

Pelham Elementary School

*Title I Parent Involvement Plan
2018-2019 School Year*



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What is Title I?

Pelham Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of (ESSA). Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts to improve teaching and enhance efforts 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with all parents invited to help, a written parental involvement plan.

Title I Parent Involvement Plan

What is this Plan?

The PES Parent Involvement Plan is a plan that describes ways that we will provide opportunities for more improved parent engagement which will support student learning. PES values the input and involvement of our parents as we strive to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of higher student achievement! This plan describes ways that we will support this parent engagement and how parents are invited to help plan and participate in activities and events to promote learning at school and at home.

How is the plan developed?

PES welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. Parent Chats are provided each year in which all parents, staff, and community members are invited to attend. We offer Parent Chats four times a year during which time we discuss parent concerns and review and revise this plan to help implement parent engagement activities that promote student achievement. We also provide input opportunities at Parent events, in the PIRC Parent Suggestion box, and on the PCS website.

Who is this plan for?

All students in the Pelham City School System are participating in the Title I, Part A program and are invited to fully benefit from the opportunities described in this plan. PES will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, parents of homeless students, and parents of migratory children. The plan, correspondence, and planned activities also include homeless students and/or the students living at any residential facilities or foster care in the Pelham Elementary School attendance area.

Where is the plan available?

A copy of the PES Parent Involvement Plan is included in the school handbook (given to each student at the beginning of the year), available in the main office, media center, in the Parent Involvement Resource Center, and online at our school website. Parents are invited to give feedback throughout the year at parent meetings, parent workshops, our annual survey, on the school website, and at any time with the Parent Involvement Coordinator.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, PES and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and revised each year with feedback from parents, students, staff and community, through parent meetings, parent conferences, student council meetings, staff/leadership team meetings, the PCS website, and parent/student involvement events throughout the year. This compact will be kept on file in the main office and in the PIRC for teachers' use once it has been signed by all parties.

2018-2019 District Goals

In Math: All students demonstrate growth and score Proficient or higher in Math on the Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC tests.

In Literacy: All students demonstrate growth in reading and writing and score Proficient or higher on the Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC tests.

Behavior: Increase Climate Star Rating scores by implementing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and reducing office discipline referrals.

2018-2019 School Goals

Our PES goal for 2018-2019 is to see our students gain in our test scores in Math and Literacy, with an increase in student growth in all content areas. We are still seeking to steadily gain in reading and writing, while increasing Lexile scores. We have implemented Eureka Math to support in Math and Journeys to support in Literacy. PBIS will be implemented to help reduce referrals and behavior problems and enhance a positive learning environment.

Parent Involvement Activities--Come Join Us!

At Pelham Elementary School, we want to create various ways to build the capacity for strong parental involvement and support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Here are examples of events where parents can be involved:

- **Open House**- At the start of school to meet teachers and receive parent/school compacts.
- **Title I Annual Meeting**- We invite parents to an evening of learning and sharing about the Title I program including our parent involvement plan, school/parent compacts, and the parent requirements. Invitations and announcements about this event will be sent home by students and posted on the school website, local newspaper, Facebook, Remind, through school message system and in town.
- **Volunteer Orientation**- An opportunity to get involved and share your talents in our PCS volunteer program by helping students, teachers, and office staff.
- **Health/Resource Fair**- Get connected with all the local resources to help your student be academically successful and healthy this school year!
- **Parent Chats**-Parent gatherings, sometimes held off campus in the community, where parents can share concerns and have input into the parent involvement program.
- **Parent Lunch-n-Learns**- Have lunch with your student and stay for a brief parent workshop. The workshop always provides make-n-take kits geared towards increasing student learning.
- **Parent Academy**- Parent sessions that build capacity for supporting student academics and parent advocacy. These meetings will be held throughout the year; dates will be posted in the monthly newsletter.
- **Parent Involvement Resource Center** - Visit the PIRC and benefit from the computers and resources provided in-house, specially designed for parent use. **The hours of operation for the PIRC are M,W,F, 8-11 am. & Th, 1-4 pm.**
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences**- Opportunities for parents to meet with child's teachers to keep up-to-date on student progress and learn strategies taught in class. Conferences are held on Thursdays during teacher planning times and after school.
- **Literacy Fair**- An evening of Reading Fun, Student Project Displays, and Book Character Dress Contest!
- **Math Fun Night/Mathfest**- Students will participate in an in-house math competition and math stations.
- **STEM Night**- Encourages the study of science and math and the educational value of investigation and experimentation through student projects.
- **Pastries for Parents**- Treats for parents and students and summer learning emphasis.
- **Grandparents Night**- Welcome our grandparents to come to school for a special learning evening!
- **Volunteer Celebration and Spring Title I Meeting**- An opportunity to celebrate our parent volunteers with various student performances. We will also have opportunities for parents to give input into revised Title I documents.

The Parent Connection

PES will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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 are sent home, posted on the PCS website and Facebook, in the local newspaper, sent through phone message system and Remind, in the monthly Parent Involvement Newsletter, posted on campus and in town. Information is also published in Spanish or the appropriate language when needed.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Pre-K and Head Start to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition. Also, the school will provide transition support and information for students moving up to middle school from the elementary school as well students transitioning from 8th grade to the high school.
- ✓ Share information in Spanish or other languages needed whenever possible through newsletters and resources from the GADOE and with the help of the ESOL instructor to help parents understand academic assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- ✓ Keep open communication between parents, staff, and community through all the above mentioned vehicles of information. Parent Portal is also available for parent access of student progress.
- ✓ Get parent input into developing relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents in the Parent Involvement Resource Center, at Parent Academy, Parent Lunch-n-Learns, and through the monthly newsletters to help parents work with their children to improve their child's achievement. Remind text and One Call Now phone message systems have also been implemented to increase parent knowledge of involvement opportunities.
- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school's parental involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance parents' various educational backgrounds.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Pelham Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance in order to participate in our parental activities or events.

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We Believe in Parental Involvement

We believe that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities. We believe:

- ✓ **That parents play an integral role in their student's learning.**
- ✓ **That parents are to be encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.**
- ✓ **That all parents are invited to be a part of decision making through Parent Chats, the PCS website, surveys, and other parent meetings.**

We Believe in our Parent Involvement Standards

At PES, our vision for effective parent involvement is reflected in the following National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships. **We believe in:**

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

PES Parent Chat

PES invites all parents to attend PES Parent Chats provided throughout the school year to build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, to establish meaningful relationships with school families, and to expand community partnerships. Parent Chats are held four times during the school year to help plan activities, as the result of annual surveys and review and revise our PI plans and compacts. Parent feedback is gained in many ways throughout the year at workshops, parent events, through survey, the PCS website, and the parent suggestion box in the PIRC. Parents are encouraged to attend any time it is convenient because we want your input! If you have any questions, please contact our Parent Involvement Coordinator, Mrs. Cindy Smith, 294-8170 ext. 214 or 221-2336.

PES Parent/Community Connection

- *Yes, I am interested in sharing my input into the PES Parent Involvement Program through parent activities/meetings, such as Parent Chats.*
- *Please send me notifications about meetings and updates.*
- *I am interested in being a school parent volunteer.*

Name: _____

Student's Name and Grade:

Phone Number:

Email address:

We Believe in Making Connections

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the main office.

Name: (optional)

Contact number:

Feedback:

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