

HILL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2021-2022 School Year



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What is Title I?

Hill City Elementary is recognized 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 in order to 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it? This is a plan that tells how Hill City Elementary will improve parent and family engagement to support student learning. Hill City Elementary values the parents and family members, and the value they bring to the school. HCES wants to establish a partnership for improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Hill City Elementary will support parent and family engagement. It also tells how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to improve student learning at school and at home.

How was it revised? Hill City Elementary School invited all parents to attend the input meeting. During the meeting, parents had the opportunity to review and revise the parental involvement plan, our school-parent compact, and the 1% Title I parent involvement money. Parents can provide ideas and give opinions throughout the year. The plan, school-parent compact, and other Title I information is posted on our school website. We also have the information available at the school office. We send home surveys to ask families for their suggestions on the plan, and how to use Title I money for parent engagement. The plan is updated each year to meet the changing needs of students and parents.

Who is it for? All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Hill City 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? A copy of the plan is sent home with all students before November 1 of each year. It is posted on the school website and copies are available at the school office.

Hill City Elementary School is committed to helping our parents attend the events and activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us with comments or suggestions on any of the activities listed, or to submit ideas about how we can work together to improve the academic success of our students.

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Our Mission

- We will educate our students in a safe, nurturing, respectful, and fiscally responsible environment that holds the highest expectations

The HAWKS Vision

High
Achievement
Within a
Kind
Safe environment



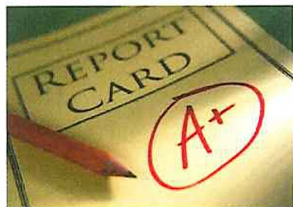
Hill City Elementary School Goals

Reading

Increase the percentage of students performing at proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 3%, which means an increase from 34% to 37%.

Math

Increase the percentage of students performing at proficient or above on the Georgia Milestones Assessment by 3%, which means an increase from 49% to 52%.



Hill City Elementary Wants YOU!

Look for more details and other events on the school's website

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

- Come and join us for our Annual Title I Meeting where we will look at the Title I program at HCES and share information regarding our school-parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and the curriculum in use at the school. This is a fun, exciting opportunity to see what your children are learning!

Parent Academy

- Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 – information is sent home with students and advertised on school website, newsletters, and sign/marquee

School Advisory Council

- All parents are invited to attend these quarterly meetings. These meetings are held once per quarter

Monthly Community Story Time

- The media specialist provides a story for children birth to 4 that are not currently enrolled in Pre-K

Other Events

- Read Across America Day
- Family Book Fair Night – Fall and Spring
- Heritage Day
- Special family luncheon days such as Veteran's Day, Grandparent's Day, and our annual Thanksgiving lunch
- *Events will be scheduled as the COVID pandemic and DPH guidelines allow.



Let's Work Together!

Hill City Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as important partners in strengthening and reaching school goals. We will:

- Ensure information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities are published in English and other languages as needed, and in a language and format that all parents can understand. Information is posted on the school website and included in grade level newsletters.
- Educate staff members, with the input of parents, on the value of having parents participate and contribute their skills at school, strategic communication skills that will foster positive relationships with parents, on how to partner with parents, on how to have successful conversations about student benchmark data during Parent Academy Nights, on sending home notifications in a format and in a language that parents can understand, and on having effective parent/teacher conferences
- Partner with Head Start and Prevent Child Abuse Pickens (Pickens Family Partners) to share information about school activities and newsletters, to prepare parents and their children for kindergarten, and to facilitate school transition.
- Partner with Pre-K programs within the county to collaborate and ensure that Pre-K children are prepared and ready for Kindergarten.
- Share information via the school website and newsletters to help parents understand the school's academic standards/assessments, to assist parents in monitoring their child's progress, and to work with educators ensuring students' academic success.
- Communicate regularly regarding school-wide events and activities through phone messages, social media, school website, emails and/or flyers.
- Provide materials, as appropriate, to assist parents in working with their child to improve academic achievement.
- Work with parents to inform staff members of the importance of effective communication and parental involvement via newsletters and staff meetings.
- Collaborate with community leaders, business groups, and local residents to increase participation and awareness of school-parent involvement practices and activities.
- Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support with parent involvement activities.
- Provide regular meeting opportunities if requested by parents.

School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Hill City Elementary School and our parents will develop a school/parent/student compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop collaboratively. The compact explains how parents, teachers, and students will work together to help all students in achieving grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers using letters to be sent home, meetings, surveys, and the school website.

SCHOOL SYSTEM RESOURCES

Do you need to check your child's grades? If so, email: parentportal@pickenscountyschools.org

Do you need resources to help you with your child's work? If so, visit: <http://bit.ly/HCESparents>

Have you moved or changed your phone number? Call Central Registration to update 706-253-1770

WE BELIEVE

- Parents play an important part in the child's learning
- Parents are active participants in their child's education at school and at home
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making opportunities and participates on advisory committees
- Parents are involved in other activities as described in this plan.