



## PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY Gentian Elementary School 2018-2019

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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 Climate Goal:** By May 2019, all teachers will implement productively school-wide components of the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS) Program emphasizing the critical elements & effective disciplinary process.

**School Instructional Goal:** By May 2019, 85% of teachers will implement proficiently the Gradual Release Responsibility Framework when teaching all content with a focus on guided instruction.

## WHAT IS TITLE I?

Gentian Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant 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

### What is it?

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

### How is it developed?

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

### Who is it for?

All Gentian Elementary families are encouraged and invited to participate fully in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Gentian Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities, and families 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 and on the school's website.



# Title I Parent Involvement



## Parent & Family Engagement Opportunities

### **Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting-August 23, 5:30 P.M.**

Learn about our Title I program including: Parent rights, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, & Parent & Family Engagement opportunities.

### **Open House-August 23, 6 P.M.**

Meet your child's teachers, find a volunteer activity that meets your interest & time commitment, complete surveys, & give feedback on the Parent & Family Engagement Policy & School-Parent Compact.

### **Academic Parent Workshop-November**

Gain valuable information about the Gradual Release of Responsibility framework your child's teacher uses across subjects.

### **Smart Goal Workshop-October**

Understand the Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) program & how families can partner with Gentry from home.

### **Georgia Milestones Assessment Workshops-September & March**

Develop strategies for your child to prepare for the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS). The GMAS measures how well students have learned the knowledge & skills outlined in the state adopted content standards in English Language Arts, Math, Science & Social Studies. Emphasis on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades but all grades are welcome to attend.

### **Transition Workshops-March & May**

Ready your child (and your family) with activities & information to smooth the transition to kindergarten, middle school, high school or college.

### **Parent and Family Engagement Activities-yearlong**

Join in various Parent & Family Engagement opportunities such as Grandparents' Day (Sept), National Parent Involvement Day (Nov.) & 100<sup>th</sup> Day Volunteers (Jan.)

### **Parent Resource Room # 107A in the Media Center**

Check out and/or receive materials to increase student achievement.

## 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, 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 families.
- Partner with Head Start, Pre-K programs, and daycares to share information about family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten.
- Share information in the school's newsletter and on the website for families 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 families work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Family Resource Center to allow parents the opportunity to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Survey families to provide workshops and trainings that meet the needs of the parents and support family 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.
- For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, family involvement correspondence and activities will be mailed to each facility where students reside.

### **Assistance to Parents**

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