

Chattahoochee Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Promoting Shared Student Success

Adapted from Georgia DOE

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What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program that is intended to supplement the regular classroom curriculum. Students are provided extra assistance in reading and/or math. The program's goal is to support students so that every child meets and/or exceeds the state's standards. A variety of teaching methods and materials are used to reinforce curriculum concepts.

Chattahoochee Elementary is identified as schoolwide Title I as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). A school-wide Title I program ensures the success of all students. Everyone has access to the numerous resources and materials purchased with Title I funds, including iPads, laptops, computer programs, books, manipulatives, and learning games. Because of Title I, you and your child have access to excellent resources and enriching programs.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This plan describes how Chattahoochee Elementary School (CES) will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement in order to support student learning. The staff and parents at CES are committed to providing a quality education for all of our students. In order to achieve this goal, the teachers and staff at CES realize that a strong partnership between the school and home is essential. We encourage our parents and community to actively participate in the education of CES students. This plan is written in an understandable format and in a language that all parents can understand. The plan is updated annually to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

How is it developed? Chattahoochee Elementary's Parent and Family Engagement Policy is jointly developed because all stakeholders have opportunities for input. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view throughout the year, and it is available in our front office. We distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents may give feedback during our end-of-the-year March Meeting to revise the plan for the upcoming 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. Chattahoochee Elementary provides complete opportunities for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? At the beginning of the school year, the plan is sent home with all students. The plan is posted on the Chattahoochee Elementary website. Parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the Family Resource Room or the Information Station at the front of the school.

Chattahoochee Elementary is committed to helping our families attend the activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare, transportation, or translation in order to participate in our programs. We are available to help with any of those needs. Contact: Kim Sarfaty 770-781-2240 extension 152103 or email ksarfaty@forsyth.k12.ga.us.

2024-25 Title I Goals

District Goals:

During the 2024-2025 school year, Forsyth County Schools will increase the achievement score within the Closing Gaps component of the CCRPI by meeting the 3% target established in the baseline school year for each grade level band.

During the 2024-2025 school year, 12% of the schools in FCS will increase their school climate rating and 48% will maintain 5 stars.

School Goals:

Chattahoochee will improve student achievement in ELA/reading as measured by the Georgia Milestone Assessment in grades 3rd - 5th and grade level. The percentage of 3rd - 5th students scoring at the proficient level or above on the ELA/GMA will increase from 42% (Spring 2023) to 50% (Spring 2025).

Chattahoochee will improve student achievement in mathematics as measured by the Georgia Milestone Assessment in grade 3rd - 5th. The percentage of 3rd - 5th grade students scoring at the proficient level or above on the Math GMA will increase from 56% (Spring 2023) to 60% (Spring 2025).

Relationships Matter!

Chattahoochee Elementary values the contributions of our parents. We will build staff capacity in working with families by providing professional development, newsletters, and emails about the value and utility of our families' contributions, how to strengthen communication, and how to work with parents as equal partners. We will coordinate and implement parent programs to build the capacity for strong family engagement and support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve academic achievement. We will provide information in a format and language that parents can understand, to the extent practicable. Staff will respond in a timely manner to requests for parent and family engagement activities, as well as meeting requests, to ensure student success.

Academic family engagement nights will be held at least three times a year for kindergarten through fifth-grade students and their families to build home/school partnerships and improve student academic achievement. The school will provide parents with a description and explanation of the school's curriculum. Parents will also receive a description and explanation of assessments used to measure student progress and proficiency levels the students are expected to meet. Parents will be provided with individual student academic assessment results and help to interpret those results.

At our school's Annual Title I Parent Meeting, held in September of each year, parents are informed about the requirements and our school's participation in Title I as well as the parent's rights under Title I. Parent events will be available in various formats (online or in person) and/or times. Parent meetings will be held during the morning and evening hours. Parents will be invited via paper invitation, phone message, e-mail, newsletters, and social media. We will provide translation services, transportation, childcare, and other reasonable support as needed.

Chattahoochee houses two special needs preschool classes on campus to aid in transitioning to kindergarten. Pre-K families, as well as all incoming families, are invited to attend all Title I and Family Engagement Events and are provided with access to all parent resource materials. Transition activities will be provided for rising kindergarten and rising fifth graders going to middle school as well.

The Title I School Improvement Plan is written in an understandable format and language that parents can understand. Parents can review the Title I Schoolwide Plan through the school website or by contacting Kim Sarfaty at ksarfaty@forsyth.k12.ga.us or call (770) 781-2240. If the Title I School Improvement Plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, parents will be given the chance to submit comments on the plan and Chattahoochee will submit the comments to the county via email or hard copy. Parents will also have access to the formal complaint procedure found on the Chattahoochee webpage. Parents, students, staff, private schools, and the general public have the right to file a written complaint regarding the Title I Program or Plan with the district if no resolution is determined with local

School – Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Chattahoochee Elementary and our families have jointly developed a school-parent-student compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students develop that explains how parents, students, and teachers work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts are given to parents at the beginning of each school year in order to review throughout the year. The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Parent Feedback Meeting and through online surveys.

Opportunities for Family Feedback

The school will provide all families with the opportunity for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate in decision-making regarding their child's education. All parents are also given the opportunity to provide valuable feedback through a variety of means including parent surveys, comments from Title I Family Nights, and communication page on our Title I website.

Opportunities for Family Engagement

- ❖ Open House: August 2024
- ❖ Annual Title I Meeting August 2024
- ❖ Curriculum & Family Engagement Night #1: September 2024
- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences October 2024
- ❖ Family Engagement Night #2: November 2024
- ❖ Family Engagement Night #3: February 2025
- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences March 2025
- ❖ Family Engagement Night #4 & Title I Parent Input Meeting March 2025

Family Engagement

All families are welcome at Chattahoochee Elementary. Family engagement means the participation of parents and other family members 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.
- Forsyth County Schools reserves 1% from the total amount of Title I funds received in FY25, and Chattahoochee Elementary receives a portion of that is set aside to carry out the family engagement requirements listed in this policy. Throughout the year, parents may complete surveys and give feedback as to how this Family Engagement Set Aside is spent. If you would like to give feedback or have any questions, please contact Kim Sarfaty, at 770-781-2240 extension 152103 or ksarfaty@forsyth.k12.ga.us

Opportunities for Family Consultation

The school will provide all families with the opportunity for regular meetings to provide assistance with training and materials to help parents understand such topics as: The Georgia Standards of Excellence, The Georgia Milestone Assessments, Title 1, Part A requirements, strategies parents can use to improve their child's academic progress, how to partner with teachers for academic achievement, the dangers of copyright piracy, and how to foster family engagement in collaboration with teachers.