

Treutlen Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2017–2018 School Year

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What is Title I?

Treutlen Elementary 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 policy.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Treutlen Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Treutlen Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Treutlen Elementary will support family 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 revised?

Treutlen Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Improvement stakeholder meeting on 7/31/17 to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year via email, phone call, or mail. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online as well as at our annual Lunch and Learn to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members 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, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Treutlen Elementary 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 plan is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. As a reminder, we will send a Remind 101 message reminding parents to look over the plan and provide feedback if they haven't already done so. The plan will also be posted on the school website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center or request a copy from the school secretary.

2017–18 District Goals

By the end of 2018, increase student achievement in ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies by 3% at levels 3 and 4 (Proficient and Distinguished) on the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

2017–18 School Goals

By the end of the 2017-2018 School Year, students scoring Proficient or above on the ELA portion of the Milestones will increase by 3%.

The focus for reading is:

K–1: Phonics & Sight Words

K–5: Vocabulary development, Writing (age-appropriate), and Comprehension

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Treutlen 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 compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the

March Lunch and Learn. The

School-Parent compact is located in the handbook, the parent resource center, as well as on the school website if parents need another copy.

Let's Get Together!

Treutlen Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family members will be at different times to accommodate parent's different schedules.

Open House – August 2, 2017

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

Transportation Talk – August 2, 2017

Learn student responsibilities as a bus rider and the consequences for not following bus rules.

Annual Title I Meeting – September 7, 2017

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Parents will be notified via letter, the school marquis, as well as on the school website.

Grits with Grandparents – September 8, 2017

Welcome grandparents to eat breakfast as well as to meet their grandchild's teacher.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – September 15, 2017 and February 16, 2018

Schedule a conference from 1:00-3:00 PM to receive academic and behavioral updates on your child.

Parent Involvement Night – October 2, 2017

Discuss curriculum updates, provide strategies and resources to parents to help their child at home with reading, writing, and math skills, discuss upcoming events, as well as provide ways in which parents can become actively involved in their child's education. Copies of the PIP and School-Parent Compact will be available. Parents will be able to visit the Book Fair as well.

Pastries for Parents – November 3, 2017

Parents will learn the latest educational updates via slide show as they enjoy breakfast with their child.

Family Literacy Night – December 4, 2017

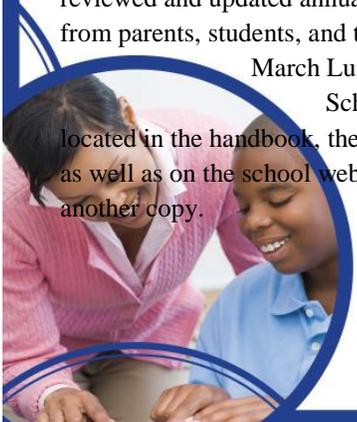
Parents and students will participate in Reading activities as well as learn about TES's Accelerated Program.

Lunch n Learn – March 2, 2018

All parents are welcome to hear the latest updates from the Treutlen County School District as well as review and provide input into the district parent and family engagement policy and the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan for the 2018-19 school year. The district will communicate information to all parents regarding this meeting on the school district website, flyers, and by telephone in advance of the meeting.

Counselor's Workshop – April 9, 2018

Treutlen County Schools' counselors will help parents gain an understanding of parenting styles and strategies to raise their child's self-esteem, motivation, achievement, and safety awareness.



Parent Resource Center

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 upon request to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Parent and Family Engagement

Treutlen Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members 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.

Treutlen Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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Treutlen Elementary is Branching Out!

Treutlen Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school in order 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 on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty and progress meetings.
- ✓ Partner with early childhood programs, middle and high schools, college and career ready resources or organizations, parent resource centers, or other programs (as applicable) to help prepare parents and their children for successful school transitioning.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input cards around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Treutlen 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

School Community Team

Treutlen Elementary invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents and family members to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents and family members can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal at (912) 529-7162. or via email at fedge@treutlen.k12.ga.us.



School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining the School Community 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 policy 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) _____

