

Rossville Elementary School

*Parent and Family Engagement Policy
and Plan for Shared Student Success*

2019-2020 School Year

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What is Title I?

Rossville Elementary is identified as a Title 1 School as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title 1 is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title 1 Programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title 1 schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What Is It?

This is a plan that describes how Rossville Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Rossville Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Rossville Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How Is It Revised?

Rossville Elementary School invited all parents to fill out our Parent Engagement survey and attend meetings last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form at res.walkerschools.org. We also distribute an annual survey both online and in paper form to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year, including our Block Parties.

Who Is It For?

All students participating in the Title 1, Part A program, and their family are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Rossville Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. Residential facilities in Rossville Elementary's attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.

Where Is It Available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with all students. Parents can also find the plan on the school website and on our Facebook page. Parents can also pick up a copy of the plan in the Family Center.

2019-20 District Goals

By May 2020, increase by 9% the number of students performing at or above proficiency in English Language Arts in grades 3-8 as measured by the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessment.

2019-20 School Goals

Rossville Elementary is committed to these goals:

To increase an overall 3% in students' reading comprehension and fluency.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Rossville Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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 updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Family Engagement meetings and Block Parties. The school-parent compacts are also shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Rossville Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student achievement. All meetings for parents and family members will be recorded and posted on our website and/or Facebook page.

ANNUAL TITLE 1 MEETING- October 24, 2019 at 4:00, RES, Facebook LIVE, and on Facebook and at res.walkerschools.org.

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title 1 program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and parents' requirements. Invitations will be sent home with the students and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and on our website.

ALL PRO DADS & BULLDOG MOMS CLUB

Each month we will be hosting All Pro Dads/Bulldog Mom's Club on alternating months at Rossville Elementary. This program focuses on creating quality moments between students and their dads, moms, or other parental figure(s).

These will be on the last Thursday of August, September, October, November 2019 and January, February, March, and April 2020.

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Each month we will be hosting a Lunch and Learn for a particular grade level. Parents and guardians are invited to come eat lunch with their student(s) during their regular lunch time and stay for 30 minutes after lunch for a quick take home workshop.

Pre-K – September 2019

K – October 2019

1st Grade – November 2019

2nd Grade – December 2019

3rd Grade – February 2020

4th Grade – March 2020

5th Grade – March 2020

MATH NIGHT - October 2019

Come and learn how to make math fun for your kids.

CHRISTMAS STEAM NIGHT - December 2019

Enjoy a fun family night learning more about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math!

STAR NIGHT- April 2020

Enjoy a night that will feature ways that you, as a parent can support your child in learning to read more fluently. There will also be family art and writing activities.

Family Resource Center

Come visit the Family Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore PowerSchool and sign up for Class Dojo, as well as find educational resources.

Monday-Friday, 7am to 3pm

Parent and Family Engagement

Rossville Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family in a regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Rossville Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Rossville Elementary is Branching Out!

Rossville Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website and social media, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organization, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- Share information in English and Spanish on Class Dojo and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments, as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Use our BEAT Partners and Block Parties to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place suggestion cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Rossville Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

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

SCHOOL COMMUNITY TEAM

- Yes. I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the School Community Team.
- Please send me notifications (text or email) about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

SCHOOL COMMUNITY TEAM

Rossville Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the RES School Community Team, please contact Courtney Gadd at (706)866-5901 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy 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) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

