

Paul Lawrence Dunbar Elementary School

2022- 2023 Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success



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What is Title I?

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 challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This plan describes how Dunbar Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement in order to support student learning. The staff and parents of Dunbar Elementary School are committed to providing a quality education for all of our students. In order to achieve this goal, the entire school community teachers realize that a strong partnership between school and home is essential. We strongly encourage our parents and community to actively participate in the education of our Dunbar scholars.

How is it revised?

Dunbar Elementary School welcomes parent feedback at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. The plan is posted on our school website and other social media sites for parents to view throughout the year and is available in our front Parent Center. We will also provide a survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent and family engagement. Parents can also give feedback during our end-of-the-year Spring Meeting to revise the plan for the upcoming school year. The plan is finalized and approved by members of the Leadership Team.

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. Dunbar Elementary School 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, the parent and family engagement plan is sent home with all students. The plan is posted on the school website and other social media sites. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

Goals for Academic Success

APS Mission: Through a caring culture of equity, trust, 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 trust the system.

Dunbar Elementary School Goals

By the end of the 2021-2022 school year we will:

1. Increase the number of 3rd-5th graders scoring meeting/exceeding on the state **social studies** test from 48% to 50%.
2. Increase the number of 3rd-5th graders scoring meeting/exceeding on the state **Science** test from 46% to 50%.
3. Increase the number of students scoring meeting and exceeding on the **math** state test from 59%-65%; and
4. Increase the number of the 3rd-5th grade students scoring meeting and exceeding on the **reading /ELA** state test from 75%-80%.

School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact (SPC) is a written agreement between the Dunbar Elementary community and parents. The SPC provides an opportunity to create new partnerships between the school, teachers and families. It explains what families and schools can do to help children reach high academic standards of excellence. This written agreement indicates how all stakeholders of our school community agree to share in the effort to raise student academic achievement.

Let's Get Together!

Dunbar Elementary 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.

Fall Semester: August - December

Annual Title I Meeting
Parent Open House
Grandparents Day Celebration
Bring your Parent to School Day
National Family Engagement Month Thanks giving Luncheon
Winter Holiday Program

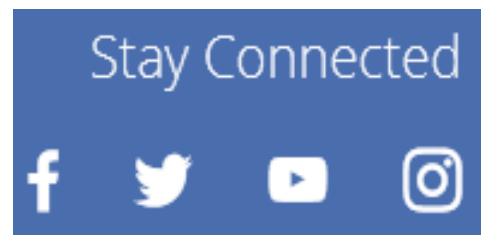
Spring Semester: January- May

Black History Program
Pre-K Transition Workshop
5th grade Transition workshop
Annual Title I Parent Input Meeting

Recurring Events: Fall & Spring Semesters

Effective Parent Engagement Workshops

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



<https://www.facebook.com/JLInvictus/>

<https://twitter.com/JLewisInvictus>

<https://www.instagram.com/apsjlinvictus/>

Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Dunbar 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

Parent and Family Engagement

At Dunbar Elementary, parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, 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.

Dunbar Elementary is Branching Out!

Dunbar Elementary 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:

- Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
- Provide necessary training and workshops to prepare parents with the necessary information about assessments and testing. For example: Math & Literacy Curriculum Nights and Georgia Milestones Bootcamp.
- Train parents to enhance the engagement of the other parents and families.
- In order to maximize parent and family engagement, Dunbar arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with the participating children and parents who are unable to attend conferences at school.
- Provide families with information in a parent friendly language and translate materials in a language that parents understand.
- Establish a school-wide to provide advice on all matters related to parent and family engagement in Title I, Part A programs.
- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities
- We offer a strong transitional program with Sheltering Arms to prepare our incoming kindergarten students and families on what to expect. (Kindergarten Round-Up activities Spring).

Parent Engagement Support Committee

Dunbar Elementary invites **ALL** parents to join the Title I Parent Engagement Support Committee to share ideas and ways to engage other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website.

If you would like to learn more about the Parent Engagement Support Committee please contact the Dunbar Elementary School Parent Resource Center.

Parent Center Information

Dunbar Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call or email the Family and Community Engagement Specialist if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Parent Center Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am -11:30 am

Michelle Walker

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Email: michelle.walker@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Parent Engagement Support Committee

- Yes, I am excited about joining the PESC.
- Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the PESC.
- Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Email 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 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:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone Number: (optional) _____

