

Pelham High School

Title I Parent Involvement Plan 2018-2019 School Year



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What is Title I?

Pelham High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of (ESEA). 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 PHS Parent Involvement Plan is a plan that describes ways that we will provide opportunities for more improved parent engagement which will support student learning. PHS 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?

PHS 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 discuss parent concerns and review and revise this plan as well as plan and 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 with the input form.

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. PHS 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 City School attendance area.

Where is the plan available?

A copy of the PHS 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 connection classes, our annual survey, on the school website, and at any time with the Parent Involvement Coordinator.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, PHS 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 involvement meetings, student council meetings, staff/leadership team meetings 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 goal at PHS is to increase EOC and SGP scores (students growth) in all content areas. We will have a concentration in Math and Literacy (increasing Lexile measures) in all content areas. We wish to also increase scores in End of Pathway Assessments (EOPA). Our goal is to keep students engaged, enrich their learning, and provide academic support through HELO (Hornet Extended Learning Opportunities). It is our intent to graduate all students college or career ready.

Parent Involvement Activities

Come Join Us!

At Pelham High 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, meet the 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 parents' requirements. Invitations and announcements about this event will be sent home by students and posted on the school website, local newspaper, Facebook, Remind, through the phone message system and in town.
- **Student Performance Night-** Parents are invited to students performing their various talents, including the PHS Band and receive valuable parent information for the 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-** Parents are invited to have lunch with their student and stay for a parent chat pertaining to student learning. Examples include: BYOT, Parent Portal Help, College and Career Readiness, SAT/ACT Prep info and more!
- **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, located at Pelham Elementary School and benefit from the computers and resources specially designed for parent use. **The hours of operation for the PIRC are M,W,F, 8-11 am. & Th, 1-4 pm**
- **BYOT & Parent Info Nights-** Informational workshops to increase student achievement and help with Dual Enrollment, FAFSA, SAT/ACT and more!
- **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

PHS 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 school 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 students to improve achievement. Remind text and One Call Now phone message systems have also been implemented to increase parent knowledge of parent 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 High 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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Parental Involvement

PHS believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities ensuring-

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

Parent Involvement Standards

At PHS, our vision for effective parent involvement is reflected in the following National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships. The standards are the following:

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

PHS Parent Chats

PHS invites all parents to attend Parent Chats provided throughout the school year. These meetings help 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 will be held four times during the school year to help plan activities as the result of annual surveys and review and revise our Parent Involvement plans and compacts. Parent feedback is gained in many ways throughout the year at workshops, parent events, through surveys, the PCS website, and the parent suggestion box. Parents are encouraged to attend any time of the year 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.

PHS Parent/Community Connection-Parent Chats

- *Yes, I am interested in sharing my input into the PHS 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 volunteer at my student's school.*

Name: _____

Student's Name and Grade:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Make the Connection

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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