

Pulaski County Middle School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2021-2022 School Year

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What is Title I?

PCMS 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 the challenging State academic standards 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 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 PCMS will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. PCMS 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 PCMS 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?

PCMS invited all parents 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 through surveys provided on the PCMS website, Facebook page, and school events like Parent Café. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form found on the website. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next 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. PCMS will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children. This includes providing information and school reports in a language parents can understand.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is sent home with each PCMS student. It will also be posted on the PCMS website, Facebook page, and shared through our e-newsletter. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the Parent Resource Center.

2021-2022 District Goals

All students demonstrate growth in learning measured by Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment, Lexile improvement, and Georgia Milestones percentage increase of three percentage points in all assessed content areas.

2021-2022 PCMS Goals

During the 21-22 school year, attain a school-wide average of 45% of students meeting or exceeding average Reading RIT scores as measured by the MAP growth assessment.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, PCMS 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.

The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents at the beginning of the year and during parent-teacher conferences. It is kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Engagement and input from parents and family members are an essential component of the District and School Improvement Plans that are developed each year. All parents are invited to attend family engagement and feedback opportunities described in this section to share their ideas and suggestions to help the district, schools, and students reach our student academic achievement goals. All events and activities will be shared via the school's website and Facebook page, flyers sent home, e-newsletter, local newspaper, and the school's marquee.

Annual Title I Meeting – Fall 2021

Learn about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Date, time, and viewing platform will be shared via flyers, PCMS website and Facebook page.

Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – Oct 8th, 2021 & March 14th, 2022

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

Annual Parent Survey- February/March 2022

Surveys will be shared with parents on the PCMS website and Facebook page as well as at parent events. Hardcopies will also be available.

Spring Title I Input Meeting- Spring 2022

All parents are welcome to hear the latest updates from PCMS as well as review and provide input into the district Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP) for the following school year. Notices regarding this meeting will be sent home with students, shared on the PCMS website and Facebook page, and published in the local newspaper. Date, time, and platform will also be shared later.

School Improvement Forum- Spring 2022

A forum for parents and family members to discuss with the principal and staff the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget. Date, time, and platform will be shared later.

Parent input on family engagement may also be provided through the annual parent survey. The survey will contain questions related to family engagement as well as a comment section for parent suggestions and comments. Feedback can also be submitted via the online form on the website or by contacting Delilah Carr at (478)783-7294 or dcarr@pulaski.k12.ga.us



Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Contact Delilah Carr at (478)783-7380 or dcarr@pulaski.k12.ga.us to schedule a time to stop by.

Parent and Family Engagement

PCMS believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and 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 to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan and Section 1116 of the ESSA.

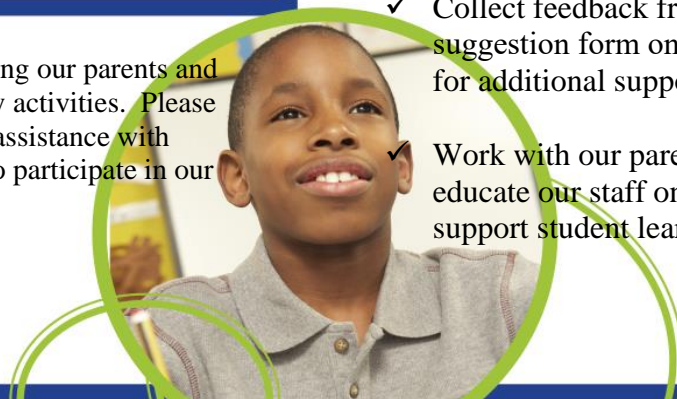
PCMS is committed to helping our parents and families participate in family activities. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation to participate in our programs.

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PCMS is Branching Out!

PCMS will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that information related to schoolwide parent programs, meetings, and activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school e-newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide trainings for staff 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.
- ✓ Partner with Pulaski County Head Start, Pulaski County Family Connection, APEX Mental Health, and other programs (as applicable) to provide families with the resources and tools needed to be successful.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through the PCMS website and Facebook page, e-newsletter, PCMS marquee, and flyers.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events 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.
- ✓ 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.



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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) _____

