

C.H. Gullatt Elementary School

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2019 - 2020

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Parent Resource Center

The Parent Resource Center is available for you to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for you to explore Infinite Campus, educational resources and complete your Volunteer Registration.

Contact: Bianey Ortiz, Parent Liaison

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Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that describes how C.H. Gullatt Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Gullatt Elementary values the contributions and engagement 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 Gullatt 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 developed? Through the use of parent input, our school has jointly developed a written *Parent and Family Engagement Plan*. Gullatt invited all stakeholders to attend our annual Input Meeting in the spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan. Additionally, 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 next school year. We also generate an annual survey seeking parent suggestions on the plan and how funds should be used for family engagement. The survey is available online and in the Parent Resource Center. Stakeholders can also give feedback during parent meetings and other activities throughout the 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. Gullatt Elementary will provide full opportunities for participation of parents and family members with limited English, disabilities, and of migratory children.

Where is it available? The plan is distributed to all families prior to November 1, 2019, and will be posted on the school website, and available for pick up in the Parent Resource Center. Copies of the plan will also be placed in various housing communities throughout our school zone.



School–Family Compact

As part of this plan, Gullatt Elementary and our families have developed a school-family compact, which is an agreement between parents, teachers, and students that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure students master grade-level standards. The compact is reviewed and revised annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. Feedback is welcome throughout the year, as it will help us build strong, equal partnerships. The school-family compact is also shared with parents annually during parent-teacher conferences.



What Is Title I? Gullatt 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 plan.

Reservation of Funds 1% Parents and families share in decision-making regarding how our *Title I Budget* is allocated. Title I stipulates that 1% of funds are set-aside to be budgeted for parent and family engagement resources and activities.

District Goals for 2019 -2020

Ensure that all Fulton County Schools' students graduate prepared to pursue their chosen paths - whether college, career or military - and to succeed on those paths after high school by focusing on 4 top priorities over the next 5 years:

- **Student Achievement** - Prepare students with strong academic foundations and the skills needed to navigate life beyond graduation.
- **People and Culture** - Provide a welcoming environment and positive school and district culture for students, families, and employees.
- **Community Collaboration** - Engage families, community members, and civic partners.
- **Fiscal Responsibility** - Manage and protect public funds and assets through efficient and effective use of available resources.

For measurable outcomes and to review the Strategic Plan 2022, please visit <https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/282>

C. H. Gullatt School Goals 2019—2020



Math Proficiency – Increase the percentage of Tier 1 students in K-2 from 26% to 30% on iReady by May 2020.

The percentage of students in 3rd-5th grades, performing at developing or above on the Georgia Milestones, will increase by 3% from 62% to 65% for the 2019-2020 school year.

Literacy Proficiency – Increase the percentage of K-2 students meeting or exceeding expectations on the BAS 3 assessment from 27% to 35% by May 2020. The percentage of students in 3rd-5th grades, performing at developing or above on the Georgia Milestones, will increase by 4% from 56% to 60% for the 2019-2020 school year.

Let's Get Together!

C.H. Gullatt Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement, support a partnership between the school, parents, and community, and to improve student academic achievement:

Open House, August 8, 2019

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff. Parents will receive information about curriculums, transportation, lunch, School-Family Compact, volunteer opportunities, and parent/student responsibilities.

Parent and Family Engagement Celebrations: Grandparents' Day, September 6, 2019; Holiday Luncheon, November 21, 2019; Pastries with Parents, February 14, 2020 ; and Parents of the Month, August 2019—May 2020

Family engagement opportunities to strengthen the school-home relationships as well as celebrate the contributions of parents and families in student success.

Spirit Nights : Back to School Event, September 10, 2019; End of the Year Event, May 12, 2020; and Community Field Day, May 14, 2020

Family and community engagement opportunities for staff, students, and their families to further connect; some events will include fundraising to support the school.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting on September 17, 2019

Gullatt hosts an annual meeting to share information about our Title I program, School-Wide Plan, and Title I Budget. Invitations are posted on the school website, newsletter, school marquee, calling post, and flyers are sent home with students. You may visit our website to review our Annual Title I Parent Meeting presentation and minutes.

ESOL Workshop for Parents, October 8, 2019

Gullatt will host a workshop to implement effective family engagement opportunities and strategies for Parents of English Learners. An interpreter will be provided.

Curriculum Nights: Trunk or Treat, October 24, 2019; Winter Extravaganza and Coats and Curriculum, December 17, 2019

The purpose of these events is to expose parents to curriculum standards and teach strategies that may be implemented at home, as well as engage with parents, families, and community members in fun and meaningful activities.

Technology Workshop (Infinite Campus & Copyright Piracy), November 19, 2019

Parents will learn about the technology available to students and parents to use at home, as well as how to obtain and use login information to gain access to students' classwork, grades, and attendance. Parents will also be educated about the Harms of Copyright Piracy and the social media apps children are using.

