

Hardaway High School

Parent & Family Engagement Policy

2017–2018

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What is Title I?

Hardaway High School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). 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 parent and family engagement.

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Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents, a written parent and family engagement 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 family engagement to support student learning. Hardaway High School values the contributions and engagement of families 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 family engagement and how families 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 parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact and the parent and family engagement 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 and family 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 family engagement. 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 and their families participating in the Title I program 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. After revision, 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, family engagement correspondence and activities information will be mailed to each facility where students reside.



2017–18 District Goal

The Muscogee County School District will create an environment that focuses on tier 1 instruction while targeting individual student needs, leadership development, and customer service.

2017–18 School Goals

School Climate Goal: Increase student engagement and appropriate behavior by decreasing the number of referrals for class disruption/defiance by 10% as measured by discipline data through the consistent communication and implantation of schoolwide policies and procedures.

Academic/Instructional Goal: By May 2018, 100% of teachers will increase student classroom engagement through the implementation of effective teaching strategies outlined in professional learning communities.

School-Parent Compact

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 families and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compact 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 school-parent compacts are kept in the main office

and media center, if parents need a copy.



Let's Get Together

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

Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the school improvement plan, the school-parent compact, and parenting requirements.

Open House – September

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

Georgia Standards of Excellence & Monitoring Student Progress Night – October

Parents will learn about the academic performance standards, used by teachers, to communicate clear expectations for instruction, assessment, and student work. We will also provide strategies for monitoring your child's progress.

State Assessment – October

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

Smart Goal Strategy Informational Meeting - October

Parent and families will learn about strategies being implemented in the classroom to achieve student engagement and appropriate behavior. A parent will conduct an assertiveness training for parents and families.

Family Math & Science Night – November

Parents will experience hands-on activities used in the classroom

Parent and Family Engagement Month – November

Parents will be celebrated and able to participate in various educational activities. Parents will learn what community resources are available.

Desserts for Dads- December

Gain knowledge on various information pertaining to school climate and instructional smart goals.

Taste of Curriculum Night – February

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

Community Cares Fair – March

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

Middle to High School Transition - May

Learn helpful information to prepare for the school year.

Parent Appreciation – May

A celebration and the recognition of how family engagement impacted school and student success.



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. Netbooks, tablets and nooks will be available for parents to explore the Parent Portal, Canvas, and educational resources.

Family Engagement

Hardaway High School believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and families in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring:

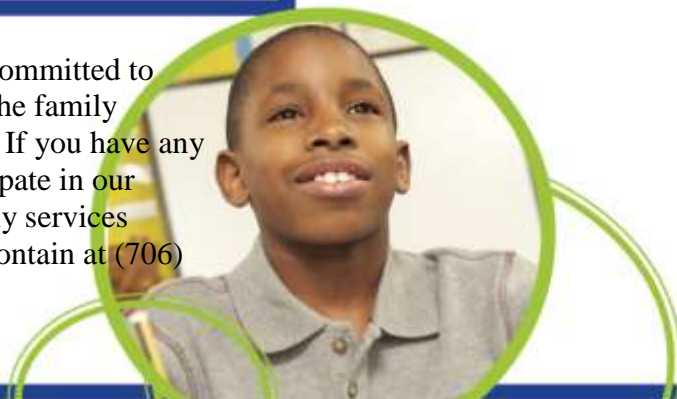
- that parents and family play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- that parents and family are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- that parents and family are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Hardaway High School is committed to helping our parents attend the family activities listed in this plan. If you have any questions in order to participate in our programs, contact our family services coordinator, Mrs. Angela Fontain at (706) 748-2766.

The Hawks are Soaring Above!

Hardaway High School will take the following measures to promote and support parents and families 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 family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website.
- ✓ Provide 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 scheduled collaborative 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, postcards, and flyers.
- ✓ Work with our families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of family engagement.
- ✓ 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 District Parent Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ 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.



Parent and Family 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

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: _____

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:

Name: (optional) _____

Telephone number: (optional) _____