**Hardaway High School**

***Parental Involvement Policy***

*2016–2017*

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**What is Title I?**

Hardaway High School is identified as a Title I Targeted Assistance school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to 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

parental involvement. All

Title I schools must

jointly develop with

all parents a

written parental

involvement

policy.

School Plan for Shared

Student Achievement

**What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Hardaway High School will provide

opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning.

Hardaway High School 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 Hardaway High School

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?**

Hardaway High School will invite all parents to attend our annual Policies meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan will be 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 will distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year including our annual Policies meeting.

**Who is it for?**

All students participating in the Title I, Part A Targeted Assistance program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Hardaway High School 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 next school year, the plan will be included in the student handbook that is given to all students. We will also have the plan available to all parents in August on registration day before the scheduled Open House event. The plan will be posted on the school website. Parents can retrieve a copy of the plan in the main office and in the Family Resource Area. For all students who reside in residential facilities served by the Muscogee County School District, parental involvement correspondence and activities information will be mailed to each facility where students reside.

2016–17 District Goal

The percentage of students in grades 9th - 12th, scoring Proficient Learner or Distinguished Learner on the Math End of Course (EOC) and Reading End of Course (EOC) will meet or exceed the state average as measured by Georgia Milestones Assessment (GMAS) in the spring of 2017.

2016–17 School Goals

1. 65% of students in grades 9-12 will reach a Lexile measure at or above grade level by May 2017.
2. Increase the percentage of students missing fewer than 6 days of school from 56% (actual) in 2016 to 60% (actual) in 2017.

**Let’s Get Together**

Hardaway High School 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. All meetings for parents will be held during various days and times. Invitations will be mailed and posted on the school website

Lunch n Learn – Monthly

Gain knowledge about preparing for college, life on the college campus. Catch up on the latest resources to help support your child achieve their goals.

Open House – September 2016

Meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September 2016

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I Targeted Assistance program, including our parental involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the Home-School compact, and parenting requirements.

Georgia Standards of Excellence & Monitoring Student Progress Night – Oct 2016

Parents will learnabout the academic performance standards, used by teachers, to communicateclear expectations for instruction, assessment, and student work. We will also provide strategies for monitoring your child’s progress.

Parent Math & Literacy Night – November 2016

Parents will experience hands-on STEAM activities from Oxbow Meadows.

***Meeting the Needs of the Learner (ESOL/PES) - December 2016***

Parents will learn what community resources are available. Teachers will demonstrate various strategies.

State Assessment - January 2017

Teachers will demonstrate various "models of instruction" used in the classroom.

Taste of Curriculum Night – February 2017

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child’s academics.

Community Cares Fair – March 2017

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans. Roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parental involvement policy, Home-School compact and the parental involvement budget.

Middle to High School Transition - March 2017

Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

Parent Appreciation – May 2017

A celebration of parent engagement and the recognition of parental involvement impact on school and student success.

Home-School Compacts

As part of this plan, Hardaway High School and our families will develop a school-parent compact. This agreement, developed by parents, teachers, and students, explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on

feedback from parents, students

and teachers during the

Annual Parent meeting

and end of year parent

policy meeting.

The home-school

compacts are kept

in the main office if

parents need a copy.

Hardaway High School is committed to helping our

parents attend the family activities

listed in this plan. Please call (706) 748-2766 or email

Angela Fontain, Family Services Coordinator at   
[fontain.angela.c@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:fontain.angela.c@muscogee.k12.ga.us) if you have any questions.

**Family Resource Center**

Come visit the Family Resource Area in the Media Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers will available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources, Tuesdays, 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Parental Involvement

Hardaway High School believes that parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, 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.

**The Hawks are Flying!**

Hardaway High School 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 both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents.
* Provide monthly trainings for staff, during their planning periods, on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
* Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school’s academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child’s progress and work with educators.
* Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, and flyers.
* Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
* Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.
* Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
* Offer literacy and computer classes for parents to help further enhance their various educational levels.
* Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards around the building and post a suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents’ requests for additional support regarding parental involvement activities.

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Telephone number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**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 students’ and the school’s goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

District Parent Committee

Hardaway High School invites all parents to join the District Parent Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the District Parent Committee, please contact Veverlyn Ealy, Title I Program Specialist at (706) 748-3609 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.

**District Parent Committee**

* Yes, I am interested and wish to join the District Parent Committee
* Please contact me so I can learn more about joining the District Parent Committee
* Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

Parent/Guardian Name:

Child’s Name and Grade:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email address:

Parental Involvement Standards

Hardaway High School and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school’s model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community