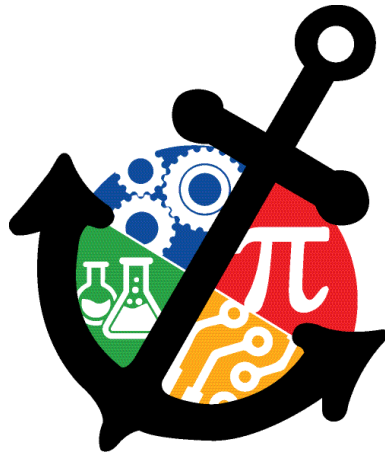


Family Engagement Policy
For
Shared Student Achievement
2023-2024

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What is Title 1?

Andrea B. Williams Elementary School is identified as a Title 1 school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015(ESSA). Title 1 is designed to support State and local school 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 engagement All Title I schools must jointly develop with all families a written family engagement policy.

Family Engagement Policy for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

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

How is it revised?

Annually, Andrea B. Williams Elementary School invited all families to attend our Family Forum meeting in the Spring to jointly review and revise the family engagement policy, as well as the School Improvement Plan, our school-family compacts and 1% family engagement budget. Additionally, family input and comments regarding this policy are welcome during the school year through an on surveys and feedback. The policy is posted on our school website for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey via communication folders and online to ask families for their suggestions on the policy and the use of funds for family engagement. Families can also give feedback during several family meetings and activities during the school year. The principal will submit any parent comments to the district via email if the school Title I School Improvement Plan is not satisfactory to the parent.

Who Is It for?

All students participating in the Title 1, Part A program and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this policy. Andrea B. Williams 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?

At the beginning of the year, the policy is included in the student handbook that is given to all students. The policy will also be posted on the school website. Families can also retrieve a copy of the policy in the Family Engagement Resource Center.

Goals for Student Success

SCCPSS District Goal

STRATEGIC GOAL 1: TO ENSURE ALL STUDENTS ARE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

- A. To increase the percentage of students who have mastered the skill sets (whole child development) necessary to be successful upon entering Kindergarten through the second grade
- B. To increase the number of students who powerfully literate, mathematically fluent, and effective problem solvers are in grades 2 through 8
- C. To increase the number of students meeting high school graduation requirements necessary to be successful as they continue their education at the post-secondary level and/or enter the workforce

Andrea B. Williams Elementary Goals

1. Andrea B. Williams Elementary will increase their preliminary CCPRI score from 68 to 75 in the Spring of 2024.
2. The number of 3rd and 5th grade students reading within the grade level Lexile band will increase from 46% in the third grade to 55% and the Georgia Milestones Assessment in the spring of 2024.
3. The number of 3rd and 5th grade students scoring in the proficient range in Mathematics on the Georgia Milestones Assessment will increase from 16% in the third grade to 25% and from 19% in the 5th grade to 27% in the spring of 2024.
4. During the 2023-2024 school year, we will continue to implement PBIS according to GADOE guidelines with fidelity to increase positive behavior.

School-Family-Student Compacts

As part of this policy, Andrea B. Williams Elementary and our families will develop a school family compact, which is an agreement that families, teachers, and students will develop that explains how families 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 families, students, and teachers during our Family Forum. In addition, feedback is collected from families during the school year. The school-family compacts are kept with each child's teachers if a family needs a copy.

Andrea B. Williams will convene an **Annual Title I** meeting to inform families of requirements of Title I and the school's participation, as well as families' right to be involved. This meeting will be held multiple times to allow family attendance.

Andrea B. Williams Elementary will provide family meetings every other month. The topics of these meetings were chosen based on the family needs assessment surveys completed at the end of the following school year and at family/parent requests.

These sessions will be offered during the morning and afternoon. Families will be notified two weeks in advance in their home language when appropriate. The meetings/workshops will address educating families about the following topics and initiatives:

- Title One Programs
- Open House
- Georgia Standards of Excellence
- Testing and Assessment (state assessments and benchmark assessments)
- Literacy workshops (reading across the content areas, i.e., fiction and nonfiction)
- Math workshops
- Grade level information (promotion to next grade level)
- Community resources available for families
- Report Card Night/Supper Conferences

Andrea B. Williams Elementary is committed to helping our families attend the family engagement activities listed in this policy. Please email or call us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation to participate in our programs. Please contact our Family Engagement Facilitator.

Family Engagement

Andrea B. Williams Elementary believes that all family engagement activities mean the participation of families in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities ensuring:

- That families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- That families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
- That families 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 policy.



A.B. Williams: The Best and Brightest!

Andrea B. Williams Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We pledge to:

- Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is posted on the school website, and included in the weekly school newsletters for all families in an understandable language.
- Share information both on the school website and a weekly newsletter for families to better understand the schools' academic standards and assessments as well as ways families can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- Communicate with all families and the school community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through callouts and flyers.
- Collect feedback from families at all events, place a suggestion box and feedback forms on the school website to respond to families' requests for additional support for family engagement activities.
- Coordinate with the parent mentor, Beacon volunteers, early learning programs, Bright from the Start, English Language Learning program, Homeless Liaison, Migrant, Neglected and Delinquent programs, college and career resources, school family resource center and other agencies as appropriate.
- Develop strategies related to Balance Literacy and Eureka math curriculums will be shared with families along with hands on resources to support learning at home. Resources will be shared via websites, newsletters, workshops, meetings, and conferences.
- Provide materials from teachers that will allow families to support student academic achievement at home using the School-Family Compacts.
- Families will be provided with opportunities to learn about Georgia Standards of Excellence and how they are assessed through Georgia Milestone Assessments (GMAS) and district benchmark assessments. Additionally, families will be provided with opportunities to learn about their child's assessment results and how to interpret those said results.
- Train all school staff including teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and school leaders will receive quarterly training with the assistance of parents/families on: the value and utility of contributions from families, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with families as equal partners, coordinating and implementing family programs that build ties between home and school.

Family Engagement Standards

Andrea B. Williams 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. The standards are:

1. Welcome All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community



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Come visit our Family Resource Center to check out books, study materials and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are also available for families to explore educational resources. **The Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:45am –4:15pm**



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