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Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2026-2027



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What is the Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

This is a plan that describes how EXCEL ACADEMY(EXA)) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. EXA values the contributions and involvement of our families in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the many ways that EXA will support parent engagement and how parents/guardians can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and home.

How is it revised?

EXCEL Academy welcomes parent input and comments regarding this plan at any time. Parents are invited to review and revise the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-wide Plan, School-Parent Compact, and School-wide Budget including the 1% set aside for family engagement annually during our Fall and Spring Parent Input Meetings. The plan is also posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback. We also distribute an annual survey by sending it home with students and posting it online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during other family meetings and events during the school year. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. Any unsatisfactory comments about the School-Wide Plan will be submitted to the District.

Who is it for?

All students of EXA 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. EXCEL Academy will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

After final revisions are made to the plan for the current school year, it is distributed to all our parent. . It is also given to each student to take home to their parents. The Plan is also available in the front office and our resource room #106, as well as posted on our school website.

What is TITLE I?

EXCEL Academy 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 plan.

Parental and Family Engagement

EXCEL Academy believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents and guardians 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.

2026-2027 EXCEL Academy Goals

Student Performance Goal #1: Increase the percentage of Algebra 1 students scoring developing, proficient or distinguished on the 2027 Georgia Milestones End of the Course Assessment from 18% to 25%.

Student Performance Goal #2: Increase the percentage of students scoring at or above grade level in Reading on the 2027 Georgia Milestones End-of-Course Assessment from 17.9% to 21%

Student Performance Goal #3: Increase the percentage of students scoring at or above grade level in Reading on the 2027 Georgia Milestones End-of-Grades Assessment from 29% to 33%

Student Performance Goal #4: Increase the percentage of students graduating in 4 years from 58% to 67%.

HCS Goal Areas and Performance Objectives

Goal Area #1: To further our goals related to **Student Achievement and Readiness**, we will:

- Increase literacy across all grades
- Increase mastery of standards in all content areas
- Advance access and outcomes in college, career, and life readiness opportunities

Goal Area #2: To further our goals related to **Organizational and Operational Effectiveness**, we will:

- Sustain a high-performing and efficient operational culture
- Maintain fiscal responsibility and accountability

Goal Area #3: To further our goals related to **Culture, Climate, and Community Engagement**, we will:

- Strengthen opportunities for everyone to feel safe, welcomed, valued, and supported
- Increase positive communications and connections among students, employees, families, and the community
- Advance student and employee health, wellness, and support

Goal Area #4: To further our goals related to **High-Quality Employees**, we will:

- Recruit highly-qualified employees for all positions
- Develop and support employees across all job families
- Retain highly-qualified employees for all positions

Goal Area #5: To further our goals related to **Safety**, we will:

- Enhance processes to ensure a safe and secure learning environment
- Allocate and utilize resources to effectively maintain a safe and secure environment for all

Parent Involvement Standards

Henry County Title I Schools 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-Parent Compact

As part of this plan, EXA 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 compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on the feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Parent Input Meetings.

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EXA Family Engagement Opportunities

EXCEL Academy will host various events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, families, and community to improve student academic achievement. Events will be offered at various times, and in multiple formats as needed or requested by guardians or parents. Families will be notified at least one week in advance to encourage family participation. You will receive notification in the following ways: automated phone calls, emails, and text messages; flyers sent home with students; the school website; and the Parent and Family Resource Center.

→ Title I Parent Input Meeting – Fall and Spring

We invite you to give your input on our Title I Schoolwide Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, School-Parent Compact and Title I School-wide Budget.

→ Annual Title I Meeting – September 2026

Come out and learn about our Title I program, including our School-wide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact and School-wide Budget (including the 1% Parental Involvement Budget) and your right to be involved in your child's education.

→ Various Family Workshops TBD

Topics such as, Family-School Communication, Technology and Copyright, and Organization and Time-management will be covered, as well as other workshops to help provide tips with understanding your students academics. Workshops and meetings will be held either virtual or in person. Dates, Times, and Topics will be listed on the EXA website. <https://exa.henry.k12.ga.us/>

→ Georgia Milestones and EOC Testing Informational Meeting – March 2027

Find out what you can expect from the Georgia Milestones and ways you can help your child prepare for testing success.

→ Curriculum Night - September 2026 and January 2027

Meet and greet EXA faculty and staff, Learn about Georgia Performance Standards (GPS).

→ EXA Parent and Family Resource Center

Come in and visit EXCEL Academy Parent Resource Center and meet the Family Engagement Liaison, Mrs. V.Rochelle Thompson. You may contact Mrs. Thompson to schedule a tour.

Building Staff Capacity

Each Title I school shall educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other staff, with assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school. After a review of our parent survey, McDonough Middle School Staff will receive ongoing training and support on throughout the school year.

Parent and Family Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, academic games, study aids, and activities to use at home with your student. Computers are available for parents and families to explore the Parent Portal and other educational resources.

Mrs. V. Rochelle Thompson- Family Engagement Liaison - velma.thompson@henry.k12.ga.us- Monday- Friday 9:00am- 4:00pm - Room 106

Parent Teacher Organization

McDonough Middle School also invites you to join our PTO. Meetings will be starting soon, so keep an eye out for more information on the school website and through email communications from our Family Engagement Liaison.

EXCEL Academy is Reaching Out

EXA will take the following actions to promote and support parents/guardians as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We Will:

§ Provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve their child's academic achievement.

§ Provide materials and training at meetings, workshops and in Parent and Family Resource Center to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement.

§ Educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, with the assistance of parents, on the importance of parent and family engagement and the value and utility of contributions of parents; as well as how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners.

§ To the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate family engagement programs and activities with our middle and high schools to improve school transition; and encourage and support parents in fully participating in their child's education.

§ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to parents and published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.

§ Involve parents in regularly scheduled trainings for teachers and other educators on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also discuss best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.

§ All parent and family engagement correspondence, opportunities, services, and resources, will include students and staff affiliated with A Friend's House.

§ Continue to lessen barriers, like transportation and childcare; that stop families from attending any of the family engagement activities at EXA Academy

§ Communicate with families and the community regularly about school wide programs and events, meetings, and other activities, through phone calls, emails, flyers and the school newsletter.

§ Work with our Partners in Education and our school-community team, to increase awareness of the activities and events listed in the Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

§ Offer Adult Learning resources to families to help further enhance their various education levels.

§ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards in the Family Resource Center and Front office; and post suggestion form on the school website so that we may address any concerns and requests parents may have.

§ Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request, such as regular meetings.

EXCEL Academy is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family engagement activities listed in this plan. Please call us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs. Any form, document, or letter that has been sent for Title I purposes that you wish to have translated to accommodate your language please contact EXCEL ACADEMY.

EXCEL Academy se compromete a ayudar a nuestros padres y familias a asistir a las actividades familiares enumeradas en este plan. Llámenos si necesita ayuda con el cuidado de niños o el transporte para poder participar en nuestros programas. Cualquier formulario, documento o carta que se haya enviado para fines del Título I que desee que se traduzca para adaptarse a su idioma, comuníquese con EXCEL Academy.

School Community Team

EXCEL Academy invites all parents and family to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with the school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at (770) 957-4101 or complete the interest form and leave in the Main Office.

Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.

Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Team

Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



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 the form in the Main Office. Your comments will be shared with the District:

Name:(optional)_____

Phone Number:(optional)_____

Comments: _____
