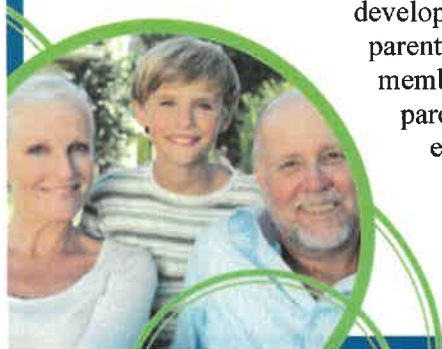
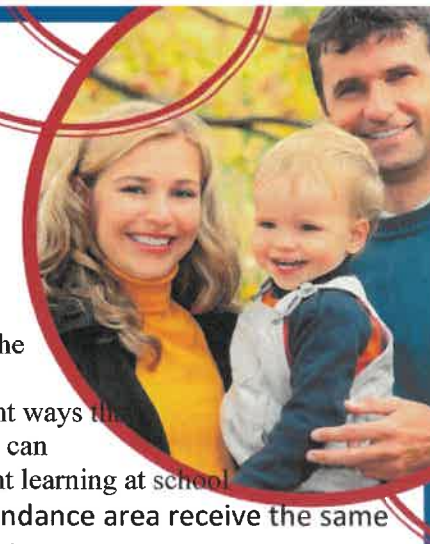
Pine Hill Middle invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. 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. 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. If the schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit any comments to the district office.

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. Pine Hill Middle 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?

At the beginning of the year, the Richmond County Parent and Family Engagement Plan is included in the student code of conduct book that is given to all students. The Pine Hill Middle Parent and Family Engagement Plan will also be posted on the school website and distributed at the Title I Annual Meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.



2026-2027 RCSS District Goals Student Achievement

- During the 26-27 school year, we will increase student content mastery for student groups in tested subject areas on the Georgia Milestones by 3%.

Pine Hill Middle School Goals

Literacy: By May 2027, Pine Hill Middle School will increase the percentage of students scoring Developing and Above on the GMAS ELA assessment by 5% through standards-based literacy instruction, cross-content reading and writing practices, targeted interventions, and data-driven instructional support.

Mathematics: By May 2027, Pine Hill Middle School will increase the percentage of students scoring Developing and Above on the GMAS Mathematics assessment by 5% through standards-based mathematics instruction, mathematical discourse, problem-solving, targeted intervention, and data-driven instructional practices.

School Climate: By May 2027, Pine Hill Middle School will increase student attendance by 3% and reduce out-of-school suspension discipline referrals by 5% through data-driven intervention systems, PBIS supports, and stakeholder collaboration.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Pine Hill Middle 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 compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback.

from parents, students, teachers and all other stakeholders. The school-parent compacts are shared. with parents during open house, the Title I Annual Meeting, online, during parent-teacher conferences and in the parent resource center.

Let's Get Together!

Pine Hill Middle 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 academic achievement. Meetings for parents and family members will be held at various times (morning, afternoon and evenings).

Open House –August 4, 2026 12 PM -6 PM

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I meeting- September 22, 2026; 5:30 PM

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compact, and parent requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and local media.

Math Night – October 14, 2026: 5:30 PM -7:00 PM

Math Night offers hands-on activities and real-world problem-solving for students and families. Discover tools and tips to strengthen confidence and achievement in math

Input and Revision Meeting-February 10, 2027; 5:30 PM

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.

News Parents Can Use GMAS- March 10, 2027; 5:30 PM

Learn information that can be used to help prepare your student(s) for the GMAS.

Literacy Night-March 22, 2027; 5:30

Learn how to support your student in increasing Lexile scores.

Parent University-March 11, 2027; 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Supporting parents, workshops on Learning how to support students at home and school.

Lunch N Learn-Monthly

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

Java for your Thoughts-Monthly

Parents can share concerns and thoughts with the principal.



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday–Thursday

8:30-1:45

Parent and Family Engagement

Pine Hill Middle 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.
- 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Pine Hill Middle 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 childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Pine Hill Middle is Branching Out!

Pine Hill Middle 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 an understandable format and language and posted on the school website.
- ✓ 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 regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle 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 for parents to understand the school's curriculum, academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators. Provide parents with individual student assessment results and interpretation of those results.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, the school website, 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. These meetings will be offered at various times (morning and evening) and in various formats.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Offer Infinite Campus account set up and assistance with usage for parents and family members to monitor their student's progress. 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 all events and post a survey on the school website to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Pine Hill Middle 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

School Council

Pine Hill Middle has developed a School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The School Council meets four times during the school year, but all parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any of the school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website.



School Volunteer

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to be trained and join the School Volunteer Team.
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Volunteer Team.
- ☐ Please send me notifications about future Volunteer Training Workshops.

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 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) _____

