Freedom Park K-8 School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2026-2027 School Year

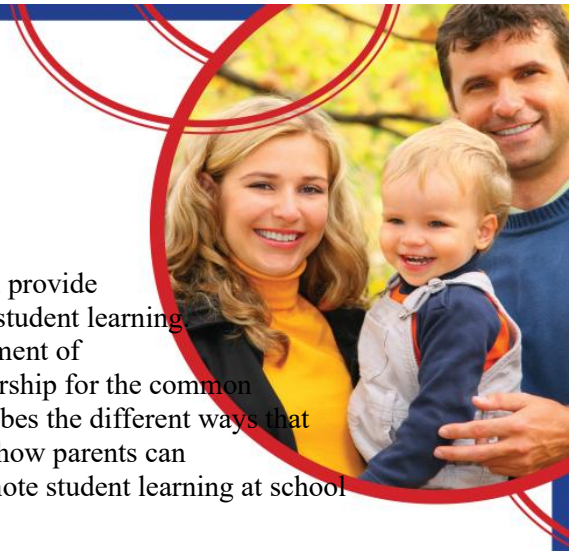
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What is Title I?

Freedom Park K-8 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 Freedom Park K-8 will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Freedom Park K-8 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 Freedom Park K-8 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?

Freedom Park K-8 School 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 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. Freedom Park K-8 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 Freedom Park 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 District Learner Outcomes

Empower Every Learner to Take Ownership of Their Learning
Engage with our Community using a Variety of Consistent Two-Way Communication Tools
Foster Student and Staff Potential to Embrace Ongoing Growth and Development
Provide a Safe and Secure Environment for All

2026-2027 School Goals

*Increase the number of students in grades K - 8 performing on or above grade level in comprehension on i-Ready by 5% by the end of the 2026-2027 school year. .
*Increase the number of students performing on or above grade level in numbers and operations, algebra, and algebraic thinking on i-Ready by 5% by May 2027.
*Provide monthly professional learning opportunities for staff to increase the implementation of resources with fidelity during the 26-27 school year.
*By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, decrease the number of discipline referrals by 10% compared to the 2025-2026 school year.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Freedom Park K-8 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!

Freedom Park K-8 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 2026
Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Literacy Night -September 2026

Annual Title I Meeting – October 2026
We invite you to a meeting to learn and share about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent via ClassDojo as well as a flyer.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Semester One 2026
Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Red Ribbon Week – October 2026

Math/Science Night – October 2026

Holiday Performance/PTA – December 2026

Black History Celebration – February 2027
Gain knowledge about Black History, people and topics relevant to your child's education.

Performance/PTA – February 2027

Read Across America Week – March 2027
Let's celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday in style with green eggs and ham and his many classic books and stories.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Semester Two 2027
Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Georgia Milestones Night – March 2027
Parents of students in grades 3rd-8th are invited to receive an overview of the GMAS assessment, including what to expect, resources, and how to support your child.

Spring Performance – March 2027

Input and Revision Meeting – March 2027
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.

Month of the Military Child Purple Up Celebration-April 2027
Each year the student of Freedom Park take part in creating a program completely student run to celebrate military child

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.

Parent and Family Engagement

Freedom Park K-8 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.

Freedom Park K-8 is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Freedom Park K-8 is Branching Out!



Freedom Park K-8 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 assessmen89t 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.
- ✓ Offer Infinite Campus account set up and assistance with usage for parents and family members to monitor their student's progress.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events and post a survey on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Freedom Park K-8 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

Freedom Park K-8 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) _____

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