

Fred Armon Toomer Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success

2018-2019



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What is Title I?

Fred Armon Toomer Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Title I is:

- A federally funded program which provides services to schools based on student economic needs
- Designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students
- All Title I schools must jointly develop a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP).



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how FATE will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. FATE values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Fred Armon Toomer Elementary will support family engagement and how families can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it developed?

Fred Armon Toomer Elementary invites all families to attend our school-wide planning and budget meeting to review and revise the parent and family engagement plan, our school-family compact and the family engagement budget. Additionally, family input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan will be posted on our school website for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All family feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online to ask families for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Families 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 program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Fred Armon Toomer Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities and families of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is posted in the Family Resource Center, on the school website, and distributed at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also retrieve a copy from the main office.



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Goals

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

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Fred Armon Toomer Goals

- Increase the percentage of students scoring "developing" and "above" by five percentage points on the ELA Georgia Milestones by May 2019.
- Increase attendance to 96%.

School-Family Compacts

As part of this plan, Fred Armon Toomer Elementary and our families will develop a school-family compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to make sure all 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. A copy of the School-Family Compact brochure is distributed to every family to use during the year. Please sign and return the cover sheet to Toomer Elementary Title I Contact,

Ms. Olive.

Let's Get Together!

Fred Armon Toomer Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family involvement to support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Open House - July 30, 2018

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

Curriculum Night- August 23, 2018

General information with Principal Adamo in cafeteria, then time to meet with your individual teachers.

Annual Title I Meeting - September 12, 2018, PTA meeting at 6:00 pm and September 21, 2018 at 8:15 am

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' right to know. Invitations will be sent home and posted on the website.

FATE Family Technology Night - September 26, 2018

Join us in the Fred A. Toomer cafeteria on Wednesday, September 26 from 6:00-7:00 to learn, play and explore. All ages are welcome, and families are encouraged to attend together. Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

International Baccalaureate Night - October 17, 2018 @ 6:00 pm

Come learn about our Signature Program and what it means to be an International Baccalaureate World School.

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Community Coffee - Monthly TBA 8:15 am.

Principal Adamo will discuss important school topics monthly.

Go Team Meeting-Monthly-Dates TBA

Learn helpful information about how our school's governing team can support parents throughout the school year.

Title I School-Wide Planning and Budget Meeting - Spring 2018

Parents participate in discussions with the principal and staff regarding the school-wide plan, parental involvement budget and revisions of the parental involvement policy and school-parent compacts.

Future Events will be posted on the school's website, Friends of Fred A. Toomer Facebook page, and announced through take home flyers, email, remind 101, and voice messenger.



Family Involvement

Fred Armon Toomer School believes that family involvement means the participation of families in regular two-way, communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring that:

- Families play a role in assisting their child's learning
- Families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home
- Families 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.
- Other activities as described in this plan are carried out

FATE is committed to helping our families attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Ms. Olive, School Business Manager

FATE is Reaching 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:

1. Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published and posted on the school Web site for all parents.
2. Provide monthly meetings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
3. Share information to better help parents understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
4. Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
5. Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement
6. 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
7. Use our Partners in Education and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
8. Collect feedback from parents at all events through parent surveys on the school Website and at all meetings in order to respond to parents' requests.

Family Involvement Standards

FATE and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards model for Family-School Partnerships through our Community Council as we engage 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 the Community

Family Engagement Committee

Fred Armon Toomer School invites ALL families to join the Title I Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents/guardians 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 FATE Title I Family Engagement Committee please contact Title I Parent Liaison, Ms. Olive or complete the form and leave it in the main office.

FATE Family Engagement Committee

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

Please print...

Name: _____
Child's Name and Grade: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Best time to contact me: _____

Please 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 or email the Title I Contact, Ms. Olive at tolive@atlanta.k12.ga.us. Please provide your name and number if you want someone to contact you.

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)