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Parent and Family Engagement Plan
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What is Title 1?

Porter 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 family members a written parent and family engagement plan and schoolwide plan to strengthen student academic achievement.

District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement
All students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers.

Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness
All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives.

Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement
We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experiences.

School Goals

- Increase the percentage of third-fifth grade students achieving Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the ELA Georgia Milestones from 26% to 31% by end of year 2025; to 36% by end of year 2026; and to 41% by end of year 2027.

Focus area: Academic Lab for students to engage in adaptive practice in Amira.

- Increase the percentage of third through fifth grade students achieving Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Mathematics Georgia Milestones from 25% to 30% by end of year 2025; to 35% by end of year 2026; and to 40% by end of year 2027.

Focus practice: Grade level rigor and standards alignment.

School-Parent Compact A school-parent compact will be developed through collaboration with parents, students, teachers, and administrators. The purpose of the compact is to show how all involved will work together in order to ensure that all students reach grade level. The compact will be reviewed annually and updated based on feedback from students, teachers, and parents. The review will take place at annual meetings. Each parent will receive a copy of the compact. The compact will be reviewed during parent-teacher conferences as well.

Parents, Teachers, and Students will Share Responsibility for Success

What is this plan?

This plan explains how James H. Porter Elementary will provide various opportunities for family engagement. At Porter, we value parent input and engagement. By working together, the common goal of student success will be accomplished. Parents are encouraged to assist with the planning of activities that will promote student success.

How is it developed?

Parents are invited to attend several meetings, focus groups, and the annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum in March to review and revise this plan, the Schoolwide Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and family engagement budget. These meetings are scheduled at convenient times. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online comment card. Parent feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and use of funds for family engagement.

Who is the plan for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program as well as their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Porter will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

When will the plan be available?

The plan will be posted on the school's website, in the front office of the school, in the media center, and the parent resource room. The plan will be discussed at the Annual Title I meeting.

Family Engagement Building Parent Capacity

At Porter, we believe in and value parent participation. Communication between parents and teachers regarding academics, behavior, and other school activities are important when it comes to student success. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meeting, and other activities is timely and published in both English and Spanish, as needed. A school district interpreter is available upon request to Porter Elementary and is hopefully available during school hours. Interpreter is available to assist with document translation, speaking with faculty or staff members, and attending parent/teacher conferences and school activities.

- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events by letters, flyers, ParentSquare messages, and the school's Facebook page. At Porter, we provide at least three different ways of communicating to our families for upcoming activities.

- ✓ Conduct staff development on family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to work with parents as equal partners. Parents are invited to assist in developing and delivering the presentation.

- ✓ Partner with Pre-K and other local programs to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the full participation of parents in their child's education. Transitional workshops are offered to prepare our students for a successful move to their next educational setting.

- ✓ Provide necessary materials and training for parents at meetings and activities to help parents and family members work with their child to improve their child's achievement. In addition, curriculum guides and other useful information on the Georgia Standards of Excellence and local/State assessments will be provided.

- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities. Parents are encouraged to complete our annual survey and provide ongoing feedback.

- ✓ Submit parent feedback about any part of the schoolwide plan that is not satisfactory to the student's and school's goals for academic achievement to the local Title I Office.

All volunteers are welcome at Porter Elementary. To volunteer, please contact Family Engagement Representative at (478) 779-4350.

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Building Parent Capacity!

The following events will be offered to parents in order to strengthen parent engagement. Support by the school, parents, and community partners will encourage student success when all are actively engaged in the education of our students. Meetings will be held at various times throughout the day, in the morning or evening.

July 2026 Open House
Meet your child's teacher, principal, and our entire faculty and staff.

August/September 2026 Annual Title I Meeting
Join us to learn more about our Title I program including our parent and family engagement plan, schoolwide plan, school-parent compact, and your right to be involved.

September/October 2026 Student Led Conferences
Join us for our staff professional development session to help build ties between families and the school—developed with the assistance of our parents. Parents will receive technology training on student learning websites; schedule parent teacher conferences; learn about volunteer opportunities, and review the school PBIS plan.

Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day- November 19, 2026
Each school will celebrate families during November and will distribute a calendar of districtwide events to the community.

November-December 2026 Title I Parent Survey
A shared decision-making opportunity.

February 2027 Student-Led Conferences
Join us for student-led conferences to help build ties between families and the school. Parents will receive technology training on student learning websites; schedule parent teacher conferences; learn about volunteer opportunities and receive Milestone Preparation tips.

March 2027 Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum
Participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement plan, school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget.

March 2027 Literacy Day
Join us for an educational workshop designed to engage students and families in literacy activities and interventions to excite students about reading.

April 2027 Transition Workshops for Pre-K and 5th grade
Parents will learn about curriculum and expectations for the next school year. We will collaborate with community partners as applicable.

Parent-Teacher Conferences, ongoing
Meet with your child's teacher for updates on his/her progress and review the progress of the school-parent compact.