Palmetto Elementary School

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2026–2027 School Year

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Parent and Family Engagement

This plan describes how Palmetto Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. It outlines the different ways that Palmetto Elementary will support family engagement and how parents and families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

Palmetto Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents and families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents and families 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.

How is it revised?

The plan is revised through a collaborative process involving students, families, school staff, and community members. It is reviewed and revised annually to address the evolving needs of families and the school. Parent input is gathered throughout the school year through various channels such as the Parent Input Meeting, email, surveys, meetings, and workshops. Families are invited to our annual Parent Input Meeting, held each spring with flexible meeting times.

These methods ensure that families are actively involved in the review and revision of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, particularly in deciding how the 1% of Parent and Family Engagement funds should be utilized.

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. Palmetto Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is distributed to all families and the community each fall through various methods including the school's website https://www.fultonschools.org/palmettoes, the Parent Resource Center, Class Dojo, communication folders and the school's front office.

What is Title I?

Palmetto 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 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 families a written parent and family engagement plan.



2026-2027 District Goals

Grades K-5

- Increase the percentage of all students scoring proficient or distinguished on Reading Milestones
- Increase the percentage of all students scoring proficient or distinguished on Math Milestones

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2026-2027 School Goals

- Increase i-Ready Reading scores by 3% for all students by May 2027
- Increase i-Ready Math scores by 3% for all students by May 2027

Grades K-2 Focus Areas:

- Phonics and Decoding skills
- Build fluency using real-world addition word problems

Grades 3-5 Focus Areas:

- Reading fluency and comprehending grade-level text
- Build fluency using real-world addition and multiplication word problems

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Communication

Palmetto Elementary will communicate frequently with parents about their student's academic progress via phone, email, and/or Class Dojo. The school will engage parents in meaningful two-way communication, combining academics and activities to ensure families play an active role in helping their child academically. Parents and families will be full partners in the applicable advisory capacity, and any other activities carried out in the existing Parent and Family Engagement plan. Communication will be provided in both English and Spanish as needed.

School-Family Compact

As part of this plan, Palmetto Elementary and our families will jointly develop the School-Family Compact, which is an agreement that families and school staff review and revise annually based on feedback from all stakeholders. The School-Family Compact explains how families, staff, and students will work together to ensure all students reach their highest academic potential. The School-Family Compact is shared with families in the fall of each year, and additional copies will be provided upon request.

Reservation of Funds

Palmetto Elementary School invites and encourages parents and families to be involved in decision-making opportunities. Title I requires that 1% of budget funds be set aside for parent engagement resources, activities, and events. Parent input is welcomed throughout the school year.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

All families and community members are invited and encouraged to join us on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026,** for the Annual Title I Parent Meeting. The Annual Meeting is to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation, as well as the parents' rights to be involved in the education of their child.

Let's Get Together – Building Parent Capacity

Palmetto Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement, supporting a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

- **Open House**: July 30, 2026
- **Parent Resource Room Open House**: July 30, 2026
- **Curriculum Night**: August 25, 2026
- **Annual Title I Parent Meeting**: August 25, 2026
- **ESOL Workshop**: September 24, 2026
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**: November 3, 2026
- **Literacy Workshop**: November 12, 2026
- **Technology Workshop**: November 12, 2026
- **Math Workshop**: December 3, 2026
- **Parent Input Meeting**: April 1, 2027
- **Transitions Workshop**: April 22, 2027
- **Eagle's Nest Monthly Newsletter**

The workshop schedule is subject to change with advanced notice



Palmetto Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and families as an important foundation of the school, strengthening the school and reaching our school goals.

- Clear Communication: Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is written in an understandable language and format. This information will be posted on the school website and included in Class Dojo, monthly newsletters, and communication folders.

- Flexible Scheduling: Family workshops and meetings will be offered at various times (morning and afternoon) to accommodate parents' schedules. Meetings will also be available in multiple formats, including face-to-face sessions and virtual meetings.

- Transition Support: Coordinate and integrate family engagement programs, activities, and strategies to help parents of Pre-K students more fully participate in their child's education. Services will also be coordinated with our feeder middle school to assist families in making smooth transitions to the next grade level.

- Educational Support: Share information on the school website and in Title I parent workshops to help parents and families understand the school and state academic standards and assessments. Provide ways for parents and families to monitor their child's progress and work with educators.

- Regular Updates: Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities through weekly emails, flyers, monthly newsletters, and Class Dojo.

- Resource Provision: Provide necessary materials for families at conferences, meetings, and workshops to help them work with their child to improve their child's achievement. This includes literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement.

- Educational Opportunities: Inform families of training opportunities to help further enhance their educational backgrounds.

- Responsive Communication: Listen and respond to families' requests for regular meetings and additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

- Staff Training: Provide staff training each semester to educate staff on the value, utility and contributions of families. This includes communication and working with parents as equal partners. Staff will receive continuous communication each semester to support and further assist with effective parent communication strategies.

- Inclusive Engagement: Include the residential facilities for students in the Palmetto attendance area in family engagement correspondence and activities. Please contact us if you require transportation or childcare to attend our events.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Palmetto Elementary School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family- School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging families, students, and the community.

- Welcoming all Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speak Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with the Community

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 via email rameye1@fultonschools.org.

Name: (optional): _____

Email/Phone (optional): _____

Comments: _____

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We want to hear from you. Feedback can be provided at any time throughout the school year. You may leave this form at the front office.

Parent Resource Center

The Parent Resource Center is open
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Families can use the Parent Resource Center to gain access to resources that help their child at home. Families can check out available resources.

The following resources are available in the Parent Resource Room:

Videos
Games
Activities
Flash Cards
Manipulatives
Parenting Books
Children's Books
Resource Guides
Homework Help Kits
Printer: Educational materials

Laptops:
Search and apply for employment opportunities
Resume building
Access educational resources

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