

# Dawson Elementary School

## School Information

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## What is Title I?

Dawson Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education act of 1965 (ESEA).

Title I is a federal grant that was designed to ensure that all children receive a high quality education and reach grade level proficiency. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement.

## District Goals

- The percentage of students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> scoring Proficient Learner or Distinguished Learner in Math and English-Language Arts (ELA) will meet or exceed the state average as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMA) in the spring of 2016.

## School's SMART Goals

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet or exceed the state average in Math as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment administered in spring 2016.
- The percentage of students with Lexile scores at grade level average or above will increase by 20% in each grade level.

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### Parent Involvement Policy 2015-2016

Plan Revision Date: 12/10/15

#### What is it?

The Parental Involvement Policy describes how Dawson Elementary School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Dawson Elementary School values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. The Parental Involvement Policy describes the different ways the school will support parent engagement and how parents can be involved.

#### How is it developed?

Dawson Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the Parental Involvement Policy. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The Parental Involvement Policy is available for parents to view and provide feedback throughout the year. Dawson Elementary School also distributes a Title I Annual Survey to ask parents for suggestions on the Parental Involvement Policy and the use of funds for parent involvement.

#### Who is it for?

All parents at Dawson Elementary School are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in the Parental Involvement Policy. Dawson Elementary School will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.

#### Where is it available?

The Parental Involvement Policy will be sent home with each student and is also available in the Parent Resource Room/Area, the front office of the school and on the school's website.

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## What is a Home-School Compact

As part of the Parental Involvement Policy, Dawson Elementary School and our families will develop a Home-School Compact. A Home-School Compact for Student Achievement is an agreement that parents, students, and teachers develop together. It explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. The Home-School Compacts are kept in the Parent Resource Area/Room. A copy will also be requested from the school office or from your child's teacher.

## Parent Involvement Program and Activities at Dawson Elementary School

### Annual Title I Parent Night

Learn about our Title I program including: Parental Involvement Policy, School Improvement Plan, Home-School Compact, and the parents' requirements

### Georgia Milestones Assessment

Overview of the state testing which measures how well students learn the knowledge and skills outlined in the state-adopted content standards while gaining knowledge on improving test scores

### Parent Literacy Night

Obtain information on Reading Wonders Curriculum and resources available

### Parent EnVision Math Night

Provide an overview of the curriculum and share available resources to support student learning

### Technology Talk

Stay abreast of student's school progress via Parent Portal and learn the latest resources to help support student learning

### Black History Reading Night

Enjoy an exciting performance while learning about Black History

### ESOL-SPED

How can I support my child at home in these areas

### Moving on UPI!

Transitioning to the next grade

## School Measures to Provide Required Assistance

- Ensure all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and activities are published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school's website, included in monthly newsletters, Connect-Ed, flyers, and posted on school's marquee.
- Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents
- Partner with Head Start, Pre-K programs, daycares to share information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten.
- Share information in the school's newsletter and on the website for parents to understand the schools' academic standards and assessment as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- Provide materials at conferences, workshops, and activities to help parents work with their child at home.
- Create and maintain a Parent Resource Area/Room to allow parents opportunities to check-out materials to assist them with helping their child at home.
- Listen to parents to provide workshops and training that meet the needs of the parents and support parental involvement at the school.
- Collaborate with the community and Partners in Education to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.

Contact Cathy Covington, Regional Family Services Coordinator, at [covington.cathy.l@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:covington.cathy.l@muscogee.k12.ga.us) or contact the school main office at (706) 683-8732.

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