Sonny Carter Elementary School

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

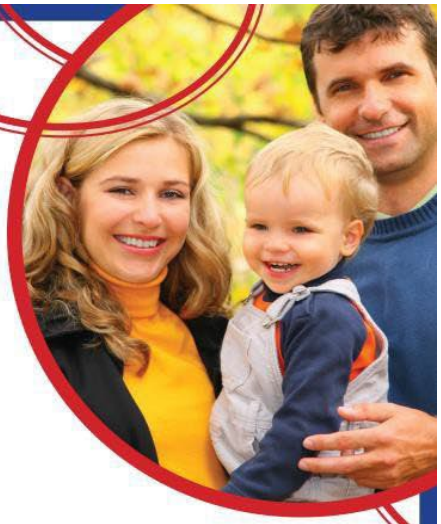
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Our Plan for Student Achievement



What is Title I?

Carter 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 including strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement plan.

What is it?

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

How is it revised?

Parents and family members are invited to attend our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums in the spring to review and revise this plan, the schoolwide plan, school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. These meetings are scheduled at convenient times for parents and family members. Parent feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and a printed copy to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and use of funds for family engagement.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Carter Elementary School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. The Neglected and Delinquent Residential Facilities in the district are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.

Where is it available?

Parents can retrieve a copy of the plan on the school website, in the main office, media center and in the parent resource center.

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 experience. *Refer to the detailed Board of Education 2023-2028 Strategic Plan for measurable outcomes by category.*

School Goals

Reading

Grade K-2 – 80% of all students will be reading on or above their grade level.

Grades 3- 5 - Increase the number of students performing at the distinguished level from 10.9% FY24 to 20% FY25; proficient level from 28.2% in FY24 to 38%, as measured by GMAS ELA/Reading EOG results. Note: ***Refer to https://bit.ly/3zeCES2 for any changes to school goals.***

School-Parent Compact:

As part of this plan, Carter Elementary developed a school-parent compact which explains how teachers, parents, and students will work together to make sure that our students successfully meet our district and school goals. This plan will be reviewed and updated each year based on input from parents, students, and teachers during our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum scheduled in the spring. Teachers will also keep a copy on file to be used during conferences. Additional copies can be found in the Parent Resources Center, the school website, front office, and in the media center.



Let's Get Moving!



Carter Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong partnerships between the school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement. All meetings for parents and families will be held at convenient times in the morning and in the evenings.

- **July/August 2026 — Open House/Annual Title I Meeting:** Join us for a day of learning and sharing of our Title I Program, which includes our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Schoolwide Plan, the School-Parent Compact and parent and family engagement requirements**.** Meet your child's teacher and receive important information for a successful school year and win prizes.
- **September 2026 – Family Curriculum Technology and Digital Literacy Game Night:** Parent and students will learn about current ELA and Math strategies to use at home along with learning about the Parent Portal and ParentSquare.
- **October 2026 — Building Staff Capacity: How to Assist Parents with Reading and Math Strategies to Practice at Home (ongoing):** Faculty and Staff will learn about effective ways to assist parents with helping their students with homework through parent resources and presentations.
- **November 2026 – Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day (Nov. 19th):** Carter Elementary students and staff will celebrate our parents and families.
- **November 2026 – Title I Parent Survey:** Parents will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the school's parent and family engagement activities.
- **January 2027 — Assessment, Data & Milestones Madness:** Parents will have an opportunity to learn ways the school monitors their child's progress: College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI), Georgia Milestones, Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS), Report Cards and SLDS. Parents will also participate in center rotations learning strategies they can use to support students on the GA ELA and Math Milestones Assessment.
- **February - March 2027 - Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum**: Teachers, parents, and students will participate in roundtable discussions about the Schoolwide Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact and the Family Engagement Budget.
- **March 2027 – STEAM Night:** Teachers, parents, and students will rotate to rooms engaging in mathematics, science, and technology activities to increase their knowledge of STEAM activities.
- **April -May 2027 — Transition & Kindergarten Signing Day Workshop**: Learn helpful information to transition from Pre-K to Kindergarten to 5th Grade. Parents join the 5th graders at Howard Middle School to learn about making a smooth transition from elementary to middle school and attend Pre-K to K Signing Day Events.

Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center located in the Media Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore Parent Portal and other educational resources.

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Partnership Opportunities

Carter Elementary 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:

- PTO
- Fall Festival
- Curriculum Night
- School Council
- Parent Workshops
- Holiday Shop
- Book Fair
- Georgia Milestones Proctors
- Classroom Volunteering
- Field Trip Chaperones

Carter Elementary is committed to offering multiple opportunities for parents to attend all meetings and workshops outlined in this plan. Please contact the Title I School Representatives: Autumn Beddingfield@ (478) 779-3350.



School is Reaching Out!



Carter Elementary 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 timely and published in both English and Spanish (as requested). Carter provides all materials in a family-friendly and understandable format. Interpreter Service will be available at the request of parents.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis concerning upcoming school meetings and events. Parents can receive news and updates in the form of letters, newsletters, email, school messenger, Remind, and social media (Facebook).
- ✓ Conduct staff development on family engagement, best practices and effective strategies for staff to work with parents as equal partners. Professional development training will be provided at staff and faculty meetings with the assistance of parents.
- ✓ Invite parents and families to Carter Elementary Pre-K Parent's Transition Workshop.
- ✓ Collaborate with early childhood programs and middle schools to coordinate and integrate family engagement activities to support the full participation of parents and family members in their child's education. Carter will establish partnerships with neighboring pre-schools and middle schools to help prepare parents and their children for a successful school transition.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials in our Parent Resource Center and through workshops for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways to monitor their child's progress and improve student achievement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, activities to help parents work with their child to improve student success.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities through parent surveys, event evaluations, and the online "Share Your Idea" comment card.
- ✓ Submit parent feedback about any part of the schoolwide plan that parents feel is not satisfactory to the goals for student and school academic achievement to the local Title I Office.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Carter 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

School Volunteer Team

Carter Elementary invites all parents to join the school volunteer team to share ideas and ways to engage parents and family members to build. partnerships with the school, other families, and the community. Parents and family members interested in learning more about the school volunteer team or how to join please contact the Title I School Representatives Autumn Beddingfield at (478) 779-3350.



School Volunteer Team Interest Form

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Volunteer Team.
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more about the School Volunteer Team.
- ☐ Please send me information about school volunteer opportunities.

Name: _____ Child's

Name and Grade: _____ Address:

Phone Number: _____ Email

address: _____

Share Your Ideas

Parents, we want to hear from you! Share your suggestions, or submit feedback about any part of this plan you feel is not satisfactory to the goals for student and school 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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Comments:

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