

**PARENT & FAMILY
ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

North Columbus Elementary School

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District Goals

The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses in Tier 1 instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

School's Smart Goals

Goal 1- School Climate Goal:

By May 2018, 100% of the staff will be trained in relationship-building strategies with 85% implementing them effectively.

Goal 2- Instructional Goal:

By May 2018, 100% of the staff will be trained in differentiation strategies with 85% implementing them effectively.

WHAT IS TITLE I?

North Columbus Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

What is it?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes how North Columbus Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. North Columbus Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish a partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

How is it developed?

North Columbus Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. North Columbus Elementary also distributes a Title I Survey to request parents' suggestions on the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

Who is it for?

All parents at North Columbus Elementary are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. North Columbus Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be sent home with each student and is also available in the Parent Resource room and on the school's website.

Parent & Family Engagement Activities

Smart Goal Workshop (August 2017)

Learn about the school's Smart Goals that are included in the School Improvement Plan.

Title 1 Annual Parent Meeting (October 2017)

Learn about our Title I program including: Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and other parent involvement opportunities.

Georgia Milestones Assessment (January 2018)

Learn about state testing which measures how well students learn the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards while gaining knowledge on improving test scores.

Academic Parent Workshop (February 2018)

Learn about additional opportunities to help with student achievement.

Moving on UP! (May 2018)

Learn important information about elementary school students transitioning to middle school.

How does your school support Parent and Family Engagement?

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are posted on the school's website, Connect-Ed messages, flyers, and posted on school's marquee.
- Conduct staff development on parent and family engagement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- Share information on the school's website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessments.
- Share information on how parents can monitor their child's academic progress.
- Provide materials at parent/teacher conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Room/Area to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Survey parents to provide workshops and trainings that meet the needs of the parents and support parent engagement at the school.
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parent and family engagement policy and activities.

****For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, parent and family engagement correspondence and activities will be mailed to each facility where students reside.**

