

Friendship Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success



2023-2024 School Year

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What is Title I?

Friendship 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 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 Friendship Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Friendship 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 Friendship 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?

Friendship Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual Parent and Family Engagement Input Meeting 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. 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. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail 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.

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. Friendship Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, after revision, the plan is linked in the student handbook that is available to all students digitally. As a reminder, we will send the plan to all parents via Remind in August. It will also be shared through the weekly newsletter, The Falcon Flyer. The plan will also be posted on the school website and social media. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the front office.



2023-2024 District Goals

1. 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.
2. 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

1. By the end of FY 2024, the percentage of students scoring in the 21st percentile rank or below range in kindergarten through fifth grade will decrease by 2% on the ELA MAP assessment.
2. By the end of FY 2024, the percentage of students scoring in the 21st percentile rank or below range in kindergarten through fifth grade will decrease by 2% on the Math MAP assessment.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Friendship 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 compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Community Cares event and the School Forum. The school-parent compacts also are shared parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Friendship 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.

Open House – August 3, 2023 – 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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

Falcon Literacy Night – August 29, 2023 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

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

Receive your child's initial MAP scores and begin to target focus areas for academic growth.

Internet Safety Parent Meeting – September 19, 2023 – 10:00 AM

Meet our new Media Team and catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning. Also learn about the current threats and dangers online.

Annual Title I Meeting – October 10, 2023 – 10:00 AM (At School) & 6:00 PM (Online)

We invite you to learn about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' responsibilities, as well as how school Title 1 funds are being used. Invitations will be emailed and posted in the school newsletter, social media, and sent via REMIND.

Math Carnival Game Night – January 30, 2024 – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Learn how to make math fun at home.

Testing Parent Meeting – March 26, 2024 – 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Understand what you can expect from the Georgia Milestones, and how you can best prepare your student.

Title I Parent & Family Engagement Input Meeting- April 23, 2024 – 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Develop and Review the Consolidated Needs Assessment, schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget. Parents, families and stakeholders give input to the SIP, CNA, School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and family engagement budget.

Parent and Teacher Conferences- ongoing throughout the year

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



Parent and Family Engagement

Friendship Elementary 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 and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Friendship 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 childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Friendship Elementary is Branching Out!

Friendship 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 included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide quarterly trainings for teachers via Canvas Modules to train personnel about strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase parent's involvement.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, 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 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ 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 Partners in Education 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, by providing 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

Friendship 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

Friendship 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 School Community Team, please contact the principal at (770) 932-1223 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



School Community Team

- ☐ Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- ☐ Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community Team.
- ☐ 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 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) _____

