Fourth District Elementary School

Parent Involvement Plan for Shared Student Success
2026-2027 School Year
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What is Title I?

Fourth District 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 challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents, a written parental involvement policy. Should the policy be unsatisfactory, comments will be submitted to the district for further review.

https://www.appling.k12.ga.us/5/homeSchool Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Fourth District Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support students' learning. Fourth District Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Fourth District Elementary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote students' learning at school and at home.

How is it developed?

Fourth District Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on the school website under the *Parent Resource link*. We also distribute an annual Title I survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during parent meetings, Parental Advisory Council meetings, and the annual Title I meeting for the next 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. Fourth District Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of each year, the FDES plan is copied and sent home with all students. As a reminder, we let parents know how to access the plan on the school website and in the school office.

2026-2027 District Goals

- Goal 1: The percentage of students scoring proficient or distinguished on the ELA Georgia Milestone assessment will increase by 3% by the end of the school year.
- Goal 2: The percentage of students scoring proficient or distinguished on the Mathematics Georgia Milestone assessment will increase by 3% by the end of the school year.

2026-2027 School Goals

- By June 2027, students will show measurable progress in ELA, Mathematics, and Science as evidence by a 3% growth as measured by the Georgia Milestone Assessment.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Fourth District Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together 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 Parental Advisory Council meeting and Annual Title I meeting. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

Let's Get Together! At FDES

Fourth District Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong parental involvement, supporting a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House/Meet Your Teacher (# 1) – 7/31/2026

- Meet your child's teacher and our friendly, helpful school staff and learn about the programs used at FDES. You will also have an opportunity to hear about the standards and expectations at your child's grade level.

Annual Title I Meeting (# 2) – 8/14/2026

- We invite you to an event of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent involvement plan, the school-wide plan, the school- parent compacts, and the students' requirements.

Parental Advisory Council (# 3) – 8/28/2026

- We invite you to come and share ideas on how we can better serve the students and parents of FDES. Input on district/school policies, school-parent compacts, and family engagement (1%) funds.

Building Parent Capacity – Literacy Training (# 4) – 10/16/2026

- We invite you to review the literacy programs used with students at FDES. The programs, State standards, and achievement levels for your child's grade level will be explained.

Building Parent Capacity – Math Training (# 5) – 02/05/2027 We invite you to review the math program used with students at FDES. The program, State standards, and achievement levels for your child's grade level will be explained.

*FDES will conduct additional meetings if requested by parents.
*Meetings will be offered in different formats and at varied times.

Parental Involvement

Fourth District Elementary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents 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.

Fourth District Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or e-mail us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our meetings and parent engagement workshops.

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Fourth District Elementary is Branching Out!

Fourth District Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school, thereby strengthening the school and achieving 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, and posted on the school website for all parents.
- Conduct staff professional development each semester on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Partner with Head Start, local daycares, and Appling County Middle School to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their children for school transition.
- Provide opportunities for parents to learn more about the curriculum, academic standards, and assessments taken by students, as well as ways parents monitor their child's progress and work with educators to build student success. To the extent practicable, activities and resources will be in English and Spanish.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities such as phone messages, social media, flyers, and newsletters.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant training and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their children to improve their child's achievement.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school's parental involvement plan and activities.
- Provide opportunities for parents to provide feedback on increasing parent engagement activities.

Parent Involvement Standards

Fourth District 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

Parental Advisory Council

Fourth District Elementary invites all parents to join the Parental Advisory Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and the community. The council will meet three times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all the activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and Title I meetings. If you would like to learn more about the Parental Advisory Council, please contact Mrs. Brittany Harper, Principal, at 912- 367-3250 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

Parental Advisory Council (PAC)

- ◯ Yes, I am excited about joining the School Parental Advisory Council
- ◯ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the School PAC
- ◯ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings.

Name: _____
Child's Name and Grade: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Teacher: _____

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IS OUR BUSINESS!

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have 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) _____
Telephone Number: (optional)
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