School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Peach County High School
School Year 2026 - 2027
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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Peach County High School** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The **Peach County High School** agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the school wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the school parent and family engagement policy periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the parent and family engagement policy available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the

ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parent and Family Engagement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

(A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
(B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
(C) 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
(D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Peach County High School will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Annual Title I Meeting will be held at the end of August at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook. ALL Parents are invited to watch as the Title I plan is presented, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, Title I Budget and the 1% Parent and Family Engagement Budget. Invitations will be sent via email, ParentSquare system, flyers placed on the counter in the front office of the school and displayed in the windows, flyers will also be on Facebook and on the Monthly Calendar that are available in the front office for Parents.

Parents will have the chance to help make updates on what revisions need to be made to the 1% set aside budget, School-Parent Compacts, and the Family Engagement Policy in February 2027. Parent Feedback Meetings will be on Google Forms, in PCHS at two different times and anytime in the Family Resource Room. Teachers will meet in February 2027 during planning. The feedback received before May 1, 2027 will be used

to revise this Family Engagement Policy, the 1% set aside budget and the school-parent compact for the 2027-2028 school year.
The Family Engagement Policy will be sent via ParentSquare to all parents that have given correct contact information to PCHS. It is placed on the PCHS website and placed in the front office, family resource center and the media center.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Peach County School will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the school parent and family engagement policy, the school wide plan, and the school-parent compact.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Peach County High School will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, childcare or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.

- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- *PCHS provides a place in the PCHS Learning Commons for younger children to play when requested. We will load a video for children or livestream onto the internet for those parents that cannot come to parent meetings. We will also hold tours and transition meetings for FVMS and BMS to help their student's transition to high school.*
- *The Title I School Compact, Family Engagement Policy and flyers for Parent Meetings are translated using Google translate, Canva and the District Translator. The School Compact and Family Engagements Policy are currently in English, Spanish, Gujarati and Haitian Creole and can be translated when needed.*

- *Information will be delivered via the PCHS Title 1 website, Facebook, emailing parents, ParentSquare messages, placing flyers in the front office, and sending out a monthly calendar for parents. Google Classroom is used by many of our teachers and information is given to students during the first week of class. Google Classroom may also be used by parents.*
- *The Family Engagement Policy will be sent via ParentSquare to all parents that have given their correct information to PCHS. It is placed on the PCHS website, placed in the front office, family resource center, family engagement webpage and the media center.*

- *Parent Nights, Curriculum Based Nights, Parent meetings, Parent/Teacher conferences, IEP, 504, and RTI meetings will be provided for parents to attend and invitations/flyers will be sent to the parent's primary contact information.*

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Peach County High School will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Parent Feedback Meetings in February, any parent meeting in February, Google forms in February, Teachers feedback meetings and student feedback meetings. The school-compacts are shared with parents when they are sent home during the first few weeks of the school year, via ParentSquare, placed on the PCHS website and placed on the Family Engagement Website. The signature sheets are kept in the Family Resource Room, if the teacher or parent needs a copy. There are also copies of the compact available on the literature table in the front office lobby.

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, **Peach County High School** will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

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COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Peach County High School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

8th Grade Transition Night will be held in February or March. Parents and students will receive information about the CTAE Programs and Fine Arts Programs at the high school. Peach County High School will co-host and coordinate these meetings with BMS and FVMS, school counselors, parent coordinators, PCHS school counselors, and Head of the CTAE Program.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Peach County High School will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and
- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
    - The challenging State's academic standards
    - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
    - The requirements of Title I, Part A
    - How to monitor their child's progress
    - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

August 2026 Parent Portal Workshop Parent Portal Account Set-up and How to Use Parent Portal. Parents will learn more about Parent Portal and the App.

September 2026 Math and Science Parent Night – Parents are invited to learn ways to help their child at home with Math and Science. They will also learn about other Technology related areas that might help at home.

October 2026 District Cyber safety

October 2026 Trojan Success with the Counselors, this will give parents an opportunity to ask questions about high school

October 2026 "Senior Night" FAFSA and Senior Parent and Student Meeting, local colleges will be invited to set up information

October 2026 ELA American Literature and Literacy Parent Meeting

October 2026 History Night

January 2027 ESOL Parent Meeting

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March 2027 History Parent Night

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

Peach County High School will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school by:

Two times a year during teacher planning Faculty Training for Teachers will be held by the Family Engagement Coordinator. The Family Engagement Coordinator will give Faculty training on effective ways to communicate with parents and family members. The Family Engagement Coordinator will attend the Family Engagement State Training Conference when available.

Peach County High School will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

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DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

POLICY COMPONENTS

	Involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training.
√	Provide necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training.
	Pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parent and family engagement activities, including transportation and childcare costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.
√	Train parents to enhance the engagement of other parents.
√	To maximize parent and family engagement and participation in their child's education, arrange school meetings at a variety of times or conduct in-home conferences with teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children and parents who are unable to attend conferences at school.
	Adopt and implement model approaches to improving parent and family engagement
	Establish a districtwide parent advisory council 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 parent and family engagement activities.

- Peach County Family Connection provides collaborative informative meetings and emails with community leaders and various organizations to promote the participation in events that support Peach County
- The following businesses provide many needed items, large donations and services. Super Lawn Trucks, Fort Valley Utility Commission, Freshway Market, On the Mark, Bank of America, Robins Financial Credit Union, Pure Flavor, Church in the Orchard, Georgia Office of Highway Safety, Paul Capista State Farm, SunMark Bank, U-Save-It Pharmacy, Edwards-Small Funeral Home and Big Brothers Big Sisters.