

Fair Oak

Elementary School

*Parent Involvement Policy and Plan
for Shared Student Success
2017–2018 School Year*

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What is Title I?

Fair Oak Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in 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 family involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written family involvement policy.

School Parental Involvement Plan

What is it? This is a plan that describes how Fair Oaks Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Fair Oaks Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that our 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? Fair Oaks Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding this Parent Involvement Plan (PIP), (as well as the Teacher-Parent-Student Compact (Compact), and the School Improvement Plan (SIP)). All parent feedback will be considered when revising aforementioned documents for the following year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and in paper copy to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents can also give feedback during our planning meetings.

Who is it for? Fair Oaks Elementary operates a school-wide Title I program. All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Fair Oaks Elementary 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 School Parental Involvement Plan will be posted on the school website at www.cobbk12.org/FairOaks. Paper copies is available in the office under Title I Program information binder, and in the Parent Resource Center for parents to read when they visit the school.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Fair Oak Elementary believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and 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.

School and Community Partnership

- Our school builds ties between home and school by educating teachers, pupil services personnel, administration, and other staff by gathering input from parents on how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal educational partners.
- Our school partners with the local community. Some of our partners are Security Exchange Bank, RBC Bank, Mount Bethel Christian School, West Exterminator, Dominos Pizza, DaVinci's Pizza, and Childers Kline Properties. Our partners support our school by providing information about opportunities for community discounts and community events.

Fair Oaks Elementary is Reaching Out!

Fair Oaks Elementary School is a School Wide Title I Program. The measurable goals/benchmarks we have established to address, the needs are:

Goal #1: Increase the number of students meeting and exceeding standards in writing. Currently percentages of students meet/exceed standards on the Georgia Milestone Assessment are below: Our goal will be to increase the level of performance on the 2016-17 Georgia Milestone Assessment.

- Extended Writing Task (ideas): 14%

- Extended Writing Task (conventions): 11%

- Narrative Writing Response: 19%

Goal #2: Increase the percentage of students meeting standards in reading. Currently 48% meet/exceed standard on the reading portion of the Georgia Milestone Assessment. Our goal will be to increase the level of performance on the 2016-17 Georgia Milestone Assessment.

Goal #3: Increase the percentage of students meeting and exceeding standards in English Language Arts. Currently 18% meet/exceed standards on the English Language Arts portion of the Georgia Milestone Assessment. Our goal will be to increase this level of performance on the 2016-17 Georgia Milestone Assessment.

Goal #4 Increase the number of students meeting and exceeding standards in math. Currently 37% meet /exceed standards on the Georgia Milestone Assessment. Our goal will be to increase this level of performance on the 2016-17 Georgia Milestone Assessment.

Goal #5: Increase the number of students meeting and exceeding standards in science and social studies. Currently 16% meet /exceed standards on the Georgia Milestone Assessment. Our goal will be to exceed this level of performance on the 2016-17 Georgia Milestone Assessment.

Cobb County District Goals 2016-2017

All schools will vary learning experiences to increase success in college and career path, they will differentiate resources for students based on needs, they will develop stakeholder involvement to promote student success and recruit, hire, support and retain employees for the highest levels of excellence.

Fair Oaks Elementary Title I School Wide Program has jointly developed this policy and compact with our parents to describe how we will support the important role of parents in the education of their children. In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that Facility can serve as a proxy for the parent (s). At Fair Oaks Elementary, we build capacity for parent/community involvement by implementing the six types of involvement: Parenting, Communications, Parent Volunteering, Learning at Home, Decision-making and Governance, and Collaboration and Exchanges in the Community. This policy will be distributed to parents during the Parents Conference Week October 17 to 21 2016, and through Tuesday Folders. Additional copies of the policy will be made available to all new parents and community through the Parent Resource Center.

School staff available for meeting, and appointment may be arranged by contacting Ms. Diana Rossie, Parent Facilitator at 678-594-8080

TEACHERS—STUDENTS-PARENT COMPACTS

As part of this plan, Fair Oaks Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The parent compact was developed jointly September 22, 2016. The compact will be distributed during the Parents Conference Week (October 17 to 21, 2016) and through Tuesday Folders. Extra copies of the school-parent compacts can be obtained from Diana Rossie, Parent Facilitator.

Some of Our Yearly Parent Involvement Programs and Activities

Fair Oaks Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community, in order to improve student academic achievement. Meeting and activities will be held a different times to meet all of the scheduling needs of our families. All parents will receive notification and invitation to the events. All communication will be provided in an understandable language, and translate in Spanish. A calendar of planned events will also be updated, shared, and posted in the Parent Resource Center. Activities and Topics based the needs identified by our parents surveys, will include:

School Open House Kindergarten to 2nd Grade. 8/23/16 . 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Annual Title I Parent Information Meeting. 8/25/16.5:00 -6:00 p.m.

