# P.L. DUNBAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2025 - 2026



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## What is Title I?

P. L. Dunbar Elementary School 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 P. L. Dunbar Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Dunbar values the contributions and engagement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that P. L. Dunbar Elementary School will support parent 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 developed?

P. L. Dunbar Elementary School invited all parents to attend our School Wide Planning and Budget meeting to review and revise this parental engagement plan, our school-parent compact and the parental and 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 Web site 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 parental and family engagement. Parents 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. P. L. Dunbar Elementary School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

## Where is it available?

The plan is posted to the school Website, emailed to all parents, and distributed at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy in the Parent Resource Center.

## **Academic Achievement Goals**

**APS Mission:** Through a caring culture of equity, trust, and collaboration, every student will graduate ready for college, career, and life.

**APS Vision:** A high-performing school district where students love to learn, educators inspire, families engage, and the community trusts the system.

#### P. L. Dunbar Elementary School Goals

Goals extracted from our school-wide plan are highlighted below. By the end of the 2026 school year, we will: Literacy CIP Goal:

By May 2026, we will increase the % of students in grades 3-5, scoring proficient or above in reading by 5% from 28% to 33%, and decrease the percentage of students scoring beginning by 5% from 59% to 54%.

Math CIP Goal:

By May 2026, we will increase the % of students in grades 3-5, scoring proficient or above in math by 5% from 37% to 42% and decrease the percentage of students scoring beginning by 5% from 57% to 52%.

Student Support Team CIP Goal:

By May 2026, we will increase the % of Average Daily Attendance from 68% to 73%.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, P. L. Dunbar Elementary School and our families will develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to ensure that our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts are reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School-wide Planning meeting and in school forums. Parents and teachers work diligently to create compacts. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family.

#### "Game On"

P. L. Dunbar Elementary School will host several events to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Our regularly scheduled events are listed below, and future events added to our schedule will be posted on the school website and announced through flyers, emails, Class Dojo, and Robo Calls.

### 2025-2026 Calendar of Events

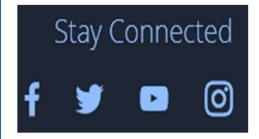
#### **Fall Semester**

Open House/Infinite Campus/Title I Meeting
Curriculum Night
Game On with Grandparents (Lunch)
Parent Teacher Conferences
Grade Level Meeting
Literacy Night

## **Spring Semester**

Title I Parent & Family Input Meeting
Sip and Paint
Math Night
Georgia Milestones Test Prep
Summer Academic Program.

Connect digitally with Dunbar Elementary School on all social media platforms to receive updates on family engagement events!



https://x.com/APSDunbarES

https://www.m.youtube.com/@dunbarelementary1672 https://www.instagram.com/aps\_dunbares

## **Parent Center Information**

P. L. Dunbar Elementary School is committed to helping our families access resources and attend the parent engagement activities listed in this plan. Parent Center is open and fully equipped with valuable academic materials and resources for families.

## **Parent Center Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 1:30 pm April Hadley 404-802-7961 <u>ahadley@atlanta.k12.ga.us</u>

# Parent and Family Engagement

- P. L. Dunbar Elementary School believes that parent engagement means the participation of parents in two-way communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:
- Parents play a role in assisting in their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.
- Parents are full partners with the school and are included 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.

# P. L. Dunar Elementary School is Branching Out

We will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

We will:

- Support the district and school's improvement goals.
- Ensure that all parents are invited to the annual Title I meeting at a convenient time for them, so that we may explain the programs and activities provided through Title I, Federal guidelines, and to understand the role of all parents in the education of their children.
- Make the Parent Center and parent resources available to parents.
- Communicate with Parents in various ways.
- Welcome volunteers to assist in our school.
- Ensure parents are actively involved and have a voice is school decisions.
- Organize teacher-led family workshops with hands-on activities that build both parent and student capacity
- Provide information to parents on Atlanta Public Schools Homework Hotline.

# **Parent Engagement Standards**

- P. L. Dunbar Elementary School 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**

P. L. Dunbar Elementary School invites **ALL** parents to to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Go TEAM, Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), and/or participate in Title I Academic Workshops, or if you would like to submit their ideas or suggestions, please contact the Project Manager or complete the interest form and leave it in the Parent Center Main Office mailbox.

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Family Engagement Committees: GO Team & PAC
<ul> <li>Yes, I am excited about joining the PTA</li> <li>Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the PTA</li> <li>Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the GO Team</li> <li>Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings <i>Please print</i></li> <li>Name:</li></ul>
Child's Name and Grade:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
Best time to contact me:
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.
Please provide your contact information if you would like someone to contact you.
Name:
Telephone Number
Email Address: