Rutland High School

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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What is Title I?

Rutland High is identified as a Title I school as part of 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 be jointly developed 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 students achieving a Lexile measure on grade level or higher (1050+) to 70% as measured by the Georgia Milestones and the STAR Reading assessment.
- Increase average daily attendance to 94%.

Focus Areas

- Provide high quality curriculum and support in a productive learning environment that enables students' literacy achievement standards.
- Increase on-time student daily attendance.
- Coordinate attendance efforts with parents and students.
- Support technology implementation to improve instruction and student achievement.

School-Parent Compact

Rutland High School-Parent Compact was jointly developed by the teachers, parents, and students. Our Compact is an agreement between the school, parents, and students stating what each party will do to ensure that all students achieve academic success. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The school-parent compact will be placed on the school website. Teachers will keep a copy on file if additional copies are needed. The Compact will also be reviewed during parent-teacher conferences.

Parents, Teachers, and Students will Share Responsibility for Success

What is this plan?
This plan explains how Rutland High School (RHS) will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Rutland High values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goals of improving student achievement. RHS will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?
Parents are invited to attend the annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forum in March to review and revise this plan, the Schoolwide Plan, School-Parent Compact, and family engagement budget. These meetings are scheduled at convenient times.

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 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.

Rutland High will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?
The plan will be posted on the school website, in the main office, media center, and resource room. The plan will also be available for further distribution at school events and workshops.

Family Engagement

Rutland High School will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school 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 needed. We will provide our parents and guardians with a schedule of engagement opportunities and events in a family-friendly format. At the parents' request, interpreter services are provided.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis about school meetings and events. At RHS, we communicate with parents through the callout messenger, email, Facebook, X, flyers, Parent Square, and school marquee.
- Conduct staff development on family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff with the input of parents to work with parents as equal partners. RHS has faculty communication sessions during our Better Seeking Team Meetings to review school information and determine effective ways of communicating with parents, family members, and students. During staff/faculty meetings, we share the academic successes of our students.
- Partner with the community, sponsors, businesses, churches, and other programs to coordinate and integrate parent engagement activities to support the full participation of parents in their child's education. We offer Freshman and Sophomore Nights to inform parents of transitional information and requirements. Junior and Senior Nights consist of topics relating to graduation requirements, scholarships, and financial aid for students and parents.
- Provide necessary materials and training for parents to work with their children to improve their student achievement. At RHS, we provide our parents with curriculum updates and changes with the State standards and assessments. Resources on test-taking strategies and online resources are available to parents.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities by providing parent surveys to gain feedback, suggestions, and concerns.
- Submit parent feedback about any part of schoolwide plan that parents feel is not satisfactory to the goals for student and school academic success to the local Title I office.
- Administration, Counselors, Title I Family Engagement Representative, Community Sponsors and Office Staff will encourage student achievement by actively engaging in the education of our students.

All volunteers are welcome at Rutland High. Volunteer application packets are in the Family Engagement Representative Office. For more information, please contact the Title I Family Engagement Representative at (478) 779-3100.

Engagement Opportunities

The following events will be offered to parents to strengthen family engagement. Support by the school, parents, sponsors, and community partners will encourage student success when all are actively engaged in the education of our students. All meetings for parents and family members will be held at flexible times.

Open House: August 2026

Parents can meet their child's teacher, administrator, counselors, and friendly staff.

Title I Annual Meeting: September 2026

Parents will learn about the Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, Schoolwide Plan, and the School-Parent Compact.

Counselors Connect: Partnering with Parents for Student Success: September/October 2026

Parents meet for informative sessions to receive information about the curriculum and assessments, current progress, technology, and digital literacy with discussions on goals and resources to support success.

"Parent, Student-Led, and Teacher Conferences – Ongoing

Teachers will provide updates on their child's progress. Student-led conferences will be held by request for students to share with their parents about how they are progressing from the beginning of the year.

Annual Title I Parent Survey: November 2026

Parents provide input on the Family Engagement Program.

Georgia Family Engagement Month/National Parental Involvement Day – November 19, 2026

Exciting events will be held to encourage families to get more involved in their children's academic success.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums: March 2027

A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school's Schoolwide Improvement Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, Needs Assessment, and family engagement budget.

Smooth Move – Transition Meeting – April/May 2027

Parents and family members will receive information about the school curriculum and expectations for high school students.