GMAS and Literacy Workshops for Parents: GMAS Workshop, December 11; Literacy Night, Literacy/Reading Workshop, January 28, 2020

The purpose of these workshops are to introduce parents to grade level domains, content weights and practice strategies.

Transition Workshops for Parents: Kindergarten Transition Workshop, March 12, 2020; Middle School Parent Night for Rising 6th Graders, Spring 2020

Parents will receive an overview of Kindergarten and Middle School curriculum and expectations. School and classroom tours will be included.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Fall 2019 and Spring 2020

Parents will meet with teachers to discuss student progress and data, as well as the School-Family compact.

Flexible Options for Parent and Family Engagement

If you are unable to attend a Title I School-wide event and would like to be paired with a parent mentor or have an in-home visit, please contact our School Counselor/ Family Engagement Facilitator, Ms. Hammock, at (470) 254-9375. When, and if possible, we will try to find a volunteer/community partner to provide transportation or childcare for parents to participate in Title I events.

Communication

The *Parent and Family Engagement Plan* and *School-Family Compact* are written in a family-friendly language. Gullatt uses the following communication methods to provide parents with timely information about Title I programs, summative and formative assessment results, and academic progress of students:

Calling Post: We are fortunate to have an automated phone system that will contact each household to deliver general school announcements.

C.H. Gullatt Elementary School Web Page: The web page serves as another tool to inform parents of upcoming events and links to educational resources for students and parents.

Agenda Books: Each student in 3rd -5th grade receives an agenda book to help parents know what assignments are due. Students in grades PreK–2nd receive a daily communicator. The agenda book and daily communicator provide teachers and parents with a means of daily communication about academic and behavior issues.

Monthly Newsletter: Serves as a means of communicating about curriculum tips and ideas, and upcoming events (available via print and school web page).

Conference Week (1st and 2nd Semester): Parents will meet with teachers to discuss student progress and data, as well as the School-Family Compact.



Parent and Family Engagement Standards

- Welcoming all families into the school community
- Communicating effectively
- Supporting student success
- Speaking up for every child
- Sharing power
- Collaborating with the community
- Quarterly report cards
- Student Support Team meetings
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Infinite Campus
- Progress Skills Checklist
- Bi-weekly classroom progress reports
- Digital communication

Gullatt Elementary is Branching Out!

The following measures will be taken 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:

- ⇒ Educate 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 home and school, by providing training twice a year, as well as, sending out monthly communications via emails on how to effectively communicate and build partnerships with parents to increase family engagement.
- ⇒ We will build parent capacity by forming a strong partnership between school and community, by providing parents with explanations of our curriculum and standards, and by providing parents with the tools needed to support and monitor their child's progress.
- ⇒ Ensure this plan and all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English, and in other languages, when requested, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly news-letter for all families.
- ⇒ Provide necessary materials and assistance to parents at conferences, meetings, and events to help parents work with their children on improving academic achievement on Georgia Milestones and understanding state standards.
- ⇒ Provide parents access to technology and resources to help support their children, including education about the harms of copyright piracy.
- ⇒ Provide a School-Family Compact which provides detailed information regarding Parent, Student, and School Responsibilities. Signatures indicate an agreement to accomplish the goals to improve student achievement, parent engagement, and school objectives.
- ⇒ Collaborate with local daycare centers, in-house pre-K teachers, and feeder middle schools to host transitional workshops for parents of rising kindergarten and sixth grade students.
- ⇒ Offer meetings at various times, and in different formats, including parent requests for regular meetings to provide feedback regarding their child's education.

Get Involved! Be Part of Gullatt's Parent Outreach Committee

Gullatt Elementary invites all parents, teachers/staff, and community members to join our *Parent Outreach Committee*. We invite you to share ideas and ways to engage other parents to help build partnerships with our school, families, and community. The *Parent Outreach Committee* will be invited to meet at least one-time during the school year; additional meetings will be scheduled if the *Parent Outreach Committee* wishes to meet.



Parents are welcome to submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity or meeting, and through parent surveys or by emailing/calling our Parent Liaison, Bianey Ortiz.

If you would like to learn more about the *Parent Outreach Committee*, please contact Ms. Ortiz at (470) 254-9382 or via email at ortizb@fultonschools.org or complete the *Parent Outreach Committee* interest form. You may return the form to the Parent Resource Center or Main Office.

Parent Outreach Committee Interest Form

This committee is open to ALL Gullatt Elementary School parents and staff

- Yes, I am interested & wish to join the Parent Outreach Committee.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about the Parent Outreach Committee.
- Please send me notification about future meetings and updates.

Name: _____

Childs' Name/Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your interest!



Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan you feel is not satisfactory for our students or the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your feedback in the space provided below so that we can share this information with our school district when we submit our plan.

Please return this form to the Main Office or Parent Resource Center.

Name: _____

Phone/Email (*optional*) : _____

Comments or Questions (*please provide email for questions*): _____
