

# Forrest Road Elementary

## School Information

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## District Goals

The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses in Tier 1 instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

## School's Smart Goals

**Smart Goal #1:** Improve writing instruction across the curriculum of the PBIS Classroom System. 100% of the teachers will participate in professional development and implement the 6 + 1 traits across the curriculum by May 2019.

**Smart Goal #2:** Improve math instruction. 100% of the teachers will participate in professional development and implement effective math instruction using the math workshop model across by May 2019.

## What is Title I?

Forrest Road Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

## Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2018-2019

*Plan Revision Date: 08/14/18*

### What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Forrest Road Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Forrest Road Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

### How is it developed?

Forrest Road Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Forrest Road Elementary also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

### Who is it for?

All parents at Forrest Road Elementary are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Forrest Road Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

### Where is it available?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be sent home with each student and is also available in the Parent Resource room, the front office of the school and on the school's website.

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## What is a School-Parent Compact?

As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, Forrest Road Elementary and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents, students and teachers will work toward mastery of grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers.

## Parent Involvement Program and Activities Forrest Road Elementary

### Annual Title I Parent Night (August/September):

Evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program including: Parental Involvement Policy, School Improvement Plan, Parent-School Compact, and the parents' requirements. All invitations will be sent home, on the school's website, on the drive by board, and through Connect-Ed Message.

### Open House (August/September):

Come meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the school year.

**Smart Goal Workshop** (Fall and Spring) Workshops to inform parents of the goals included in the School Improvement Plan.

**Academic Parent Workshops:** (March) Workshop to get parents involved to increase student achievement.

**Georgia Milestones Workshop:** (March) Learn strategies to engage students help them on Georgia Milestones.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** (October-February) Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

**Switching Tracks:** (May) Transitioning from elementary school to middle school.

## School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, Connect-Ed, flyers, and posted on school's marquee.
- Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
- Partner with Head Start, Pre-K programs, daycares to share information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten.
- Share information in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school.
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.

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