School Open House 3rd to 5th Grades. 8/25/16. 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Focus Group Title I School Wide Plan, Parent Involvement Policy, and Compact Parent Input Meeting 2017-2018. 9/22/16 8:00 a.m.

Math workshop 10/25/16. 8:00 a.m.

Literacy Night. 10/27/16. 7:00 p.m.

STE(A)M Night!!! Math, Science, and Art. 03/16/17

Transition Tour, Pre-K to Kindergarten to Fair Oaks.

Title I Parent Survey. March, 2017



Title I, Section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requires that each local educational agency (LEA) receiving Title I, Part A funds develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to parents of participating children a written parental involvement plan/policy. Based on that requirement, and the needs identified by our parents and school staff surveys, we will provide reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. The following strategies were outlined:

I. The Fair Oaks Elementary School will provide training to educate the teachers, pupil services personnel, principal, and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school, by providing a training for the entire staff on the six standards for parental engagement.

II. An annual Title I information session and other flexible scheduled meetings will be held through out the school year. These meetings will cover the following information:

- a) Title I Programs
- b) Parent's right to know about Teacher and Paraprofessional qualifications
- c) Parent Information Workshops & Parent volunteering
- d) School policies and procedures
- e) School curriculum
- f) Student assessments
- g) Local and State assessments
- h) Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (K12)
- i) State content standards
- j) Transitioning from Pre-K Chelsey's Garden Child Dev. Ctr. and Sheltering Arms to Fair Oaks Elementary Kindergarten. Fair Oaks Elementary to Griffin Middle School.

III. Parents will receive information from our school in their child's home language in a timely manner. Fair Oaks Elementary uses the following communication methods to provide parents with time information:

- a) Monthly School Newsletter
- b) Monthly Grade Level Newsletters
- c) School Website
- d) Tuesday folder
- e) Agendas(3 to 5 grade)
- f) E-mails, phone calls, and letters
- g) Parent teacher conferences (October and by request)
- h) PTA Meetings

IV. Fair Oaks Elementary will build our parents' capacity for strong parental involvement. In order to ensure effective involvement, we encourage all families to be education partners in their children's school success by:

- a) Inviting parents to attend all meetings by giving them the Fair Oaks Elementary School Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- b) inviting parents to serve on committees such as the School Council, School Improvement Plan Committee, Parent Policy/Compact Action Planning Committee, and the PTA
- c) Providing meetings held during the school day and outside school hours. These dates and times are listed in the Fair Oaks Elementary Parent Involvement Activities Plan.
- d) Visit our Parent Resource Center offers resources for parents to help their children learn and achieve in school, including free workshops, books such as Brainchild—a test preparation tool designed for students that can be loaned to parents, computer usage, community information, materials check-out (books, magazines, DVD's, VHS, Audio CD's, educative games for all elementary grades, Leap Frog Laptop, maps, world sphere, and more resources), and training on family involvement in education. It is our continuing goals to establish and maintain resources that strengthen the partnership between parents and school. We have a play area for parents with small children. We use the center as a meeting place for parents. Open Daily 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Room 4A.
- e) Providing transitioning activities such as Transition tour Pre-K to Kinder, Pre-K Kinder Camps, The Little School (YMCA), and Transition Meeting Elementary to Middle School.
- f) Providing reasonable support such as English class for parents, Supporting School Success Workshops, childcare, meetings at different location (Griffin Middle School, Fair Oaks United Methodist Church).

V. Parents will be provided information on school performance and student's individual assessments:

- a) Information on school performance is sent home in the monthly school newsletter. Additional copies are available in the Parent Resource Center.
- b) The results of Georgia Milestones Assessment, COGAT, and ITBS are sent home to parents following parent conferences.
- c) Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held to further assist parents and to provide an opportunity to give input on how to work with their children.

VI. Parents and community members will be given timely responses to their concerns and suggestions.

- a) All concerns and suggestions submitted in writing or verbally are responded to in a timely manner. Concerns and suggestions regarding the School wide Plan will be submitted to the Title I Office. Information from parent surveys has resulted in the development of the Fair Oaks Elementary School Parent Activities Plan.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT STANDARDS

Fair Oak Elementary and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging families, 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 Resource Center

Location: Room 4A

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.
Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

PARENT LIGHTHOUSE TEAM

Fair Oak Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Lighthouse Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents in our 7 Habits program. We would love to build partnerships with our school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Lighthouse Team, please contact the principal at 678-594-8080 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

Fair Oaks Parent Lighthouse Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Lighthouse Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more joining the Parent Lighthouse Team
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Name: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

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 schools goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the school office for Diana Rossie. Parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at all activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and by email to Diana Rossie, Parent Facilitator at diana.rossie@cobbk12.org.

Name: (optional) _____

Suggestions: _____

