

## Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2018-2019

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**TITLE I**  
FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

### What is Family Engagement?

Hillside 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 families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That families are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- 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, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act).

### What is the Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Hillside Elementary has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships at Hillside Elementary. This plan will describe our school's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive family engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve families and family members in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1116, the ACSD will work with its Title I schools to ensure that the required school-level parent and family engagement plan meet the requirements of Section 1116(b) and each include, as a component, a school-family compact consistent with Section 1116(d) of the ESSA.

### How is it Developed and Revised?

One of the most important tools Hillside Elementary School has is the involvement of families. We place great emphasis on parental engagement within our school. Our parent liaison and award winning PTA offer families numerous opportunities for their feedback and to become active partners in their child's education. In order to meet the changing needs of families and the school, this Parent and Family Engagement Plan will be updated annually. Hillside invites all families to attend our Parent Input sessions (held annually in the spring) to review and revise our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the school-wide plan, our School-Family Compact and the Family Engagement Budget. Families may also give feedback using the Feedback form (available on the Title I webpage, <http://school.fultonschools.org/es/hillside/Pages/Title-I.aspx>, or via hard copy in the Parent Resource Center), during Title I Parent Workshops, parent meetings/conferences, and activities during the year. Parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the subsequent school year. Parent input and feedback is also solicited during via the annual Parent Input survey distributed annually during the spring via online and hard copy to ask families for suggestions on the plan, compact, and how reserved funds are allocated for parental engagement activities.

### Who is it for?

All students of Hillside Elementary School, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Hillside provides full participation opportunities for families with limited English, families with disabilities, and families of migratory children. Hillside Elementary is committed to helping our families attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare, transportation, literacy training, and using technology in order to participate in our programs. These documents are available in the community at our local library located at 2301 Holcomb Bridge Rd, Roswell, GA 30076.

## REACHING OUT TO STRENGTHEN OUR SCHOOL

### SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACTS

As part of this plan, Hillside Elementary School staff, students and families will jointly develop a School-Family Compact, to explain how parents, staff, and students will share responsibility for improved student academic achievement and build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated and its impact evaluated annually based on feedback from parents, students and staff obtained during our Parent Input Sessions in spring and with the use of the Title I Parent Engagement Survey. All parents will receive a copy of the school-family compact. Additional copies are available on the school Title I webpage and in the Parent Resource Center.

### DISTRICT GOALS

Our goal is to prepare all students to graduate ready to pursue and succeed on their chosen path.

**Student Achievement:** We prepare students with strong academic foundations and the skills needed to navigate life beyond graduation

**People and Culture:** We provide a welcoming environment and positive school and district culture for students, families and employees.

**Community Collaboration:** We engage families, community members and civic organizations as active partners.

**Fiscal Responsibility:** We manage and protect public funds and assets through efficient and effective use of available resources.

### SCHOOL GOALS

The percentage of students in 5th grade scoring at the proficient level on the 2018 Georgia Milestones social studies test will increase by 5% in 2019. (33% increase to 38%)

The percentage of students in the 4th grade cohort scoring level 2 or higher on the Ga. Milestones Narrative response will increase by 10% from 2018 to 2019 (from 49.1 to 59.1).

The percentage of students in grades 4-5 scoring at the proficient/distinguished on the 2018 Georgia Milestones Math will increase their performance by 3% in 2019. (4th 48-51%, 5th 57-60%)

*Hillside Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:*

- Hold an annual Title I meeting (September 2018) to which all parents, guardians, and families are invited. During this meeting the school will inform families of requirements of Title I and the schools participation as well as families' rights under Title I.
- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the school bi weekly newsletter for all families.
- Share information in English and Spanish on the school website, during parent/family meetings and in the newsletter for families to understand the school's academic standards and assessments, as well as the ways families can monitor their child's progress and strategies families can use to support their child's academic achievements. The school will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, 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.
- Provide information in a language families can understand. So that families may fully participate in school events and activities, interpreter services are available upon parent request.
- Conduct staff development on the value and utility of contributions of families, how to reach out, and work with families as equal partners. Professional development will be created with the assistance of families.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding the Title I programs and activities using various methods as phone messages, emails, and flyers.
- Provide necessary materials for families at workshops, meetings, and via the Parent Resource Center to help families support student learning at home.
- Offer meetings at various times (such as early morning, evening, and mid-day) and various formats (including in-person and online) in order to encourage parent participation.
- Offer meetings and orientation sessions for families with kids transitioning to kindergarten. Coordinate with cluster middle school to notify families of rising 6th graders of orientation and transition activities offered by the middle school.
- Invite families of future Hillside students (current Pre-K students) to attend academic workshops offered at the school and invite these families to visit the Hillside Parent Resource Center.
- Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school family involvement plan and activities.
- Listen and respond to families' requests for additional support for parental engagement activities.
- Allow families to have the opportunity to request regular meetings to formulate suggestions and make decisions relating to the education of their child.
- Encourage families to volunteer at the school. Families may explore volunteer opportunities by contacting parent liaison at Lemcoe@fultonschools.org, contacting homeroom teacher, or visiting <http://school.fultonschools.org/es/hillside/Pages/WelcomePage.aspx>





## Parental and Family Engagement Policy



*Hillside Elementary will host various meetings and events throughout the school year to build the capacity for strong parent and family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.*

