

# Fountain Elementary School Parent & Family Engagement Plan

2019–2020 School Year



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## What is Title I?

*Fountain Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform 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 parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written Parent & Family Engagement Plan. At Fountain Elementary, we develop the Plan by having Parent meetings where parents and families can give their input.*



## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

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

Fountain Elementary School invited ALL parents to attend parent meetings during August to review and revise this **Parent and Family Engagement Plan**, as well as the **School Wide Plan**, our **School-Parent Compact** and the **Parent and Family Engagement 1% Budget**. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through input forms in the PRC. The plan is posted on our school Web site 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 and by paper to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for Parental Engagement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our school events.

### 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. **Fountain 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?

At the beginning of the year, during revision parent meetings. Flyer will be send home. As a reminder, the plan will also be posted on the school Website. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.



## 2019-2020 District Goals

By the end of the 2020 school year, Clayton County Public Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and/or Distinguished levels on the GMAS by at least 3 percentage points in each content area.

### 2019-20 Fountain Elementary School Goals

**3rd to 5th Grade:** Increase by 3% in all subject areas in the Georgia Milestones Assessment 2019-2020.

**Kindergarten to 2nd Grade:** Increase by 3% in Dibels Reading Assessment by the end of year 2019-2020

## School-Parent Compacts

*As part of this plan, Fountain Elementary and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact, which is a jointly agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop. It 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 parents and teachers meetings. The school parent compacts are sent home with all student after revision are made a copy is posted on the school website and in the Parent Resource Center.*

## Let's Work Together!

Fountain Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

### **Annual Title I Meeting – August 29, 2019**

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Parental Engagement Policy, the School wide Plan, Curriculum, the School-Parent Compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be send home. We also offered 1 make-up meeting on September 5, 2018

### **Open House –September 5, 2019**

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year. You will learn important information about your student grade level.

### **Grandparent Breakfast – September 6, 2019**

Grandparents play an important role in our student's lives.

### **Parent Workshops- Throughout the year 2019-2020**

Come and learn who you can help your child be a success student in the school.

### **Students participate in the School Clubs – September/December, 2019**

Students will enjoy different activities in fun ways

### **Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences – throughout school year**

Updates on your child's progress. Parent Workshop on "How to have a successful Parent-Teacher Conference" is provided it by the Parent Liaison.

### **National Parent and Family Engagement Month – November 2019**

We celebrate Parent and Family participation in the school in different ways.

### **Movie Night for Perfect Attendance November 2019**

Incentive to promote perfect attendance in the school.

### **School Council Meetings – 4 time a year**

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

### **Parent Appreciation – April, 2020**

A celebration of Parent and Family Engagement and the recognition of parental involvement impact on school and student success.

### **Georgia Milestones Parent Nights –**

Meetings for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents to explain them how GMAS test works.



## Parent Resource Center

Parent Come visit the PRC to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. Monday–Friday 7:30am 3:30 pm

## Parental Engagement

**Fountain Elementary** believes that Parent and Family involvement means the participation of parents 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.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

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Parents will be encouraged to monitor their child's progress and work in partnership with our staff to improve the achievement of their children through volunteering in the classrooms, contacting the school with questions or comments, attending meetings and workshops, and working with their child at home. Student progress will be monitored and shared with parents through parent-teacher conferences, report cards, progress reports, phone calls, emails, agendas, student communication folders, and Infinite Campus (Online Grades).

Fountain Elementary School is committed to helping our parents participate in the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance.

## Fountain Elementary is Branching Out!

Fountain Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents 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 an understandable format, and to extent practicable in a language the parents can understand, and posted on the school website and included in the monthly school calendar/newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Report the results of the annual school review (**CCRPI Status**) to parents. Information on school performance is available on the school's website, and sent home annually with students.
- ✓ Make sure parents receive a copy of their child's assessment results whenever a national, state, or district level assessment is given. A parent report explanation guide is provided with the national and state assessment so parents can understand the meaning of the results. Every effort is made to provide parents with conference time to share the results and answer questions.
- ✓ Make sure every effort is made to explain assessment used to measure student's progress and the proficiency levels in which the students are expected to meet will be explained at curriculum night and reviewed during parent/teacher conferences. An explanation of the **Georgia Milestones Assessment System**, and **K-3 DIBELS**, etc. will be provided to parents along with the state's content and student performance standards (Common Core) throughout the school year.
- ✓ The school will handle responses to parent questions, concerns and suggestions in a timely manner via telephone calls, notes, emails and conferences. Interpreters will be provided as needed.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, such as phone messages, the school website, school marquee, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- ✓ Collaborate with our Partners in Education and School Council Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental engagement plan.
- ✓ Offer Parents Workshop during the school year about how to help their child in Math, Homework and Literacy to help further enhance their various educational levels.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



## 6 Types of Parental Engagement

Fountain Elementary utilize the 6 Types of Parental Engagement by Joyce Epstein as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

These standards are:

1. Parenting
2. Communicating
3. Volunteering
4. Learning at Home
5. Decision-making
6. Collaborating with the Community

## Parent Advisor Team

Fountain Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisor Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet a few times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions of any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisor Team, please contact the Parent Liaison at 770-472-2462 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Parent Resource Center.



## Fountain Elementary School Parent Input

### Share your thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the student's and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Parent Resource Center, room #401 or Front Office:

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fountain Elementary School

### Parent Advisor Team

**I am interested in the Parent Advisor Team:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

