

Arnold Magnet Academy Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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What is Title I?

Arnold Magnet Academy 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.



SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how Arnold Magnet Academy will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Arnold Magnet Academy 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?

Arnold Magnet Academy 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. Arnold Magnet Academy 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 Arnold Magnet Academy are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Arnold Magnet Academy will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with Limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy is included in the student handbook given out to all students. As a reminder, Arnold Magnet Academy will give another copy to parents prior to the Title I Annual Parent Meeting. Parents can also receive a copy of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school and on the school's website.

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2018–19 District Goals

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

2018–19 School Smart Goals

By May 2019, Georgia PBIS Module 2 will be implemented consistently by all teachers as measured by the snapshot observations tool.

By May 2019, 100% of all teachers will use problem-based (STEM) instructional strategies.

What is a School-Parent Compact?

As part of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Arnold Magnet Academy and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact. A School-Parent Compact for Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The Compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. Copies of the School-Parent Compact are kept in the Parent Resource Room/Area.

School Parent
Compact

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AT ARNOLD MAGNET ACADEMY

Arnold Magnet Academy will host the following events, workshops, and activities to build parent capacity and increase student academic achievement. Invitations will be sent home, placed on the school's website, newsletters, and/or through Connect-Ed Message.

Open House (August 2018)

Come meet your child's teacher and our friendly/helpful staff for the school year. Parents will also review our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School-Parent Compact, and School Improvement Plan.

Title I Annual Parent Meeting (August 2018):

- Information will be shared about Title I and other programs.

STEM Family Night (Fall 2018)

- Learn ways to help your child with STEM activities

Academic Workshop/Smart Goal 1 & 2/Review Policy and Compact (November 2018)

- Learn about Arnold's new school goals and how it supports student learning

Staff Workshops--Effective Parent and Family Engagement Practices (August and October 2018/ January and March 2019)

- Learn valuable family engagement tools

State Assessment Workshop for Parents/Review Policy and Compact (January 2019)

- Learn what the Georgia Milestones is and ways to help your child prepare for the assessment.

Switching Tracks: Transitioning from Middle School to High School (April 2019)

- Graduation requirements for High School and transitioning to High School will be discussed.



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What is Parental Involvement?

Arnold Magnet Academy believes that Parental Involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student achievement.

Arnold Magnet Academy believes:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and included in the decision-making of their child's education.

Assistance to Parents

(Family Services Coordinator)

Effective parental involvement will not be an occasional event, such as parent conference; rather it will be an on-going process. Arnold Magnet Academy is committed to helping our parents to check out materials to use at home with their children and to offer them support when needed. Please contact Ms. Christine Meriweather, Arnold's Family Services Coordinator, at (706) 748-2436, for inquiries and assistance.

School Measures to provide Required Assistance

Arnold will take the following measures to promote and support parents in the following ways:

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published and posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, and posted on school's marquee.
- Conduct staff development twice a year on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnership with parents.
- Share information in English and Spanish in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Communicate with all families on a regular basis regarding school events, workshops and activities, through Connect-Ed messages, marquee, newsletters, flyers, and website.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to use at home with their children.
- 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's Parent and Family Engagement Policy and activities.