Date	Time/Location	Event Title	Purpose of Event
8-2-18	8:30 - 11 PRC, Café, Gym	PRC Open House/ Teacher Meet and Greet	To build awareness of the location and resources available in the Parent Resource Center and provide an opportunity to meet the school's Parent Liaison – Darlene Lemcoe
8-4-18	11 - 1 @ Mt. Pisgah	Back to School Party Back Pack Give a way	Community collaborated welcome back to school party and back pack give a way. Building and maintaining relationships with in the community and providing families in need with school supplies.
8-6-18	7:40 -9am Media Center	New Parent Coffee Chat	For all new families to meet the Administration team and ask questions about the school and its academics vision.
8-21-18	12 – 12:30pm PRC N113	Husky 101 Parent Volunteer Meeting	For all families who want to volunteer at Hillside ES, to be trained in the volunteer procedures for all areas of the school.
8-25-18	10 –12 Rsw. Area Pk.	PreK-2 Hillside Playdate Families Meeting Families	Building relationships outside the school, an opportunity for families to connect in a fun, relaxing, off campus environment.
8-30-18	5-5:30 Café 5:30 – 7:30pm	Annual Title I Meeting Curriculum night	To provide information to families about the school's Title I program, Title I Part A requirements and their right to be involved in their child's education.
10-12-18	Media Center 7:15 am – 8:30am	Workshop: Digital Citizenship Series * Digital Footprints and Internet Safety	Fulton County makes it a priority for students to learn good Digital Citizenship. Each year, we work on 5 lessons per grade level with our students to ensure that they are using technology in a safe and appropriate manner. We also feel it is important to partner with parents and families on good Digital Citizenship. Hillside will be hosting several informational sessions for parents and families throughout the year.
TBA Oct. 2018	All month, All Classrooms	Parent Teacher Conferences	To provide families with Individual student academic results and an interpretation of those results. Providing parents with a description of the assessments used to measure student progress and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet. Teachers and families shared conversation about student work and strengthen the home-school partnership which leads to great student success in school.
10- 24-18	11:30 – 1pm 1.5 hrs Media Center	Workshop: Digital Resources for Math and Literacy development.	To provide families with information about the various types of technology resources that their children experience at school including; Reading & Math placement, GA Milestones, ITBS, TAG, and so on.
10- 26-18	6-7:30 Cafeteria	International Family Fun Night Taste of Hillside	Families get together to discover and learn about the variety of cultures at Hillside. Food, drinks and fun are provided by the many culturally diverse families and business partners in our community.
11-9-18	All day Whole school	Science Day	Hillside's scientific community is invited to educate students in Science done through visual, hands-on activities that allow students to observe and analyze a particular phenomenon , while at the same time getting some entertainment out of the process. All Parents are invited to assist and watch the interactive activities.
11-14-18	6pm Cafeteria	Workshop for AVID	5 <sup>th</sup> grade AVID teacher will provide AVID parents with information and strategies to support AVID families, students and teachers.
11-16-18	Lunch time Cafeteria	Thanksgiving @ Hillside	All families are invited to spend time with their student at lunch enjoying a nice Turkey dinner while building networks and relationships with other Hillside families.
11-29-18	TBA Publix on Old Alabama Rd	Publix Math Night	Hillside Student's and their families are invited to take part in a hands on, practical application of basic math skills needed to succeed in real life situations. Games and competitions are planned to help participants move through the store and perform certain mathematical task.
12-12-18	11:30 -12:30 Media Center	Workshop: Reading over the Holidays	Hillside's Literacy Leaders will provide tips and strategies that students and their families can use to encourage reading at home other the holidays and on an on-going basis.

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1-16 -19	11:30 -12:30 PRC	<b>Workshop: Constructed Responses in ELA and Math</b>	<i>Literacy Coaches, will inform educate parents about current writing expectations in reading and math. Strategies for using the Coach Workbooks in grades 3-5 will be offered during workshop.</i>
2-6-19	1:00 PRC	<b>Workshop: Milestones Information</b>	<i>Yasmine McKenzie, Program Specialist Northeast Learning Community, will provide information on GA Milestone including: change in assessment, score descriptors, detailed overview of student score report, additional district and parent resources.</i>
2/8/19	7-11 Classroom	<b>Artist Day</b>	<i>Hillside's art community visits the school to educate students in all genres of art. Students will take part in hands on experience from different areas of Art Education In a fun and active learning environment. Parents are invited to assist the teachers with students, and observe the presentations.</i>
3/14/19	Time TBD Publix- Old Alabama Rd	<b>Math Night</b>	<i>Hillside students and their families are invited to take part in a hands on, practical application of basic math skills needed to succeed in real life situations. Games and competitions are planned to help participates move through the store and perform certain mathematical task.</i>
3/27/19	Available Online at Title I Page and hard copy at school	<b>Survey: Annual Parent Input Survey Milestone and Spring Break tips.</b>	<i>Confidential survey jointly developed with the input of Hillside Administration, School Governance Council, Title I, and Hillside PTA, in order to assist with planning and decisions for the 2018-2019 school year.</i>
Apr. '19	7:15AM & 12:00PM Media Center	<b>Meeting: Annual Parent Input Session</b>	<i>To provide current and future parents &amp; guardians, and community members, the opportunity to provide input and feedback about the family engagement program at Hillside ES.</i>

Note - Please watch the Parent and Family Engagement Plan for these upcoming workshops.

Fall	TBA PRC	Workshop: Piracy and Copyright regulations	All Staff, Families, and Stakeholders are invited to attend and informational session for Fulton County's rules and policies relating to making copies, sharing someone else's developed information, and reusing materials created by someone else.
Winter	TBA Media Center	Workshop: Digital Citizenship Series * – Cyberbullying & Digital Drama - Online Relationships and Communication.	Second of three Digital Citizenship Information. All participants will be given information on what is and how to recognize cyberbullying. What is, and how to handle Digital Drama . As well as how to communicate safely and respectfully online.
Spring	TBA Media Center	Workshop: Digital Citizenship Series *	The final workshop on Digital Citizenship, for all families and parents to learn online privacy and security as well as maintaining a safe and respectful self-image and private identity.

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