

Deerwood Academy An International

Baccalaureate Program Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2020-2021



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What is Title I?

Deerwood Academy 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 plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This plan describes how Deerwood Academy will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. The staff and parents of Deerwood Academy are committed to providing a quality education for all our students. To achieve this goal,

the teachers and staff at Deerwood Academy realize that a strong partnership between the school and home is essential. We encourage our parents and community to actively participate in the education of Deerwood Academy students.

How is it developed? Deerwood Academy 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 for parents to view throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of Title I Parent Engagement funds. Parents can also give feedback during our end of the year meeting to revise the plan for the upcoming 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. Deerwood Academy provides complete opportunity for participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available? In the beginning of the school year, the plan is sent home with all students. The plan is posted on the Deerwood Academy website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center or the Information Station in the main office of the school.

Distribution of Title I Documents- Title I documents (School –Parent Compact and Parent & Family Engagement Plan) are distributed at every parent workshop/activity. Documents located in the main office or retrieved by visiting the academic resource center.

2020-2021 District Academic Goal

Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

2020-2021 Deerwood Academic Goals **Priority #1**

By the end of the 2021 academic year, STAR Reading scale score of students in grades 1-5 will increase by 10% from 325 to 357.

Priority #2

By the end of the 2021 academic year, STAR Math scale score of students in grades 1-5 will increase by 10% from 540 to 594.

School-Parent Compacts

The School-Parent Compact (SPC) is a written agreement between the school 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!

Deerwood will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

- Annual Title I Meeting- October 27, 2020 @5:30pm
- Distribution of the School Parent Compact & Parental Involvement Policy- October 2020
- Parent Connect- Daily at various times
- Literacy Night-TBD
- Math Night-TBD
- Parent Academy – Every 3rd Tuesday @ 5:30pm
- Parent Feedback Meeting Spring 2021
- School-wide Planning Meeting, School Parent Compact & Parental Involvement Policy Review Meeting- Spring 2021

School Community Team

All Events will be posted on the school's website, and announced on Class Dojo,

flyers, email, text, and voice messenger.

Deerwood Academy invites ALL parents to join the Title I Parent Engagement 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 online. If you would like to learn more about the Title I Parent Engagement Committee, please complete the interest form and email it to Dr. Pruitt @ Quentina.Pruitt@atlanta.k12.ga.us

Parental Involvement

Deerwood believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring;

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education 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 parental involvement plan.

Please check the school's webpage, marquee, and parent center for additional academic opportunities for parents
Parent Involvement Standards

Deerwood 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. The standards are:

- *Welcoming All Families
- *Communicating Effectively
- *Supporting Student Success
- *Speaking Up for Every Child
- *Sharing Power
- *Collaborating with Community

School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

Deerwood will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school 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 to the school's website and included in the school newsletters for all parents.
- ✓ Invite parents, community partners, school personnel and business partners in multiple ways (flyer, marquee announcements, robo calls etc.) the opportunity to make suggestions, review and revise in the development of the parental involvement plan a school-parent compact annually
- ✓ Conduct an annual Title I meeting, at a convenient time and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend, to inform them about the schools' Title I program, the nature of the program, the parents' requirements and the school parental involvement policy, the school-wide plan and the school-parent compact and welcome parents to make suggestions and provide feedback/input.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on parental involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities. We will use phone messages, social media and flyers to communicate with our families.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials to parents at conferences, meetings and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff/parents on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary resources for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to assist their child's academic improvement (content standards, academic achievement, academic assessments, alternate assessments, STAR, iReady, tutorial services and progress reports).
- ✓ Involve stakeholders in the development/review of Title I documents that support academic success for students.
- ✓ Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities by conducting quarterly surveys and responding to feedback.

Parental Involvement Committee or Your Parent Group Name

If you are interested in joining Deerwood Academy's Title I Parent Engagement Committee, please contact the Parent Resource Center

