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**Flowery Branch Elementary
Parent and Family Engagement
Policy and Plan for Shared
Student Success
2023-2024 School Year**



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SCHOOL PLAN FOR SHARED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Flowery Branch Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Flowery Branch 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 Flowery Branch 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?

Flowery Branch Elementary invites all parents to attend an annual parent and family engagement input meeting, in the Spring, to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the school/district comprehensive needs assessment, school/district improvement plans, school-parent compact, and the parent and family engagement budget. Additionally, our school welcomes parent input and comments at any time during the school year regarding this plan. All parent feedback received during the school year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and make paper copies available for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parent and family members can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Flowery Branch Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, after revision, the plan is posted on the school's website, emailed through Remind Message, presented at the Annual Title I meeting, and paper copies are provided in the school's front office.

What is Title I?

Flowery Branch Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

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2023--2024 District Goals

- By the end of FY24, the percentage of students in each subgroup moving into the "Proficient" and "Distinguished" levels of performance on the Georgia Milestones Assessments will increase by 2% in the "Proficient" and "Distinguished" levels of performance.
- Increase the percentage of referred students who access school-based mental health services by 2% each year (with FY21 being the baseline year) to decrease the number of OSS days in grades 6-12.

2023-2024 School Goals

- By the end of SY24, the percentage of students who meet or exceed the projected growth goals on the MAP will increase by 3% from the 22-23 school year (baseline=49% reading and 52% math).
- In order to increase student engagement, FBES teachers will provide Enrichment Clusters to all FBES students ten times during the 23-24 school year.

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACTS

As part of this plan, Flowery Branch Elementary 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 updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the parent input meeting. The school-parent compacts are shared through the Annual Title I meeting, Infinite Campus, and posted on the school's website. The school-parent compacts are kept in the main office if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Flowery Branch 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 academic achievement.

Kindergarten Camp- July 18th-21st, 2023 8:00-12:00

Future Kindergarten students and parents explore Flowery Branch Elementary and experience a modified school day to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Open House- August 3rd, 2023 3:00-6:00 PM

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Technology Parent Workshop-September 14, 2023 9:00AM

Learn about the digital resources in Launchpoint and how to use them at home with your child
Gain an understanding of Digital Citizenship and how to help our students be safe online
Receive help with Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Annual Title I Meeting – October 5, 2023 9:00AM (in person) & 5:30PM (online)

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, Title I budget, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted in the school newsletter, social media, and school's website.

Math Night October 26, 2023 6:30-8:00

Participate in games and learning activities with your child to help them be more successful in Math

Fall Semester Enrichment Cluster Showcase-November 30, 2023 6:30-7:30PM

Parents are invited to experience our enrichment clusters with their child to gain an understanding of their child's work this semester. Students will be sharing with their families what they have learned and created this semester.

Family Literacy Night March 8, 2024 6:30-8:00PM

A celebration of reading that engages families.

Georgia Milestones Parent Information Meeting-Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 9:00AM

Tips on how to prepare your child for state assessments

Title I Parent Input Meeting- April 11, 2024 8:30AM (in person) & 5:30PM (via Zoom)

An input meeting for parents and family members to participate in discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, comprehensive needs assessment, and family engagement budget.

Spring Semester Enrichment Cluster Showcase-April 25, 2024 6:30-7:30PM

Parents are invited to experience our enrichment clusters with their child to gain an understanding of their child's work this semester. Students will be sharing with their families what they have learned and created this semester.

Teacher and Parent Conferences-ongoing throughout the year

Learn about your child's academic progress and how you can support them at home

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Parent and Family Engagement

Flowery Branch Elementary believes that parent and family engagement means the participation of parents and families in 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Flowery Branch Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Parental Involvement Policy

Flowery Branch 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. The school will ensure that-

- All parents and families are invited to parent involvement meetings throughout the school year.
- The school hosts an Annual Title I Meeting. During this meeting we share information about our Title I program. The information shared includes: our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.
- An open house time is planned before school starts in the fall to provide parents, families and students the opportunity to tour the school, meet new teachers, and learn about school programs.
- The learning commons sponsors a book fair family night to encourage parents and families to become involved in their child's selection of reading material.
- Parents and families are encouraged to participate in various parent involvement activities and parent workshops. Parent and family volunteers are encouraged to help teachers and students enhance the learning environment.
- Flowery Branch strives to maintain open lines of communication. We ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities are published in English and Spanish on the school's website, social media, and flyers.
- Teachers maintain web pages. Teachers also choose to communicate using other methods such as text, email, or communication apps.
- Teachers and staff are available for conferences by appointment. Contact your child's teacher any time to get updates on behaviors or academics.
- Staff will participate in Canvas professional development modules at least four times per year to educate themselves on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement.
- Flowery Branch Elementary operates under an open door policy. The principal and assistant principal are always available to meet with parents and families to discuss student concerns, parent concerns, the curriculum, and improvement of programs.
- The Flowery Branch Elementary School Council which includes teachers, parents, administration, and business leaders, reviews school programs and concerns.
- A teacher-student-parent compact outlines how teachers, parents, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement. Results of academic assessments are shared with parents and students.
- School personnel will provide assistance to parents and families in understanding state academic standards and state and local assessments.
- The school counselor assists parents and families in understanding student services offered through the school system and in the community that may help meet specific student or family needs.
- Parent involvement programs for parents and families are offered by the parent liaison.
- Partner with Head Start through the District Parent Outreach Facilitator. The District Parent Outreach Facilitator meets with parents and families providing information and resources to support school orientation for parents, families and students to assist in successful student transitions to kindergarten.
- Partner with the middle schools to provide parents and families as well as students with information and resources pertaining to successful transition to middle school

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Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Flowery Branch 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 –

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

FBES SCHOOL COUNCIL

Flowery Branch Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team that we call our FBES School Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with the school, families, and the community. The team will meet quarterly during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any time. If you would like to learn more about the FBES School Council please contact Amy Bright at 770-967-6621 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



FBES School Council

Yes, I am interested and wish to join the FBES School Council Team.

Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the FBES School Council.

Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Share Your Thoughts

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) _____

Telephone number: (optional): _____

Comments _____
